



# Leap of Faith

## SEPTEMBER 2023

*F. R. O. G.*  
Forever Relying On God



Fall is my favorite time of year. From all my years as a teacher and student, I see it as a time to begin again. Each new school year brings the opportunity for us to be our best.

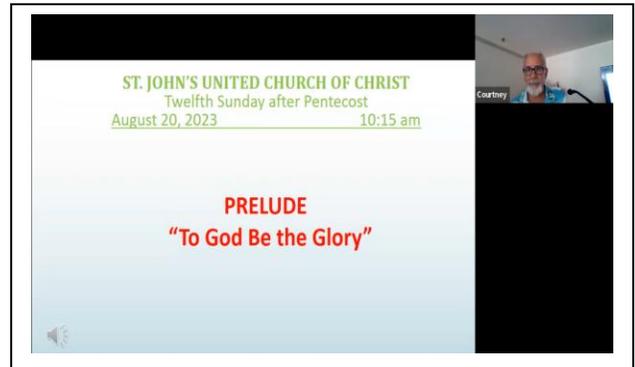
Nature goes through some beautiful changes during Fall. The leaves begin their blaze of color as the air turns crisp and frosty. Apples are in season, and so is chili and soup. Sweatshirts feel so good this time of year. It reminds me of how God is always surrounding us.

Even in difficult times, we can always call on Him. Psalm 138 says, "I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness...When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me". Let us remember that God is always with us!

Amen Pastor Laura

**COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ. Contact [stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com) for service information.

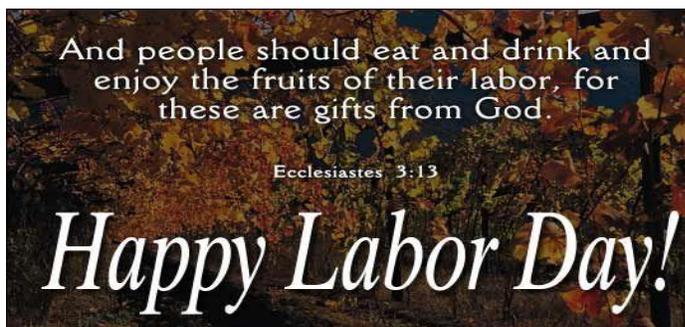


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George Adamson (Treas)	Dennis Harris
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### **PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP**

Connecting to a community of believers is vital in your Christian walk. We all need Christian Fellowship to build us up and to hold us up. If you can't join us in person or on Zoom, watch our recorded service on our website or Facebook page.



# Bible Quiz: Peter's Confession of Faith

<https://www.christianbiblereference.org>

1) One day Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do the people think I am?" The disciples mentioned John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or other prophets. Then Jesus asked, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?" Then Peter answered, \_\_\_\_\_

- "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."
- "You are Elijah, come back to life."
- "My Lord, My God!"
- "You are my master, my teacher, my rabbi!"

2) Where were Jesus and the disciples when this happened?

- Bethlehem
- Caesarea Philippi
- Capernaum
- Jerusalem

4) Jesus continued, "I will give you the keys of \_\_\_\_\_, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

- life
- faith
- eternal life
- the kingdom of heaven

3) Then Jesus said to Peter, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this \_\_\_\_\_ I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

- The Jews
- man
- mountain
- rock

## A Just Forgiveness and the Way of Peace

*"Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'"*  
Matthew 18:21

**JUST**  
**PEACE**  
SUNDAY  
9.17.2023

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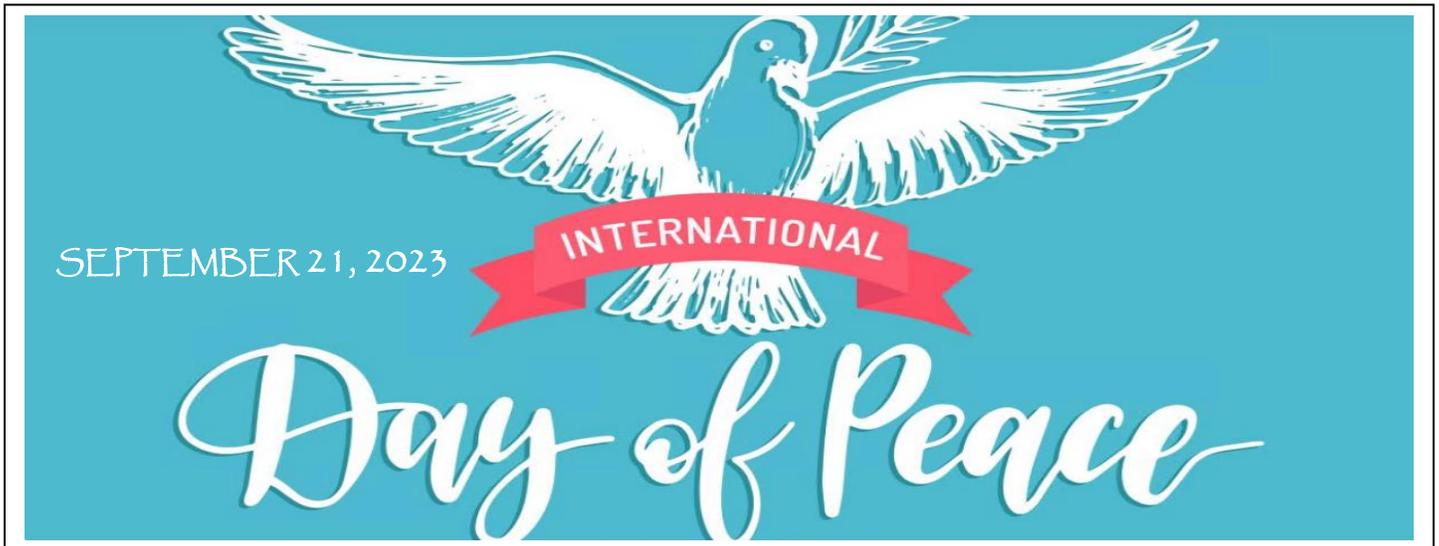
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*Thank you to everyone for helping out!*



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

04 – Labor Day  
10 – Grandparent's Day  
11 – 911 Remembrance  
17 – Just Peace Sunday  
21 - International Peace Day  
22 – Autumn Equinox

**CONSISTORY MEETING** – Will be September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, on Zoom. If you would like to join please contact Mary Ellen Harris



## BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

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The Correct Answer is: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

[Matthew 16:13-16](#), [Mark 8:27-29](#), [Luke 9:18-20](#). Up until this time Jesus' disciples did not know His true identity. Peter was the first of the twelve to realize that Jesus was the Messiah, or Christ, that the Jewish people had waited so many years for.

2) Where were Jesus and the disciples when this happened?

The Correct Answer is: Caesarea Philippi

[Matthew 16:13](#), [Mark 8:27](#). Caesarea Philippi was a city about 20 miles (32 km) north of the Sea of Galilee, on the slope of Mount Hermon.

3) Then Jesus said to Peter, "And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this \_\_\_\_\_ I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it."

The Correct Answer is: rock

[Matthew 16:18](#). This is a play on words by Jesus; the name "Peter" meant "rock" in the original Greek Bible text. The Roman Catholic Church takes this verse to mean that Jesus appointed Peter the first pope, and all popes since that time have been Peter's successors. Protestants, of course, do not agree with that interpretation.

4) Jesus continued, "I will give you the keys of \_\_\_\_\_, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

The correct answer is: the kingdom of heaven

[Matthew 16:19](#). The "keys of the kingdom of heaven" probably symbolized Peter's authority over establishing the Christian Church on earth. The meaning of "bind" and "loose" is not certain. Some commentators say it was an expression meaning to prohibit or allow. Others say it meant the power to not forgive or forgive sins.

Season after Pentecost Year A	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Proper 17 (22)</b> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 3:1-15</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b</a>	<a href="#">Jeremiah 15:15-21</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 26:1-8</a>	<a href="#">Romans 12:9-21</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 16:21-28</a>
<b>Proper 18 (23)</b> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 10, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 12:1-14</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 149</a>  <a href="#">Numbers 21:4b-9</a>	<a href="#">Ezekiel 33:7-11</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 119:33-40</a>	<a href="#">Romans 13:8-14</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 18:15-20</a>
<b>Holy Cross</b> September 14, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 98:1-5</a> <i>or</i> <a href="#">Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38</a> <a href="#">Exodus 14:19-31</a>		<a href="#">1 Corinthians 1:18-24</a>	<a href="#">John 3:13-17</a>
<b>Proper 19 (24)</b> Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 17, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Psalm 114</a> <i>or</i> <a href="#">Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21</a>	<a href="#">Genesis 50:15-21</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13</a>	<a href="#">Romans 14:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 18:21-35</a>
<b>Proper 20 (25)</b> Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 24, 2023 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 16:2-15</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45</a>	<a href="#">Jonah 3:10-4:11</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 145:1-8</a>	<a href="#">Philippians 1:21-30</a>	<a href="#">Matthew 20:1-16</a>



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