



St. John's United Church of Christ  
**Palm Sunday**  
 March 24, 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) adapted from Psalm 118

L: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**P: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: This house of worship blesses you, holy God.

L: God has sent the Light of the World to us.

**P: Let us celebrate with a procession of palms and shouts of "Hosanna!"**

L: O give thanks to the Lord. God is good to us!

**P: People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

\***OPENING HYMN** *All Glory, Laud, and Honor* #192

(children process through sanctuary waving palm branches)

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

**All: Merciful Savior, it is our privilege and delight to be in your presence and to bring our praises and worship to you. You are our teacher and our friend, our rock and our hope and our strength and our light. We celebrate your arrival in Jerusalem; we anticipate the agony that is before you; we await your victory over death. Grant that we might walk this journey alongside you as faithful disciples, rather than as participants of the fickle crowd. Amen.**

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

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Martha Rae Wilson

**ANTHEM** *In the Name of the Lord* Gaither/McHugh/Parry

**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: Gracious God, we bring our tithes and offerings to you as cheerful and grateful givers. You are the giver of every good and perfect gift — of life and of eternal life, of your redeeming grace and mercy, of your love which overcomes our fears and weaknesses. Thank you for blessing us with the gift of yourself, incarnate in Jesus Christ our Savior and Friend, and for counting us worthy to share in his life and ministry. Use these gifts, we pray, for your purposes and glory. Amen.**

**ANTHEM** *Day to Sing Hosanna* Choplin

**MEMORIAL MOMENT:** Don Hoffhaus

**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: Zechariah 9:9-10

New Testament: Mark 11:1-11

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

**SERMON** This Lenten Road: *The Road to the Cross*

\***CLOSING HYMN** *Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna*

\***BLESSING** (responsively)

L: We have followed Christ on his triumphant ride into Jerusalem. Let us remain faithful and not turn back as we face his suffering and death;

**P: For in his suffering — and in our own — lies the promise and the hope of new life. Amen.**

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

\* **POSTLUDE**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, and Gary Meyer and family. For the family of Carole Klein For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying, let's include all in our prayers.**
- Please keep the following members in your prayers, Gary Meyer has finished his treatments and is looking at surgery in the future, Bruce Deckard is starting his second round of chemo and radiation please keep them and their families in your prayers and pray for healing and comfort for both.
- This is an update on Zoey Bahr. Prayers are requested. Zoey had her gallbladder removed on March 22. This will be outpatient surgery at Deaconess Surgical Clinic in Evansville. We are told it could take her up to a month to feel better. Everyone is hopeful that removing her gallbladder will be the end of her pain.

### 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 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 (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

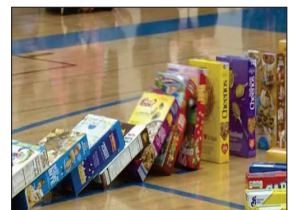
Egg hunt, food, crafts, and games!

Bring your baskets or bags

Also, bring flashlights for the older kids



**Cereal Drop** ...want to know more , read on! Some time in the near future St. John's UCC will be requesting new unopened box's (has to be a box) of cereal . Once we have collected several well ask the children (and parents too!) to set each box up as you would dominos! Be watching bulletins for more information .



## ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Pastor Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	Brenda Fillingim
Head Usher	Betsy Marchino
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Saundra Lange
Sound	Brian Fillingim
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Greeters	Jonathan & Chrissy Lange



DON'T FORGET ! 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](http://myucc.org).  
Worship Services are also "Live Streamed" on the Church's FACEBOOK page



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

#### **Palm SUNDAY, March 24**

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

#### **MONDAY, March 25**

BABE Store 12-5:30

Friends VU Bowling Center 5-6:15pm

#### **TUESDAY, March 26**

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

BABE Board Meeting 6 pm

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 27**

Choir 7pm

#### **THURSDAY, March 28**

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service Noon

#### **FRIDAY, March 29**

Good Friday Service 7pm

No Preschool

#### **SATURDAY, March 30**

Egg Hunt 4-6pm

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

#### **Easter SUNDAY, March 31**

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

#### **MONDAY, April 1**

No Preschool

BABE Store 12-5:30

#### **WEDNESDAY, April 3**

Choir 7pm

#### **THURSDAY, April 4**

Dinner & Conversation 6pm Café Moonlight

#### **FRIDAY, April 5**

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6 pm