



St. John's United Church of Christ
January 28, 2024
Fourth 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. Jesus commanded: Love one another.
- P. We come to worship the God who is love that we may learn to love one another.**
- L. Jesus said: No longer do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.
- P. We come to worship the God whose friends we are through Christ.**
- L. Let us sing praise to God and live in love and friendship toward the human family; through Jesus Christ. Amen. ^{BW}

***THE OPENING HYMN** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"* No. 2

***THE INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Holy God, you call us and claim us to be your people, members of the one Body of Christ, serving you and the whole human family. Through Christ, you call us to love you with our whole being and to love neighbor as self. By the power of your Spirit, you bless us to be shining lights in this world so glory might be given to you. We acknowledge that sometimes we have failed and do fail in responding faithfully to your call and blessing. Forgive us, renew us, and empower us to be your faithful servants. Amen. ^{LLFM}

***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 *"Healer of My Heart"* -Johnson/Richards

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)**

Loving God, you have given us the task to love one another. May the gifts we offer bring love and life to others. May the love we share bring hope to a world that has all too often forgotten how to love. Amen. ^{^**}

SCRIPTURE *John 13:34-35 and John 15:12-17
 Romans 15:13*

THE HYMN *"They'll Know We Are Christians"* No. 494 (1, 2, 3)

SERMON *"Go as Loving and Hopeful Disciples"*

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** *"God, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"* No. 439

***COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

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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.**
- From Darcie Bahr Please pray for Zoey for her upcoming procedure (Tuesday). We are trying to find the answer to help her chronic stomach pain and fatigue.

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 4th 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 are here! Please pick your up in the front of the church, if you have not already done so.

The 2024 Church Board will be installed today. Please pray for guidance for these members as they conduct church business for the coming year.

Continued Board members: Jake Alexander (Vice-President), Hope Clausman, Steve Cooper, Ed Cummings (Treasurer) , Betsy Marchino (Secretary), Cheryl Meyer , Mark Schutz, and Jana Vieck (President).

New Board members : Jill Doggett, Sandra Lange, Krisi Mattingly, And Ren Simmons.



Farewell Luncheon

Pastor Dennis Frische-Mouri and Pastor Linda Frische-Mouri

We have been guided for over 3 years by our interim ministers, Pastors Linda and Pastor Dennis They have worked with us through the pandemic and moved our worship to Facebook Live as we met 'virtually' for a number of weeks.

They helped the Search Committee begin our process, working with them to start discussions on how to move forward with the search. They have kept our church moving forward and helped us review some of our processes and provided guidance on how things can be improved. They have led worship and worked with committees to support St. John's United Church of Christ during their interim period. Today will be the last Sunday for Pastor Linda and Dennis. We will all have an opportunity to say thank you and wish them well at our Farewell Luncheon, immediately following worship. We hope you will plan to be there!



No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

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

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 Worship Services are also "Live Streamed" on the Church's FACEBOOK page



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's

SUNDAY, January 28

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

Farewell Dinner for Pastor Dennis & Pastor Linda

MONDAY, January 29

BABE Store 12-5:30

Friends 5-6:15 pm

TUESDAY January 30

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:20pm

WEDNESDAY, January 31

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, February 1

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:20pm

FRIDAY, February 2

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, February 4

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, February 5

BABE Store 12-5:30

Outreach & Missions 6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, February 7

Choir 7pm

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Sunday School 9:15 am

Fellowship Welcoming New Pastor Rev. Debbie 9:45- 10:20am

Worship 10:30am

FYI, February 14, Ash Wednesday Services will be held at 6pm versus the previous time of 7pm. This allows for people to go to dinner or such on that day.