



St. John's United Church of Christ
Fourth Sunday of Lent
 March 10, 2024



* Please stand if it is comfortable to do so. L=Leader, P=People

PRELUDE CHURCH BELLS

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, GREET ONE ANOTHER

***CHORAL INTROIT** *Surely the Presence of the Lord* # 263

***GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP** (responsively)

L: Beloved in Christ, why have you come to worship this morning?

P: We come to celebrate the love of God in the form of Jesus Christ.

L: This love reaches through the shadows of our lives to embrace us. Our challenge is to trust the light of God's love in the midst of our struggles.

P: We come to celebrate the light of God in Jesus who offers love and acceptance, not judgment and rejection.

L: If only we will trust, Jesus leads us in the way of light and love.

P: We come to celebrate our God who loved and loves us so much!

***OPENING HYMN** *Spirit of the Living God* (with movement x3) #259

***WE INVITE GOD TO WORSHIP** (unison)

All: Holy and redeeming God, as Moses lifted high the serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus was also lifted up for the salvation of the world. We thank you for this season of Lent during which we remember anew your loving and redeeming acts toward us. We thank you for your ongoing creative energy in the world; for bestowing upon us gifts through which we may participate in your life and work; for enabling us through the power of the Holy Spirit to carry on the message and ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ. We ask that in these moments of worship, you will speak to us and impart again the word which we most need to hear, so that we may respond to you with love and faithfulness.

***RESPONSE** *How Great Thou Art* (chorus only) #33

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (children come forward during *Jesus Loves Me* and depart during *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERING INVITATION

L: God is so good and we are richly blessed. Let us give back to God with gratitude and thanksgiving.

***DOXOLOGY #46**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

All: Wonder-working God, use all of who we are, and all of what we have, to uproot what is unjust, and plant what is loving. Through our gifts, speak your gospel to people we may never meet. May all come to hear your call to prophetic living. Amen.

ANTHEM: *My Redeemer and My Friend* ARR: McDonald

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

Silent Prayers – Pastoral Prayer-The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Congregational Response *Lord, Jesus, Who through Forty Days* (v.3) #180

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:1-4

New Testament: Luke 10:25-37

L: This is the Word of God **P: Thanks be to God**

SERMON This Lenten Road: *The Road to Jericho*

***CLOSING HYMN** *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (vs. 2 & 3) #202

***BLESSING** (responsively)

L: Created in the image of God, redeemed by the cross of Christ, empowered by God's Spirit, we are sent:

P: Sent to live as faithful, loving stewards of God's gracious gifts of life, hope and joy. Amen.

* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *Go In Peace* #445

* **POSTLUDE**

Never put a period where God has put a comma, God is still speaking!



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, and Gary Meyer and family.** For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying, let's include all in our prayers.
- Please keep Rev. Lynn Marino in your prayers. She had knee replacement surgery this week.
- Eric and Cheryl Meyer ask that we please pray for the family of David Grayson. Dave lost his battle cancer this week. He was a science teacher and friend to many!
- Carole Klein's visitation will be held here at ST. John's UCC Friday, March 22nd, starting at noon and going to 3pm the funeral will be after that at 3pm. A dinner will held after the funeral in Memorial Hall. Please keep the family in your prayers.

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, - Room 118, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Willow Manor, - Room 73B request correspondence be sent to 2009 Forbes Rd. Vincennes IN

Marge Beamon, Oak Village Health Care Center— Room 333 bed 2. Remains in rehab. Please send cards and notes to, 1401 Ritterskamp Avenue.

Franklyn Schroeder, Oak Village Health Care Center—Room 120 200 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

Home

Alexander Family, PO Box 256, Monroe City, IN 47557 (Home address)

Bruce Deckard - 3599 E. Warren Cir, Vincennes IN 47591

If you have a caregiving need such as a hospital stay, a visit or desire communion, please contact the church office, Janet Goodman (co-chair 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 (co-chair), Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



Saturday, March 30, 2024

St. John's United Church of Christ

606 N. Fifth Street, Vincennes

4:00-6:00 pm

For Preschool age - 6th grade

Designated hunting areas for pre/k, 1st -3rd, and 4th - 6th

Egg hunt, food, crafts and games!

Bring your baskets or bags

Also bring flashlights for the older kids



ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Pastor Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	Kyle Doggett
Head Usher	Betsy Marchino
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jill Doggett
Sound	
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Greeters	Chris & Lori Sanders



The Worship committee invites you to participate in Sanctuary decorations for Easter Sunday. We will once again welcome live Easter lilies, daffodils or any other spring flowers to be given in honor of, or in memory of the special people in your lives. We ask that all flowers be potted, wrapped and placed on the tables in Memorial Hall, by Wednesday March 27. Please mark

your flowers with your name. In addition please notify Angie in the church office with the following information, so your gift may be acknowledged correctly in the bulletin. Labels with the below information are available in the church office.

In Honor Of _____

Or

In Memory Of _____

Given By _____

We ask that you pick up all flowers following church on Easter Sunday.



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, March 10

Sunday School 9:15 am

Fellowship 10am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, March 11

BABE Store 12-5:30

WEDNESDAY, March 13

Christian Ed 6pm

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, March 14

Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30pm

Dinner @ Applebee's 6pm

FRIDAY, March 15

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, March 17

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, March 18

BABE Store 12-5:30

Worship 6pm

Church Board 7pm

WEDNESDAY, March 20

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, March 21

Dinner & Conversation @ 6pm