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**St.
John's
United
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401 N. Main St.
P. O. Box 794
Belvidere, IL
61008

**March 3,
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.

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.

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 every other 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.

Spring Extravaganza: Saturday, March 16th 11a-3p

12:30p Kid's Egg Hunt, 1:30p Silent Auction Ends,

3:00p Raffle Drawings

LENT

193

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Gal. 6:14

John Bowring, 1825

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, From the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that
o'er the wrecks of time; All the light of

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diancance stream-ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.

John Bowring's goal "to do something which may connect my work with the literature of the age" was attained with this enduring hymn. The gifted Bowring studied 200 languages and wrote extensively in many fields.

Tune: RATHBUN 8.7.8.7.
Ithamar Conkey, 1849
Alternate setting: TOMTER

CHRISTIAN UNITY

400

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7

Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit "Like a Healing Stream" (Verse 1 and 4)

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
 Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
 God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
 promising revival and rebirth like a healing stream.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
 Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
 God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
 God will always challenge and provide! Like a mighty sea.

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)

Into the house of God we are called to enter,
to worship and receive the gift of grace.

As we step towards this sacred space,
we acknowledge all that can distract or exploit.

God calls upon us to cleanse our houses of all that does not find its source in God's love.

Together we give ourselves in worship and right relations with our neighbor. Let us worship God.

Invocation

O God of temples and tables turned over, we enter this sacred space of worship seeking your transformation and healing. Make us ready for the kind of turned upside down world you are seeking to build among us. We have come to this place of worship to be changed, so turn over our tables and make us whole. In the name of Jesus our savior. Amen.

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Childrens Time

Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #193 "In the Cross" Page 9

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Holy God, there are times when we choose to bring our folly and the many reckless ways of exploiting the poor into your house. Sometimes without our even knowing it. And so, when our houses of worship need change or when we have wandered from your ways, help us to turn towards you. Not because of what we can gain from you, but because your love is a gift unearned and unwavering. Grant us your grace, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Words of Grace

God's compassion is deep and wide, from everlasting to everlasting. In seeking to transform this world, God's love reaches towards each of us with a tender embrace. Let this be our assurance this day and always. 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 John 2:13-22

Sermon "Flip this Church"

Easter Bulb Sign-Up

Help make the sanctuary beautiful during Easter morning worship with Spring Bulbs. Bulbs are \$12 each; the deadline is **March 17th**. Please give order form and money to Pastor Muriel. If paying by check, please make it out to St. John's UCC.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Muriel at murielmorley@gmail.com or 815-544-2977

Given By: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____

Mark your choice: _____ Tulip _____ Daffodil _____ Hyacinth

**In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**

**3 Lord, I want to be more holy
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.**

**4 Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

Benediction

Postlude

Transactionalism: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday in Lent Year B was written by The Rev. Dr. Chad Abbott, Conference Minister in the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.

Service of Communion

Consecrating the Elements

Please take the bread as a sign of your personal faith and hold the cup to take with everyone as a sign of our communal faith.

Distribution of Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Moment for Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing

Invitation to Generosity

The richness of God's love extends to all persons and in response to God's abundant compassion, we are invited into a spirit of generosity so that God's love may be known to the very ends of the earth. Let us give generously.

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

O God, whose richness is not found at the tables of those willing to exchange goods for the sake of acquiring earthly riches, but rather is found at the table of extravagant love for neighbor, we entrust these gifts to your care that they may abound in your steadfast love for all persons. Use them for the building of your beloved community here on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Hymn #454 "Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

**1 Lord, I want to be a Christian
in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.**

**2 Lord, I want to be more loving
in my heart, in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.**