



St. John's United Church of Christ
Third Sunday of Lent
 March 3, 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: God of rainbow and promise,
 P: **God of the swirling waters of baptism,**
 L: God of the dark night of doubt,
 P: **God of comfort and call,**
 L: Dwell with us this holy season of Lent
 P: **And lead us from temptation to trust, from fear to love, from despair to hope, from sadness to joy.**

OPENING HYMN *There is a Green Hill Far Away* (vs.1 & 2)

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

As we progress through Lent, Gracious God, enable us to deepen our spiritual lives. Teach us to pray rightly that we may know the blessing of being rooted and grounded in your Spirit. Focus our minds upon Christ, through whom we see the pattern we are to follow. Come, be with us in worship. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (children come forward) *Jesus Loves Me*

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)

P: **If fear of the unknown is getting in the way of our giving to you, enlighten us. Let us know what we need to know. And let new knowledge result in new gifts. Amen.**

ANTHEM: *I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary* Gaither

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 Jerusalem*

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation
 Communion Prayer
 God be with you. **And also with you.**
 Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**
 Let us give thanks to God Most High.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
 Words of Institution, Consecration and Sharing of the Elements

Thanksgiving Prayer (unison)

We thank you, God, for inviting us to this table where we have known best the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *If You Will Trust in God to Guide You* #565

***BLESSING** (responsively)

L: Our Lenten journey marches still onward and we travel with Jesus. There are no faithful detours, nor can we rush to the end of the story. But in the meantime of Lent, we can live, and move, and have our being, in a God who assures us of eternal life.

P: **Let us depart in hope and confidence that, although the wilderness of Lent stretches still before us, God's promises go with us, today and always.**

* **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.
- 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!

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 (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.



changing the way foster care begins

Purpose

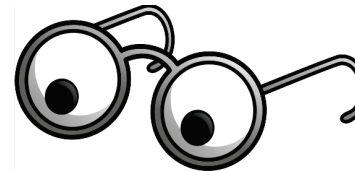
When children are removed from their homes out of concern for their safety, they are usually brought to a child welfare services office to await placement. This wait can be a few hours to several days. These children often have nothing with them and are scared, lonely, hungry, and in dirty clothing.

Isaiah 117 provides a comforting home where these children instead can be brought to wait – a place that is safe with friendly and loving volunteers who provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snuggly blankets. This space allows children to receive the comfort and care they need while child welfare staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good placement.

The mission of Isaiah 117 House is threefold:

- *reduce trauma for children awaiting placement
- *lighten the load for child welfare services
- *ease the transition for foster families

If you would like to help this organization you may do so by making an additional offering marked "Isaiah House 117". There are green envelope in the pew for your use.



We are looking for liturgists for our Sunday services. If you would like to help please sign up on the sheet on the hallway bulletin board. You may also contact Hope Clausman at 812-881-7985.

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	Sandra Lange
Sound	Andrew Anson
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Jana Vieck
Greeters	Bob & Lisa Klein



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 3

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, March 4

BABE Store 12-5:30

Evangelism & Membership 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, March 6

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, March 7

Dinner & Conversation @ Coco's 6pm

(Vincennes Time)

LOOKING AHEAD

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



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



Join us for 10:30 worship service every Sunday!