

## **Announcements**

- † **Rummage Sale** - Friday, April 24th 9am to 4pm and Saturday the 25th, 9am –1pm. Donations will be accepted until Wednesday the 23rd.
- † **Worship at Heritage Woods** every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3pm.
- † **Coffee Hour** every first Sunday of the month at 9:30am
- † **Fellowship Meal** every second Sunday of the month after worship.
- † **The Belvidere Group (AA)** meets at everyday at 7pm.
- † **Chair and Mat Yoga** with Katherine Ray is going weekly! Chair yoga at 10 AM and mat yoga at 11:30 AM. No RSVP required and classes are \$5.
- † **Sunday School for Adults and Kids** Sundays at 9am. Check out the upcoming curriculum options for more studies.
- † **Community Meal** 3rd Wednesday of each month.
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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:** 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.

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to let people know what St. General Giving  
John's needs for our office and different min-  
istries like the Paper Angel Closet and Com-  
munity Meals. It is always changing. Check it  
out.



**Tea & Coffee**

St. John's also has two ongo-  
ing fundraisers where you can  
order items and have them de-  
livered right to your door with a  
portion of the proceeds sup-  
porting our ministries.



T-Shirts

**Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God, above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING**

Generous God, we pray that these gifts will bring glory to your name and bless your creation through good stewardship, Spirit-led discernment, and generous love. Amen.

### **HYMN #471 "What a Covenant" (Verses 1 and 3)**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

### ***Going On: Service Prayers for the Third Sunday in***

**Easter Year A** was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **CHORAL INTROIT "I Love You, Lord"**

**I love you, Lord  
And I lift my voice to worship You,  
O my soul rejoice.  
Take joy my King in what You hear,  
May it be a sweet, sweet, sound  
in Your ear.**

### **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 (inspired by Psalm 116)**

We call upon the name of the Holy One who hears our cry and responds to our prayer. What shall we return to the Holy One for all the blessings we receive?

**We will call upon the name of the Holy One for as**

**long as we live.**

The Holy One has been our Companion in suffering and our Comforter in anguish. What shall we return to the Holy One for their presence among us?

**We will serve the Holy One and be companions and comforters for God's people.**

The Holy One has given a new covenant of salvation, redemption, and restoration for the world. What shall we return to the Holy One for the gift of covenantal love?

**We will declare the goodness of God with praise and thanksgiving. Hallelujah! Bless the name of the Holy One!**

**HYMN #250 "Listen to Your Savior Call"****INVOCATION**

**Living God, you are the fire that burns within us. You open our hearts to your presence, revealed in word and song, in hospitality and friendship, in sacrament and presence. Open our minds again so that we may recognize you when you meet us in unexpected moments. Let us encounter you in every phase and movement of worship that we might know you and love you more than before we gathered. And, may that love burn brightly like the sun cutting through the gloom of the storm to inspire us to go on with renewed hope and spirit. Amen.**

**YOUNG & YOUNG AT HEART TIME****PASTORAL PRAYER~ THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN #234 "I'll Shout the Name of Christ who Lives"**  
(Tune: "Lift up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates")

**PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION & NEW LIFE**

**Spirit of the Living God, we ask you to meet us in those moments when we recognize that we have**

**caused, through action or inaction, through words or silence, through participation or lack of participation, that we have caused or allow harm to take place. In those moments, allow our hearts to break in order to be mended with the burning fire of repentance and sharpening. In those moments, let our hearts cry, "what should we do?" In those moments, guide us to wisdom and discernment, Holy Spirit, so that we would not only be forgiven but gifted with the work of repair and restoration. Amen.**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE****WORDS OF GRACE**

Beloved, the Holy Spirit continues to be our present companion. When we seek them, the Spirit responds with wisdom, hope, and peace. Be encouraged that the Holy One awaits to meet us where we are in order to journey with us to where we could be for the glory of God and the good of the world.

**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** Luke 24:13-35 NRSVUE

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON** "Going On"

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY****MOMENT FOR MISSION~ Habitat for Humanity****DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, through whom all blessings flow,**