

**Father's Day Picnic Celebration at St. John's UCC -  
Worship Order and Song Sheet  
Sunday, June 16 - 2024**

Opening Music - Prayer of Gathering - Passing of the Peace

Celebration of the Eucharist - Rev. Dannison

Communion Hymn, "In the Garden"

I come to the garden alone While the dew is still on the roses And the voice I hear, falling on my ear The son of God discloses  And he walks with me And he talks with me And he tells me I am his own And the joy we share as we tarry there None other has ever known	I'd stay in the garden with him Though the night around me is falling But he bids me go Through the voice of woe His voice to me is calling  And he walks with me And he talks with me And he tells me I am his own And the joy we share as we tarry there None other has ever known (repeat)
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Gospel Lesson and Sermon

Mark 4:26-34 - "Nests in the Shade" - Rev. Nathan Dannison

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Praise - "The Old Rugged Cross"

<p>On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross  The emblem of suffering and shame  And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  For a world of lost sinners was slain</p> <p>So I'll cherish the old rugged cross  (rugged cross)  Till my trophies at last I lay down  I will cling to the old rugged cross  And exchange it some day for a crown</p>	<p>To the old rugged cross I will ever be true  It's shame and reproach gladly bear  Then he'll call me some day to my home far away  Where his glory forever I'll share</p> <p>And I'll cherish the old rugged cross  (rugged cross)  Till my trophies at last I lay down  And I will cling to the old rugged cross  And exchange it some day for a crown  (repeat)</p>
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Benediction and Prayer - Rev. Dannison

Closing Music, Offertory Invitation, and Dismissal

“He Gives Us All His Love” by Randy Newman

<p>Chorus:  He gives us all his love  He gives us all his love  He's smiling down on us  From up above  And he's giving us all his love</p>
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