



St. John's United Church of Christ
Third Sunday of Easter
 April 14, 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 92

L: It is good to praise the Lord, and make music to your name, O Most High,

P: **Proclaiming your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night.**

L: To you we make music, to you we offer melody, harmony and rhythm,

P: **For you make me glad by your deeds, Lord; I sing for joy at what your hands have done.**

***OPENING HYMN** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 1 & 2) #5

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

ALL: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! Our souls long for the refreshment of your house, where you withhold no good thing from those who put their trust in you. Refresh our world-weary minds. Renew our sagging spirits with encouragement in Christ. Lift up our hearts that we may sing with joy in your presence and carry the music of the living God to all the earth. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

***RESPONSE** *Christ Arose* (chorus) #224

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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: We give our gifts mindful of the countless blessings that have come our way in the week gone by. In this time of worship, loving God, we have been awakened to the glory of your world through the beauty of music. Our minds have been challenged by the reading of our Scripture lessons and we await your message through music. In gratitude for all that has been given to us in our time together, let us respond with generous hearts as we dedicate our offering to you through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

Congregational Response: *He Lives* (chorus) #226

SCRIPTURE

Old Testament: Psalm 95: 1-7a

New Testament: Colossians 3:12-17

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

SERMON

Message in Music

Alan Pancake

***CLOSING HYMN** *When in Our Music God is Glorified* (vs. 1-3) #7

***BLESSING** (responsively)

L: Go now to the splendor of the universe; Go to enjoy the music of the spheres; Go to resound the life chords of the Spirit.

P: We go to the uncertainties of tomorrow; to follow where Jesus leads, trusting the rests, and God will fill those spaces with peace and truth.

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

***POSTLUDE**



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Gary Meyer, Zoey Bahr, Don Osborne, Jr., Dale Linneweber, and family. For the family of Carole Klein, and Don Hoffhaus. For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying, let's include all in our prayers.**
- Prayers please for Gary Meyer. The surgery went well yesterday. Now to pray for a successful recovery. Thank you! Peggy Meyer
- Please keep Charlotte Bahr in your prayers she fell and broke her wrist/arm. She will see a specialist in Evansville in about a week.

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

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

Gary Meyer - 2004 J.C. Street, 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,

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE BABE STORE! Please consider becoming a volunteer for the BABE Store which is housed at St. John's UCC , 606 North Fifth Street. Minimal commitment of two hours, one Monday per month. The BABE Store allows pregnant women and families with children under the age of four to redeem earned vouchers for diapers, wipes, and many other supplies. Duties include checking ID, collecting correct amount of vouchers for items purchased and assisting clients as needed. If you're interested, please contact Cindy Deckard ant 812-887-2999. Our volunteers frequently comment on how rewarding it is to help out the families of Knox County!

Attention:

Please direct your evening and weekend prayer requests to Brenda Roark from April 24-May 4. (Janet Goodman will be out of town) Her method of contact is to use the following, bjr72@hotmail.com and 812-890-1221. Thank you.

Don't forget next Sunday is Spring Fling Luncheon! Make plans to attend after worship .



ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Pastor Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	
Head Usher	Jake Alexander
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	Darcie Bahr & Family



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, April 14

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

Alan Pancake @ Service

Wabash Valley Association Meeting (@St. John's UCC)

MONDAY, April 15

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm

FRIENDS 5-6:15 pm

Worship Comm. 6pm

Church Board 7 pm

WEDNESDAY, April 17

Friends Addams Family Production 5:45

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, April 18

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, April 21

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

Spring Fling Luncheon after Service

MONDAY, April 22

BABE Store 12-5:30 pm

FRIENDS 5-6:15 pm

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

WEDNESDAY, April 24

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, April 25

Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm

Dinner & Conversation 6pm Kelso's

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Mom's Day Preschool



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 we will ask the children (and parents too!) to set each box up as you would dominos! Be watching bulletins for more information .



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