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Words of Grace

We are loved and we are forgiven. Let us god and do likewise.

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 Philippians 4:4-13

Sermon "Rejoice"

Invitation to Generosity

Moment for Mission One Great Hour of Sharing

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 Dedication

Generous God, bless these gifts and use them in the building of our faith. Amen

Hymn #197 "Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross"

Benediction

Postlude



Amazon List



General Giving

St. John's United Church of Christ

P.O. Box 794, 401 N Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008

Sunday Christian Education 9am Worship 10:30
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- ♣ Spring Eggstravaganza Saturday, March 22nd 11am-2pm. Have any potential vendors contact Pastor Muriel. Volunteer sign up is in the Narthex.
- Today, St. John's leads services at Heritage Woods at 3 pm. Join after their service for time to socialize with the residents and meet some great people.
- **Blessing Box** Always welcoming food and those in need.
- ₱ Paper Angel Closet needs women's deoderant, bleach, shampoo, and dish soap.
- ♣ Menards Ministry: If you have unused Menards rebates, or even receipts. We use these rebates for projects around the church.
- Open Door Fundraiser: We are still collecting money to upgrade our parking lot doors. Our goal is to collect enough money to automate the doors and make it a double entry to hold the temperature in the office area.
- The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at 7pm. Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 11am

Greeting

- ♦ WELCOME VISITORS! Thank you for coming! Please sign a pew card to place in the offering plate.
- Nursery: Children are welcome in all aspects of worship. The nursery provides an alternative space so kids and parents can both get what they need from worship. Children are encouraged to check in with their adult before going downstairs with the nursery attendant.

Prayers of Joy or Concern

Question & Answer Session

Inviting in online Community

Prelude

Announcements

Choral Introit "Lord, I offer my Life to You"
Lord, I offer my life to You,
Everything I've been through,
use it for your glory;
Lord, I offer my days to You,
lifting my praise to You as a pleasing sacrifice.
Lord I offer You my life.

Responsive Welcome Statement

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!

Breath Prayer

Hymn #89 "Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

Statements of Belief

Do You believe in God?

We believe in God.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

We believe in the Holy Spirit.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

We believe in Jesus Christ.

Children's Time "What to do with Hurt"

Pastoral Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

Go forth and act thusly.

Hymn #23 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Prayer for Transformation and New Life
Merciful God, as you are a God of Justice, may
we be your Children of Justice. As you protect
the vulnerable may we protect the vulnerable. as
you have forgiven us, may we forgive. As you
have loved us, may we love. Transform us, God,
into vessels of your peace.