



**St. John's
United Church of Christ
March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent**



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

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

***INTROIT** *"Surely the Presence of the Lord"* No. 263

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Blessed are those who experience the grace of God

P. Who find forgiveness and mercy from the Holy One.

L. Blessed are those who experience the steadfast love of God

P. Who find peace even in times of trial.

L. Blessed are those who experience rest in God

P. Who find sabbath to renew their spirits.^{ww}

L. Let us worship the One who freely gives grace and love and rest.

***OPENING HYMN** *"All My Hope on God Is Founded"* No. 88

***INVOCATION (In Unison)**

Holy One, God of forgiveness, we call out to you and you surround us with deliverance. You love us infinitely more than we love ourselves or others. Open us this day to your counsel, helping us be more merciful, more grace-filled, so that we might rejoice in simple and good enough moments that fill our days. Amen.^{wd}

***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.

ANTHEM *"Just One Touch"* -Hamlin

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN

THE SONG *"Jesus Loves the Little Children"* (words below)
(Please joining in singing as the children return to their seats.)

**Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world. Every child in every land,
Jesus holds them by the hand, Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

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)**

Generous God, in light of your extravagant blessings – no matter what the state of the world or our imperfect lives – we offer our gifts and ourselves, and ask that you transform what we give into your work of love in the world. Amen.^{wd}

HYMN *"Wonderful Words of Life"* No. 323

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON *"Good Enough: Embraced by Love"*

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 HYMN** *"Pass It On"* No. 477

***COMMISSION AND BLESSING**

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Notes

^{ww}From *Worship Ways*, United Church of Christ (adapted)
^{wd}Worship Design Studio (adapted)

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Please consider supporting St. John's United Church of Christ so we can continue to do God's work and mission here and throughout the world. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office in person or by mail.

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, 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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

- Continuing Prayer Requests: **Kennedy Alexander, Ruth Witsman, Marge Beamon, Don Osborne, Jr., Betty Meyer, Mark Lange, Bruce Deckard and the family of Marilyn Magruder, Nora Grabbe (Friend of Janet Daniels), Roberta Meyers (Jake Alexander Mom.)**
- For the silent trials and struggles everyone is carrying lets include all in our prayers.**
- Prayers for **Jean Wells**, as she adjusts to the Lodge of the Wabash.
- Prayers for **Rev. Mike Julian** his wife **Bert**, their two daughters and their families. Mike passed away on Friday March 18. Cards can be sent to Bert Julian 46 Southbrook Ct., Terre Haute, IN 47802

Laundry Love News

On March 30, we will have a special event during the Laundry Love hours at The Vincennes Laundromat. We will be joined by United Healthcare who will provide information on insurance assistance and free laundry bags, the Knox County Health Department staff who will be there to provide routine vaccinations for children and Covid vaccinations for both adults and children, and PACE who can assist with answering health care coverage questions and information on other services provided.

We are always looking for additional volunteers but would especially appreciate help on March 30. We expect a large crowd that evening. Volunteers simply help people sign-in and swipe



Potted spring flowers for Easter sanctuary decorations are requested by the Worship committee again this year. Please place your potted flowers on the tables in Memorial Hall by Wednesday, April 13.

Labels will be provided in church office to fill out and place on flowers.



EASTER EGGS-Volunteers are needed to fill plastic Easter eggs with candy. The eggs are available in Memorial Hall and will need to be returned to Memorial Hall by April 3.

SOUND SYSTEM-Volunteers are needed to run the sound board during worship. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. Training will be available.



Addresses for Shut-ins and Others



Norma Meyer, Colonial Assisted Living, Room 154, 1622 S Hart Street Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Kenny Kixmiller, c/o Freelandville Community Home, 310 E. State Road 58, Edwardsport, IN 47528

Betty Meyer, Bridgepoint Health Campus, - 1900 College Ave, Room 508, Vincennes IN 47591

Joy Tooley, Willow Manor, - 3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

Leona Conway, Willow Manor, -3801 Old Bruceville Road, Vincennes, IN 47591

John and Patty Jackson, The Villages at Oak Ridge, - 1694 Troy Road, Room. 511 Washington, IN 47501

Kathryn Cole, Jean Wells Lodge of the Wabash, 723 Ramsey Road, Vincennes, IN 47591 (Room number is not required).

Donna Cullison, c/o Heritage Center Memory Care Unit, Room 313, 1201 West Buena Vista Road, Evansville, IN 47710

Home

Ruth Witsman
Etta Snyder
Kennedy Alexander
Marge Beamon
Robin Root
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 (chairman 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, Connie and Dan Coulter, Peggy Meyer, Ray Pieper, Terry and Janet Goodman, Lonny Vieck, Larry and Betsy Marchino.



ST. JOHN'S UCC STAFF and VOLUNTEERS

Pastors	Rev. Dennis Frische-Mouri Rev. Linda Frische-Mouri
Head Usher	Elaine Workman
Organist	DeEtta Welte
Music Director, Pianist	Becky Brockman
Children /Family Ministry Coordinator	Will Meyer
Nursery Attendant	Darcie Bahr
Projection	Jill Doggett
Sound	Brian Fillingim
Church Secretary	Angie Robinson
Church Board President	Mark Lange
Pastoral Search Chair	Sheri Stodghill

The **Wabash Valley Association** will be having a Spring Gathering at **Merom Camp and Conference Center** on Saturday, April 23, 2022. The morning will be a Work Day to help prepare Merom for its spring and summer activities. Lunch will be available for \$5 followed by a brief Association meeting. A list of jobs will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. More information will be forthcoming. Mark your calendar. Adults, youth and children are invited to come and work. Let's have a good showing from St. John's.

OFFERING-Please consider supporting St. John's United Church of Christ so we can continue to do God's work and mission here and throughout the world. Offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the sanctuary or delivered to the Church Office in person or by mail.

One Great Hour of Sharing® is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries.



“Because I have been given much, I, too, must give.” One Great Hour of Sharing banks were given to families to collect money to donate for this great cause. Banks were distributed March 13 and will be collected on April 10.



THIS WEEK in the Life of St. John's UCC

*Virtual Worship Service is still available on the church website, myucc.org
Worship Services are also “Live Streamed” on the Church's FACEBOOK page*



SUNDAY, March 27
Special Sunday School 9:15—Seder Meal
Worship 10:30
Children's Church
KFC/Youth Activity 5-7pm
MONDAY, March 28
BABE Store 12-4:30pm
FRIENDS T-Shirt creations 5-6:15
Worship Committee 6pm (Rescheduled)
Church Board 7pm (Rescheduled)
TUESDAY, March 29
Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm
WEDNESDAY, March 29
Choir 7pm
Laundry Love 6-8pm
THURSDAY, March 31
Sandy's Pantry 11-12:30pm
FRIDAY, April 1
Phoebe's Mission 4:30-6pm

Looking Ahead
SUNDAY, April 3
Sunday School 9:15
Worship 10:30
Children's Church
MONDAY, April 4
BABE Store 12-4:30pm
FRIENDS Easter Egg Project 5-6:15
Evangelism & Membership 7pm
WEDNESDAY, April 6
Choir 7pm
THURSDAY, April 7
Girl Scouts 4pm