

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

**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

**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 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

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

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.**

Chorus

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



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Scripture

Psalm 23
John 10: 1-10

Sermon "To Boldly Go"

Invitation to Generosity– Leader
Moment for Mission– Habitat for Humanity

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– unison

Faithful Shepherd, who calls us by name, you invite us into a life that is rich in meaning, deep in joy, and bold in compassion. You speak, and we long to follow—although the world is noisy and the path unclear. In this moment of offering, we quiet our hearts to listen again. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. May they be used to bring abundance to others, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the lost, and to proclaim your voice of love. In coming and going, in worship and service, make us more like Christ, in whose name we give and pray. Amen.

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Benediction**Postlude**

Worship resources adapted from: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning>

Prelude**Announcements****Choral Introit– "Like A Healing Stream"**

Like a healing stream, in a barren desert
Spirit water springing 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 gentle rain, on a thirsty garden, Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed, God is bubbling through our soil to coax a new creation, yearning for an end to want and need like a gentle rain.

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– Responsively

Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

We gather to worship and to find shelter, to learn to trust our Shepherd's voice to guide us to safety and provide for us in all things.

We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.

Opening Prayer– unison

Loving Shepherd, you know our names; you care for us. When we face darkness and death, journey be side us. When we hunger for your love, fill us with your presence. When we are fearful, feed us at your table. May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. Amen.

Hymn #349– I Come With Joy**A New Creed #887****Young and Young at Heart Time****Pastoral Prayer – The Lord's Prayer****Hymn #252– Savior Like a Shepherd****Prayer of Confession- unison**

God of wisdom,
**we confess the foolishness of our ways,
 and our failure to follow you in your paths of
 right relationships –
 with you and with others.
 We have gone astray; we feel lost.
 We have upheld our own interests first, to the
 detriment of others.
 We have failed to be generous with the poor
 and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.
 We feel the stains of our sins, God;
 have mercy on us according to your steadfast
 love.
 Wash the sinfulness out of us
 and help us to live more faithfully as your serv-
 ants.
 We seek your unfailing Lordship
 and ask for your guiding hand on our lives.
 You are the immortal, invisible One;
 to you be honor and glory forever; amen.**

A time of silence for personal confession

Words of Grace– Leader

Merciful and loving God,
 we thank you for never losing hope for us.
 When we are lost, you are there on the lookout for
 us, bringing us back to you like the good shepherd
 that you are. Your Word tells us of the joy in heaven
 that awaits us. May this joy flow into our lives each
 day, and be faithfully reflected into the world around
 us. Thanks be to God, our Great Shepherd.

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.**