

St. John's United Church of Christ

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

WORSHIP: When reading this bulletin Leader Speaks Plain Font, Everyone Speak Bold Font

Nursery: There is no nursery attendant today so everyone is able to participate in Communion. Kids are welcome to quietly play in the back of the sanctuary or have their adult join them in the nursery.

You Are Not Alone

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

- The Belvidere Group (AA) meets at everyday at 7pm. Women's Group meets Mondays 5:30pm
- T.O.P.S. Mondays 11am



Delicious Fundraiser



Amazon List



T-Shirts

Building Up a New World – Cast the Net: Service Prayers for Easter 3C was written by Dr. Sharon R. Fennema, who serves as Join the Movement toward Racial Justice Curator with UCC National Ministries.

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to drink together as a sign of our communion faith.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Invitation to Generosity

Mission Moment 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 Dedication

For the bread broken and shared, for the nourishment of each other,

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Thanks be to God.

For dignity and belovedness, for the blessing of together,

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Thanks be to God.

For the abundance of love that the world cannot take away.

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings. Thanks be to God.

Hymn #253 "Yours is the Glory"

Benediction

Postlude

Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer**Hymn #250 "Listen to Your Savior Call"****Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Generous Creator, forgive us when we believe
the lies that scarcity tells us:
if they just worked harder...
I've earned everything I have...
there won't be enough if I share...
I have to protect what's mine...
safety comes from holding on to what I have...
I can't count on anyone but myself...
Gracious Redeemer, teach us to cast our nets
differently.

Words of Grace

The Abundant Spirit opens before us the ways of
flourishing: the impulse to share is our birthright
dignity and justice belong to us all there is more
when we contribute to each other's wholeness to-
gether, we keep us safe flourishing for all is possible
together
Praise God who loves us into a thriving new life!

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 John 21:1-19

Sermon "Cast the Nets"

Service of Communion**Blessing and Sharing the Elements**

*All are invited to participate in this Holy symbol of Communion. You are
invited to eat the as a sign of your own personal faith and hold the cup*

Prelude**Announcements**

Wednesday May 7th, 9-Noon

Community Garden Opening Day! Bring your garden
gloves and join us for a big planting day as we kick off
a season of growing with our community COAR team.

Saturday May 10th, 9-Noon

Plant Swap: Free to attend, Sales welcome, Bring your own
table

Cloth Recycling with KNIB: Take everything from clothing,
shoes, bedding, stuffed animals, luggage and more!

Sunday, May 25th, 5:00 pm- 7:00 pm

**Memorial Day Banquet and Concert with Concert Pianist
Jim Hendricks:**

Tickets Adults \$15 Kids \$10

Sunday, May 18th, 10:30am

Pet Blessing: Bring your pet to worship and have them
blessed. Pictures are welcome if your pet cannot come.

Wednesday, May 21st, 5:00pm

Community Meal: Free meal to ALL come and enjoy time
and food with neighbors.

*****Church needs Postage Stamps and Paper towels*****

Choral Introit "He Is Exalted"

The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted
And I will praise His name!
He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high.

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign.
Heaven and earth

**Rejoice in His holy name.
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high.**

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!

Call to Worship

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way...John 21:1

You'd think, by now, we would get used to him showing up like this

**inviting us to cast the net deeper and wider
showing us the way to abundance is leaning into new possibilities**

We are starting to open ourselves to these hauntings,

encouraging us to share what we have and watch it multiply showing us the way to flourishing is together

We are learning to recognize this ghost asking about love

**calling us to tend and nourish each other
showing us the way to new life is new solidarities**

You'd think, by now we would get used to Jesus in our midst

welcoming us to the worship that is love in action showing us the way to transformation is mutual belovedness

Let us worship God, because we know in our bones, everywhere we turn, it is the Lord!

Centering Prayer

Take a moment to choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to open to God's resurrecting presence and action within. You could use words like: abundance, sharing, full, feed, tend, love

Take a few deep breaths and let your body mind and spirit settle into prayer. In the silence, call to mind the sacred word you chose. If other thoughts interrupt, return gently to your sacred word. Notice what the Holy may be offering you in this moment.

[Pause]

With gratitude for the presence of God's resurrecting spirit in and among us, and acting through us, we offer our prayers. Amen.

Hymn #237 "In the Garden"

Affirmation of Faith #886

Children's Time "What's With the Goldfish?!"