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**St.
John's
United
Church
of Christ**



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**May 5,
2024**



T-Shirts

**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.

You Are Not Alone

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

- 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! May 15th Menu: ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, dessert.

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.

Every 3rd Sunday, St. John's Leads services at **Heritage Woods** at 3 pm. Join after their service for time to talk to socialize with their residents and meet some great people.

Fellowship Circle every second Thursday at 1pm. Next gatherings May 9th.

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Mark Your Calendar



✚ **Rummage Sale May 10th 9am-3pm and May 11th 9am-12pm.** Donation can be brought and put into the Workroom off the kitchen.

✚ **Meals on Wheels** May 20-24

✚ **May 26th at 5 PM, Patriotic Concert with Jim Hendricks** Everyone is invited to enjoy this musical celebration. Free will donation will be collected.

Pianist Jim performed has performed with such legends as Dave Brubeck (piano duets), Della Reese, Rita Moreno, The Glenn Miller Orchestra, Tito Puente, Maynard Ferguson, Jack Jones, Louie Bellson, Clark Terry, John Davidson, and many others. Jim has been a featured orchestral soloist performing the piano music of Rachmaninoff, and was granted a music professorship by the age of twenty-five. Hendricks is currently the head of the Piano Division in the Music Department of Chicago State University, and he has performed approximately 1,400 solo piano concerts across the world since 1994.



Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit #283 "Spirit of the Living God"

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

Christ gives us a new commandment:

"Love one another as I have loved you."

When we love one another as Christ has loved us, we will live lives full of joy.

We will live with God's love deep in our hearts.

Let us worship the one who shows us how to love.

Let us worship with joy! Alleluia!

Invocation

Loving God, we remember your Child's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. May this time of prayer and reflection remind us of the love we have in Jesus. As we leave this sacred space, may we be filled with joy as we share his love with others.

Amen.

Hymn #313 "Like A Tree" (Tune: Come O Fount of Every Blessing)

Childrens Time

Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

Hymn #394 "In Christ There is ne East or West"

Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Jesus, our sibling and friend, we confess that we do not always love one another. Our divisions and disagreements so often prevent us from knowing the joy of meaningful relationships. Even as we seek to follow your example, we forget that we are chosen and appointed by you to bring hope to a weary world. Help us renew our focus and live by your will...that we may follow you with joy in our hearts.
Amen.

Words of Grace

Jesus no longer calls us servants, but friends. Each relationship is a new opportunity to abide in Christ's love, and a reminder that we can start again.

We are forgiven. 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.**

**Scripture 1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17**

Sermon "Demonstrate Love"

Moment for Mission Strengthen the Church

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

Loving God, we remember that one of Christ's most important commandments is loving one another. With these gifts, help us show this love in our words and actions, caring for the vulnerable and offering hope in times of despair. Amen.

Hymn #506 "What a Friend"

Benediction

Postlude

Chosen and Appointed: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B
was written by Rev. Jacob Nault, Pastor of Union-Congregational Church in Waupun, WI. He also works alongside the UCC's Disabilities Ministries Board to provide music, liturgy, and other resources on issues of disability justice.