



**St. John's  
United Church of Christ  
March 2, 2022  
Ash Wednesday**



[\* = Those who are able may stand, L = Leader, P = People and A = All]

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS**

**GATHERING WORDS**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Gather the people, young ones and old,

**P. for all are welcome here.**

L. Blow the trumpet, sound the alarm,

**P. for God is present now!**

L. Bless this worship and the holy season before us,

**P. for God calls us to this time and place.**

L. Return, refocus, remember, renew,

**A. for God invites us to join hearts and lives. ~+**

**\*OPENING HYMN** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" No. 180

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Holy One, Merciful God, make yourself known to us. Be present with us in this often troubled journey of life. Create in us hearts that are open to transformation. Give us the patience of practice in this Lent season—ordering our days with time enough for you. Amen.<sup>WD</sup>

**\*GLORIA PATRI** No. 35

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be, world with out end. Amen. Amen.

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 46

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In Unison)**

L. For the wondrous ways this offering will bless this community and the world,

**P. we dedicate these gifts.**

L. For the ways it'll help us nurture caring relationships with our neighbors,

**P. We dedicate these gifts.**

**A. Let this offering, and the works of our hands and feet, help us build where all seems broken. Amen.\*#**

**SCRIPTURE** Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

**SERMON** "Perfectionism is Impossible. Transformation isn't."

**HYMN** "Take Our Bread" No. 413

**THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)**

Gracious God, our faith in you requires care, time and effort. Yet we turn our attention toward other interests, ambitions, and concerns. Beckon us once again to return to you with all our hearts. Forgive us for loving you too little, and for neglecting to love our neighbor in your name. Forgive each of us also for those times when are either self-centered in our love or when we have difficulty loving ourselves. Today and throughout this season, we return our hearts to you, grateful for your mercies and secure in your love. Amen.\*^

**IMPOSITION OF ASHES**

*[Those who wish to receive ashes may come forward. Please extend your hand to receive the ashes]*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

L. In Christ's name, and as one with you in the church, I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven.

**P. In Christ's name, and as sisters and brothers in the church, we declare to you: Your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God.\***

**COMMUNION PRAYER AND THE WORDS INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER (In Unison)**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

**THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*THE HYMN** "Go, My Children" No. 431

**\*COMMISSION AND BENEDICTION**

**\*THE HYMN** "Go in Peace" No. 445

**POSTLUDE**

### Worship Notes

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*The Church Board has voted to follow CDC recommendation. Everyone is asked to wear a mask inside the building regardless of vaccination status. Please remember that those who do not feel safe among people in public places are encouraged to remain home and worship virtually.*

Worship services will be found on the church website, [www.myucc.org](http://www.myucc.org), by clicking on the "sermons" tab. And on the church Facebook page, *St. John's United Church of Christ Vincennes*.

***Many hearts. Many voices. One church.***

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