



# St. John's United Church of Christ

November 14, 2021

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## CHORAL INTROIT

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Liturgist)

A friendly welcome to all! No matter who you are or where you are on your life's journey, you are welcome here.

## BELLS TO WELCOME THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

## PRELUDE

*"La Caroline"*

Carl P. E. Bach

## OPENING WORDS (Liturgist)

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *(from Psalm 146)*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Liturgist and People)

Liturgist: Come to this time of worship by the new and living way in Christ Jesus.

**People: We come with true hearts in full assurance of our faith.**

Liturgist: Come with joyful expectation.

**People: We gather in full confidence in the gospel's promise.**

Liturgist: Let us praise God together and open ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: We work each day to bear witness to your justice through our ministries. While the journey towards true peace that lies ahead is long, our incremental steps continue to take us closer to that promised day. Renew in us the strength, faith and courage we need**

**to persevere so that the promised day will come when your will will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #47** *"Praise to the Living God"* Red Hymnal

**SCRIPTURE READING** (Liturgist) Ruth 4:13-17

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Rev. Don Crist

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **SILENT PREPARATION FOR LISTENING**

We invite you to use these few moments of silence to welcome the Inner Teacher to speak to you as Pastor Don shares the morning message. Children are welcome to leave during the silence and return for the children's communion.

**SERMON** *"Coincidentally!"* Rev. Don Crist

### **OFFERTORY INVITATION** (Liturgist)

Our offering is a faith statement. By offering our treasure to God, we believe that what we do here in this church does make a difference in this world and that by this offering we will hasten the day when the lame shall leap for joy, the blind shall see, and that scarcity and deprivation will exist only in our memories.

**OFFERTORY** *"Allegro"* W. A. Mozart

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **\*DEDICATION PRAYER** (In Unison)

**We return a portion of what we have received from you, O God, in gratitude for all that you have bestowed upon us. Bless this offering. Grant that it may continue to sustain and support the ministries of this church to bring the light of Christ into this community and the world beyond. Amen.**

# SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## A MOMENT FOR CHILDREN INCLUDING COMMUNION

If there are children in worship this morning, will they please come forward with their parents for communion with Pastor Don. After communion, we will all sing together:

**Jesus loves the little children,  
All the children of the world.  
Red and yellow, black and white,  
They are precious in his sight.  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

**ANTHEM** (Women's Choir)      *"Come to the Table"*      Shafferman and Kupferschmid

**INVITATION** (Pastor and People)

*The following liturgy was adapted from one used by the Congregational Church in Malone, New York.*

**Pastor:** Let us gather around the table with the offerings of bread and drink upon it, and the promise of the living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery. Come!

**People: We are ready.**

**Pastor:** Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

**People: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!**

**Pastor:** We remember on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus offered his disciples bread in thanksgiving and said:

**People: "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."**

**Pastor:** In the same way, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said:

**People: "Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."**

**Pastor:** Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the Mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread...

**People: We participate in the new life Christ gives.**

**Pastor:** These are the gifts for the people of God. Come for all things are ready!

## SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper in the pews. Please hold the elements until all are served and we can eat and drink together.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (In Unison)

**Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and the lonely, to heal broken souls, to free prisoners and to make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our savior. Amen.**

\*HYMN #393

*"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"*

Black Hymnal

## BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*"Minuet"*

L. Mozart

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## ***Serving Us Today***

***Disciples:*** All Members

***Altar Decoration:*** Becky Pierce

***Minister:*** Pastor Don Crist

***Audio Visual:*** Chris Reed

***Liturgist:*** Mike Beamish

***Choir Director:*** Becky Pierce

***Head Usher:*** Mike Beamish

***Communion:*** Lori Rademachir

***Organist:*** Ginny Beamish

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***God is still speaking,***

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

**Carol Justice Wilson** (Pastor Don's sister) - please pray for Carol as she continues to grieve the loss of her husband Dale Wilson.

**Butch Berry** (brother-in-law of Joyce Heffelfinger) - is back in the hospital. Please pray for his healing.

**Barb Neer** - is more "settled in" now, eating well, and exercising. She would greatly appreciate cards sent to her at Coventry Meadows Rm.118, 7833 W. Jefferson Blvd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46804.

**The Heffelfinger Family** - The Heffelfinger family is in need of our prayers. **Joyce** is having severe problems with her leg, **Rodger** is recovering from cataract surgery and **Tracy** had emergency disk surgery this week.

**The Wolfe Family & Des Wolfe** - prayers for the Wolfe family after the passing of Jean and for Des as he recovers from hip surgery. Cards for Des can be sent to Linda Wolfe at 502 Lincoln Ave. in Troy.

**Dorothy (Dot) Thompson** (sister of Earl Reives) - please continue to pray for Dorothy as she recovers from surgery.

**Janet Walpole** - is doing well, with some help at home. Please continue to send her cards at 774 Trade Square West, Troy, OH 45373.

**Beulah Bowers** - Prayers for general health. Cards and visits would be greatly appreciated. Please call first: 937-335-7626. 1220 N Dorset, Troy OH 45373.

**Louanne Stockstill** - Louanne is in a care center and welcomes prayers and cards. Please send to 213 Bon Air Drive, Sidney, OH 45365

**Em Finney** (sister of Ginny Beamish); **Scott, Logan, Erika, and Brianna Wilson**

### In Need of Prayer?

Please don't hesitate to reach out to Pastor Don if there is a matter on your heart or if you'd just like a compassionate ear. His number is 607-972-6745 and email is [decrist@earthlink.net](mailto:decrist@earthlink.net).

Please call Nancy Smith (937-440-9129) or Betty Schaffner (937-335-6713) with any new or updated prayer requests.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sunday School Topics - November**

November 21 - On Seeds and Spaghetti - Building on good soil

November 28 - Joy in the Morning - Looking on the bright side

### **November 18, Singing Bowls**

You are invited to sit back and unwind as Colleen plays the Tibetan singing bowls. What a lovely way to slow down as we head into the holiday season. Join us in the Gathering Place Thursday, November 18, 6-6:30 p.m. Love offering.

### **Partners in Hope Christmas Shop Donations**

It is almost time for the annual Partners in Hope Christmas Shop, and we have been designated a Collection Site for toys for children and gifts for seniors. Please bring to the designated box in the narthex any new, unwrapped toys or full size toiletry items (shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, toothpaste, deodorant) no later than November 28. Partners in Hope is also accepting gift cards in amounts up to \$50 for Walmart, Kroger, Meijer, Amazon, and Kohl's, along with \$5 stocking-stuffer cards to local restaurants, coffee shops and businesses. Please direct any questions to Mike Beamish, our representative on the Partners in Hope Board.