



**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**January 14, 2024**  
**Second Sunday After the Epiphany**



[\* = Those who are able may stand, L = Leader, P = People and A = All]

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**THE PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS**

**THE INTROIT** *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* No. 263

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

L. Blessings to God, who gives hope in the darkness of our lives.

P. Blessings to Jesus Christ, who reveals God's love to the world.

L. Blessings to the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to be a light for others.

P. Blessings, honor, and glory to God, today and forever. Amen.<sup>BW</sup>

**\*THE OPENING HYMN** *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* No. 16

**\*THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

O Holy One, Source of all life and Ground of all love, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space to worship you. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we worship you today, help us respond to the call of love – to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves. May we be transformed from individuals to members of your one body. Guide us as families, as a community of faith, as a nation, and as your world to follow the path of love. Amen.<sup>WW1</sup>

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen. Amen.

**THE ANTHEM** *"Listen with Your Heart"* - Thornhill/Nix

**EPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN**

**THE SONG** *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* (words below)

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.

Every child in every land, Jesus holds them by the hand,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

**THE INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

Generous God, cultivate and nurture gratitude and trust in us. May our gifts be used for the benefit of the kindom and all creation in your name. Amen.<sup>WW2</sup>

**SCRIPTURE** *Genesis 1:1-5*  
*John 1:43-51*

**THE HYMN** *"Here I Am, Lord"* No. 452

**SERMON** *"Come and See "*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**\*THE HYMN** *"The Voice of God Is Calling"* No. 666 (1, 2, 3)

**\*COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

**\*THE HYMN** *"Go in Peace"* No. 445

**POSTLUDE**

**Worship Notes**

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<sup>WW1</sup>Trusting in the Source, *Service Prayers for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost*, was written by the Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson, Phoenix, Arizona.

<sup>WW2</sup>*The Knowing: Service Prayers for the First Sunday after Epiphany* was written by The Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay, Minister for Worship and Theology, United Church of Christ.

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**Many hearts. Many voices. One church.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Continuing Prayer Requests Bruce Deckard, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, For the family of Dannie Roark & Family, for Gary Myer and family. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying let's include all in our prayers.
- Prayers for a family member of Eric and Cheryl Meyer they had a liver transplant in Miami, Florida on Friday.



### Addresses for Shut-ins and Others

**Norma Meyer**, Colonial Assisted Living, - Room 142, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

**Susie Milligan**, Colonial Assisted Living, - 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

**Leona Conway**, Willow Manor, -request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

**Marge Beamon**, Remains in rehab. Please send cards and notes to, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

**Franklyn Schroeder**, Oak Village Health Care Center – 200 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

Home  
Alexander Family  
Bruce Deckard

If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (chairman of Caregivers) or any caregiver listed below. We would appreciate your help and want to make sure everyone is blessed by St. John's when you need it! St. John's UCC Caregivers- Ed and Brenda Cummings, Cindy Deckard, Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.

New offering envelopes for 2024 have been shipped as of Friday. As soon as I get them I will get hen to the congregation . Until then extra green envelopes have been added to the pews . Please use those and I will post accordingly to your account. Sorry for the delay.



2023 Statements will be going in the next week or so, keep an eye out for them!



**NEXT SUNDAY! Make plans to attend**  
**The annual Congregation Meeting is scheduled immediately following Church on January 21, 2023.**

## ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastors	Rev Dennis Frische-Mouri Rev Linda Frische-Mouri
Head Usher	
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	
Sound	
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck

How would you like to see and engage with others that walk through our church doors on Sunday mornings. This is a good way to build that connection with your church family. The Evangelism & Membership committee is looking for individuals or families to serve as greeters 3-4 times a year. There is a sign-up sheet on the Memorial Hall bulletin board or tear off the bottom of this sheet with your name and the best way to contact you to arrange a Sunday that suits you to volunteer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best contact method: \_\_\_\_\_

Best month or time of the year: \_\_\_\_\_



Virtual Worship Service is still available on the church website, [myucc.org](http://myucc.org) Worship Services are also "Live Streamed" on the Church's FACEBOOK page



### **THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's**

#### **SUNDAY, January 14**

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

#### **MONDAY, January 15**

Martin Luther King Day

Office Closed

Preschool Closed

Worship Comm. 6pm

Friends 5-6:15 pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, January 17**

Dinner at Procopio's 5pm

Choir 7pm

#### **THURSDAY, January 18**

Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30pm

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **SUNDAY, January 21**

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

#### **Annual Congregational Meeting (following service )**

Soup Pick up day

Friends 5-6:15pm

#### **MONDAY, January 22**

Church Board 7pm

Friends 5-6:15 pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, January 24**

Dinner at Co-Co's (Lawrenceville) 5pm

Choir 7pm