



St. John's United Church of Christ
Fifth Sunday of Easter
 April 28, 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: Like a whisper that lures us to safety,

P: Strong as a shout that bids us to come,

L: Gentle as a prayer that eases our worry,

P: Like a clear bell that rings out our name,

L: Your Word comes to us, Loving God.

P: It calls us, comforts us and urges us to depart from evil and do good, to seek peace and pursue it.

L: Talking God, open our hearts to hear you

P: And free our voices to praise you.

***OPENING HYMN** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* (vs. 1 & 2) #190

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

ALL: **Author of creation, you are the living word. Open our hearts and minds not only to hear your word, but to be filled with your spirit. Come, be present in our worship today. Amen.**

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

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, you have blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, we offer not only the fruits of our financial resources, but ourselves as well. It is our fervent hope that you would use both the money and the talents you have blessed us with to bring your light and Word to those who need it most. Amen.

WE GATHER IN PRAYER

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

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

ANTHEM *Beloved, Let us Love One Another* Choplin

SCRIPTURE:

Old Testament: Psalm 22:25-31

New Testament: Acts 8:26-40

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

MESSAGE *A New Comprehension*

***CLOSING HYMN** *I Love to Tell the Story* (vs. 1 & 2) #480

***BLESSING** (responsively)

L: "As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

P: Lord, may our feet be beautiful this week. May we carry the good news wherever we go to every person we meet. May our love and care of others demonstrate your love and care for them. Let the truth of the gospel pour out of us that everyone may know of your salvation. Amen.

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

* **POSTLUDE**

**You may place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary or online at myucc.org and clicking on the *contribute* button. Please prayerfully consider setting up regular online donations to continue our outreach into the community.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- **Continuing Prayer Requests: Bruce Deckard, Gary Meyer, 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.**
- Gary Meyer, he is home, prayers as he continues his recovery .
- John Riggs has asked to keep his wife, Ellen in your prayers. She is suffering from issues causing 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 4th Street, Oaktown, IN 47561

Home
Bruce Deckard
Gary Meyer

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.



MOTHER'S DAY PHOTOS are wanted of your mother, grandmother, etc. to use in a presentation during worship on Mother's Day. You may send them electronically to church office, stjohsuccoffice@gmail.com, or drop them by during office hours. Photos will be scanned and returned unharmed. Please label photos with name and relationships.

FREE PIANO: The church is offering the piano currently in the Sonshine Room to anyone wishing to remove it. If interested, please contact the church office.

Nursery Assistants



In keeping with our Safe Child Policy, there should be two caregivers in the nursery when children are present. Darcie Bahr is our paid staff person, but there needs to be a second person with her. The person can be high school age or older. If you are willing to help in the nursery once in a while during worship service, please let Jill Lopez know (812-887-3182) or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the nursery. You will be contacted when your assistance is needed. Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!



Graduate Recognition Sunday

On Sunday, **May 19th** we will be honoring our graduates. If you know of someone who will graduate high school, college, or tech school who is in or related to our church family, please contact the church office as soon as possible with the following information. **NAMES OF 2024 GRADUATES** are requested by the church office by May 12th. Graduates will be recognized in worship on May 19th.

Name: _____

School: _____

Degree or special honors: _____

Future plans: _____

Other info: _____

ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastor	Rev. Debbie Jo Atkins
Liturgist	John Riggs
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	Evangelism and Membership Committee

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.



Thanks to Jerri Johanningsmeier for baking the Eclipse cookies for the Children's Moment on April 7th. They were very creative and greatly appreciated.



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!



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 28

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, April 29

BABE Store 12-4 pm (*New Time For April & May Only*)

FRIENDS 5-6:15 pm V.U. Bowling Center

WEDNESDAY, May 1

Choir 7pm

THURSDAY, May 2

Dinner & Conversation Ponderosa 6pm

FRIDAY, May 3

Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6 pm

SATURDAY, May 4

CFM Vincennes City Clean Up 8:30-11:30 am

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY, May 5

Sunday School 9:15 am

Worship 10:30am

MONDAY, May 6

BABE Store 12-4 pm (*New Time For April & May Only*)

FRIENDS 5-6:15 pm

WEDNESDAY, May 8

Choir 7pm

Christian Ed 6 pm

THURSDAY, May 9

Dinner & Conversation El Corral 6pm

Girl Scouts 4:30-6:30 pm

FRIDAY, May 10

Preschool Butterfly Graduation 7 pm

SUNDAY, May 12

Mothers Day

Fellowship 10 am

Worship 10:30 am