

Our Second Mile offering for this the 5th Sunday of August goes to our Pastor's Discretionary Fund. In recent months, this money has been used to help with rent, cover a utility bill, cover emergency hotel expenses and pay for an American Sign Language (ASL) course.

Pastors' Discretionary Fund



Housing



Food



Medical



Utilities



Clothing



Repairs

Worship with St. John's United Church of Christ

I TOTALLY GET PETER. WHO WANTS SOMEONE AS NICE AS JESUS TO GO THROUGH ALL THAT?



WWW.AGNUSDAY.ORG

IT'S A PARADOX. WE WANT TO HONOR JESUS, BUT WHEN WE TRY TO DENY HIS SUFFERING, IT'S ACTUALLY AN OFFENCE!



I GUESS IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD, YOU'VE GOT TO BE A LITTLE HEADSTRONG!



MATTHEW 16:21-28

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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 Romans 12: 9-21
Matthew 16: 21-28

SERMON "Live-giving and cross-bearing"

MOMENT FOR MISSION – Pastor's Discretionary Fund

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

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 FOR THE OFFERING**

God, bless these gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We
thank you for everything that you provide to us each
and every day. May we use these gifts to your glory.
Amen.

HYMN #454 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

BENEDICTION

Prayers and Responses adapted from:

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/lessons-in-leadership/week-2-fourteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a/week-2-fourteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-a-lessons-in-leadership-liturgical-resources>

PRELUDE**ANNOUNCEMENTS****CHORAL INTROIT "They'll Know We Are Christians"**

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

Chorus

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's
pride.

Chorus**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,