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**Palm &  
Passion  
Sunday**

**March 24,  
2024**

**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.

**Office Hours: Tues – Thurs, 9am-Noon** stjohs401.org  
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**Nursery:** The nursery is open! Please check downstairs and meet with the nursery attendant before leaving your child.

## Maundy Thursday

### 7:00 PM Worship

We remember Jesus' last day before the crucifixion and journey with him to the cross through music and hymns.

## Easter Schedule

**9:00 AM Breakfast** A few more items are needed to make this breakfast complete. Please check the sign up sheet or call the church office.

**9:45 AM Easter Egg Hunt**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**Donations of Eater Candy are welcome. Please bring to the Church Office by Tuesday March 26th.**

**Ma & Paw's Pet Treat Fundraiser**  
*All natural, professionally baked treats*

**Cheddar Cheese & Bacon**  
Ingredients: Barley flour, palm oil, honey, rolled oats, cheddar cheese, flax, coconut oil, natural bacon flavor.

**Peanut Butter**  
Ingredients: Garbanzo bean flour, potato flour, tapioca starch, flaxseed, peanut butter, quinoa, canola oil, whole dried eggs.

**Duck**  
Ingredients: Duck, pea flour, pea protein, chickpea, coconut glycerin, potato flour, flaxseed, cane molasses, salt, lactic acid, natural smoke flavor, mixed tocopherols

**Pumpkin**  
Ingredients: Barley flour, palm oil, honey, rolled oats, pumpkin, oat flour, flax, coconut oil, chia seeds, cinnamon, ginger, allspice and cloves.

**Kitty Kasserole**  
Ingredients (star shape): Chicken, brown rice, pea flour, sweet potato, brewers yeast, pea protein, coconut oil, alfalfa powder, eggshell calcium, sorbic acid, poultry fat  
(fish shape): Whitefish, brown rice, pea flour, sweet potato, brewer's yeast, pea protein, coconut oil, alfalfa powder, eggshell calcium, sorbic acid, poultry fat

**Made in the USA!**

**We are selling Ma and Paw's Pet Treats from now until Easter!**

**Put in an order today or take an order form with you and sell to your family and friends!**

**Place all orders or order forms in Pastor Muriel's mail slot.**

## Mark Your Calendar

- ✚ **April 7th** All feathers, fur and scales are welcome to worship for St. John's **Pet Blessing!** Come support Mike Coons as our guest preacher.
- ✚ **April 14th** St. John's has the great honor of welcoming **musician, Jim Hendricks** as our worship leader and special speaker.
- ✚ **April 20th** Set aside the day for some family fun during the **Prairie Association Meeting** at Pilgrim Park in Princeton, IL!

## You Are Not Alone

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

- AL-ANON Thursdays at 7pm on Zoom **Meeting ID: 3983002123 Passcode: 102964**
- 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.

## Prelude

### Processional Hymn #213 "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

### 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 (Leader Speaks Plain Font, All Speak Bold Font)

People of God, do not be afraid, for your Savior is coming,

**riding on a donkey, daring to raise the branches of liberation.**

Shout your hosannas in the street and in the sanctuary.

**Hosanna in the highest! Our Savior has come to set us free!**

Palm branches and praise mark this day with hope.

**Hosanna, come and save us!**

### Invocation

**Humble God, you have shown us the way to enter all the Jerusalems of this world. You showed us not to enter our lives with fear, but with humility and courage. As we worship this day, we draw upon your example of Jesus on that humble donkey and we raise our palm branches in rejoicing! We raise our voices, shouting along with your people of every age, "Hosanna in the highest!" Come and save us this day, O Jesus of Jerusalem. Amen.**

### Childrens Time

### Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

**Hymn #216 "All Glory, Laud and Honor"****Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

**God of our hosannas, it would be all too easy to embrace a vision of you as entering Jerusalem with all the pomp and circumstance and violence that power provides. And yet, that is not your way and we confess that we often whisper with the ways of fear rather than shout of your liberation for all people. Help us to lay our lives at your feet and welcome you with shouts of joy. Amen.**

**Words of Grace**

Dear ones, embrace this word with courage. Leave your fear behind, for it does not have the last word and does not have to be the donkey you ride in on. God offers you the way of hope, humility, and hosannas. Rest in the assurance that you are forgiven and embraced in God's tender arms of love. Amen.

**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 Mark 11:7-11**

**Sermon "Between the Hallelujahs" Rev. Molly Carlson**

**Moment for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing**

**Announcements****Invitation to Generosity**

The laying down of palm branches in the street is an expression of the hope of God among a desperate people. Today we are invited to lay down our treasure as an outpouring of our gratitude for God's act of salvation in Jesus Christ. Let us give with shouts of hosanna on our lips.

**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.**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

God of the great shouts of hope, just as you received the voices of the crowd upon your entry into Jerusalem, receive these gifts as an expression of our joy and gratitude. Take our voices and our offerings and use them to proclaim your salvation to all people. Amen and Amen.

**Hymn #190 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"****Benediction**

People of God, raise your branches high. Sing with shouts of joy. For Jesus has not only entered the city of Jerusalem, but into the hearts of those who are willing to walk in his ways. Go forth not in fear, but in the courage and hope of God our Creator, Jesus our Brother, and the Holy Spirit our Liberator. Amen.

**Postlude**

***Fear: Service Prayers for Palm/Passion Sunday Year B** was written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.*