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**St.
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United
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**February
25th, 2024**

**Christian
Education**

9:00 A.M.

Worship

10:30 A.M.

St. John's United Church of Christ

WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for coming! Please sign a pew card to place in the offering plate.

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Nursery: The nursery is open! Please check downstairs and meet with the nursery attendant before leaving your child.

Today, we thank our special guest preacher is Rev. Tyler Spellious from Byron UCC.

You Are Not Alone

The following support groups meet regularly at St. John's

- AL-ANON Thursdays at 7pm. at church & on Zoom **Meeting ID:** 3983002123
Passcode: 102964
- Anxiety Support Group Tuesdays at church & on Zoom at 6pm. **Meeting ID:** 862 9227 0691 **Passcode:** 915601
- Open & Affirming Meet Up LGBTQIA+ & Allies welcome! Help plan the next meet up, speak to Pastor Muriel.
- The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 1pm & everyday at 7pm. Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 11am

Community Ministries

Community Meal: Every 3rd Wednesday from 5p-6p!

Blessing Box: Outside by the Main Street entrance open to all who are hungry 24/7.

Paper Angel Closet: Provides supplies to households in need.

18 F C Dm F2/A

When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my

20 Bb F/C C

cup. You are my All in All!

Repeat Ending (Continue Round-Key of F) D.S.
Bb/F F Gm7/F

25 G D Em7 Bm7 Am7 G/D D

Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your

28 G D G D Em7 Bm7

name. Je - sus, Lamb of God,

31 Am7 G/D D G

Wor - thy is Your name, Wor - thy is Your

Repeat Ending (Key of G)
Am7 G/D D

34 C/G G C/D

name! Wor - thy is Your name!

D.S. to meas. 25 Song Ending (Key of G)
Am7 G/D D C/G G Am7/G G
poco rit.

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)

You Are My All in All

♩ = 50-58

Dennis L. Jernigan

VERSE

1. You are my strength when I am
2. Seek - ing You as a pre - cious

weak, You are the Trea - sure that I seek. You are my All in
 jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in

PART I (May be sung as a 2-part round)

1. All. All! Je - sus,
2. All. All! Je - sus,

Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name.

PART II

VERSE

Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, ris - ing a - gain I bless Your
 name. You are my All in All.

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Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit "You are my All in All" (Verse 1) (pages 6-7)

Responsive Welcome Statement (Leader Speaks Plain Font, All Speak Bold Font)

At St. John's United Church of Christ, we are Living Outwardly & Valuing Everyone!

We live and work amid God's love!

In that spirit, we extend love to all who come into our midst, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, nationality, skin color, culture, differing abilities, age or political affiliations, to participate fully in all aspects of church.

Our ministry is to bring the Good News of Christ's love to all.

We work in God's name to tear down walls and build community,

to walk with each other through all of life's circumstances,

to provide for those in need,

to offer comfort to the hurting and the sick,

and to uplift the brokenhearted.

Where we fail, we ask for God's forgiveness.

May the Holy Spirit and our siblings continue to challenge us to do better.

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

Call to Worship

Do not be afraid to answer the call to discipleship.

What does the call require?

Letting go of our life as we know it. Following the way of the cross. Aligning our soul with God's.

We step out in the way of Jesus by losing our life to save it.

Do not be afraid to walk in the way of Jesus.

We answer the call, unashamed and unafraid. Amen.

Invocation

O God, we are offered every opportunity to embrace the path that helps us gain the world at the expense of our soul. Instead, you have called us to yourself and to follow in the way of love and compassion. Teach us about Jesus' way and lure us away from the paths of self-absorption and greed. You have called us to discipleship, to self-emptying, and embracing your way with courage. May it be so. Amen.

Hymn #493 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer**Hymn #40 "You are the Way"****Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Holy God, like Peter, sometimes we think we know better than you do. We make our own attempts to save ourselves and others from the cross filled path you have called us to walk. Help us to get behind you, because it has become easier to rely upon ourselves, rather than on your strength and presence. Grant us grace and help us to let go of our need for control so that you and your way might be our guide and path forward. Amen.

Words of Grace

Dear ones, may the God of compassion, Jesus the wounded healer, and the Holy Spirit who shapes and transforms us anew, grant you peace and hope for your soul. For we know that the One who calls us to follow in the way of Jesus is merciful and offers the consolation of love in a world of empty promises. Be at peace and thanks be to God.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.
Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you.
Amen.

Scripture **Luke 1:26-33**
 John 14:1-11

Sermon **By Tyler Spellious**

Moment for Mission **Over Night Cafe**

Invitation to Generosity

In a world that offers a vision of never enough, we share in God's abundant provision for all. While we could gain the world but lose our soul, it is from within our soul that we share in a generous spirit of giving.

Musical Offering**Doxology**

Praise God, through whom all blessings flow,

**Praise God, all creatures here below,
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Giving God, Jesus invited us to give our lives away, take up our cross, and to follow. Rather than exchanging our souls, may the sharing of these gifts nurture our commitment to walk in your way. In the name and way of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #49 "Ask Me, What Great Thing I Know"

Benediction**Postlude**

***Shame: Service Prayers for the Second Sunday in Lent Year B** was written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbot, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.*