



St. John's United Church of Christ July 3, 2022

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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

Fantasy on "Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Alice Jordan

OPENING WORDS (Liturgist): Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His inheritance. (Psalm 33:12)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Litany for the Nation, from the Book of Common Prayer)

Liturgist: Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

People: Heal us.

Liturgist: We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

People: Forgive us.

Liturgist: We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

People: Inspire us.

Liturgist: We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

People: Enlighten us.

Liturgist: We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

People: Renew us.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison):

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. Amen.

***HYMN: #68** "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" (Red Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist) Galatians 5: 1, 13-15, 22-25

A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES:

Ginny will be leading us all in the singing of some children's songs. Children age 5 and under are invited to gather together in the Sunday School area at the conclusion of this time.

PASTORAL PRAYER **Mike Beamish**

THE LORD'S PRAYER: (In Unison)

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Czárdás" by V. Monti Isaac Gluck, Violin

SILENT PREPARATION FOR LISTENING

We invite you to use these few moments of silence to welcome the Inner Teacher to speak to you as the Beamishes share the morning message.

SERMON "What Were They Thinking?" **The Beamishes**

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

Jesus invites us to follow him in all ways, including the use and sharing of our resources. An accounting of our time, talent, and treasure that reflects our active citizenship in the kingdom brings glory to the Holy One.

OFFERTORY "This Is My Country" **Al Jacobs**

***DOXOLOGY: (In Unison)**

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

***DEDICATION PRAYER: (In Unison)**

Creator, bless these gifts that we bring to this community and the world. May our time be used preciously, our treasure shared faithfully, and our talents demonstrated gloriously in your name. Amen.

***HYMN: #61** "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" (Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION **Mike Beamish**

POSTLUDE "Liberty Bell March" **J.P. Sousa**

Serving Us Today

Disciples:	All Members	Organist:	Ginny Beamish
Speakers:	Beamish Family	Altar Decoration:	Becky Pierce
Liturgist:	Caroline Maslowski	Audio Visual:	Chris Reed
Head Usher:	Mike Beamish	Choir Director:	Becky Pierce

Guest Musician

Today we welcome Isaac Gluck back to St. John's. Isaac is a recent graduate of Troy High School and will be heading to Wright State University to further his education. He has chosen to major in Biochemistry and minor in Music. He has been playing the violin for 14 years. He has one brother and two dogs, and his favorite season is summer. Thank you, Isaac, for once again sharing your musical talents with us.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today, Sunday, July 3 rd	9:30am	Worship
Monday, July 4 th	Church office is closed. Happy 4th of July!	
Saturday, July 9 th	11:00am-1pm	Nancy Nadolny Memorial Visitation, service at 1pm

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Pastor Don is usually in the office from Wednesdays thru Fridays (half-days). Also by appointment.

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God is Still Speaking,

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Mindy Adams: Please pray for health and strength for Mindy, friend of Joyce Heffelfinger. Mindy has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Bethel and Brent Adkins: Brent is now home and his continuing his rehabilitation there, with an emphasis on gaining strength and gaining some of his weight back. All in all, he's continuing to progress well! Continued prayers are welcome. Also, cards can be sent to Bethel and Brent at their home at 1025 Cloverdale Drive, Troy.

Em Finney: Please continue to pray for Ginny Beamish's sister, Em, as she continues to battle health issues.

Michael Ham: Please pray for Michael as he continues to struggle with serious health issues.

Pam, niece of Joyce Heffelfinger: Please keep Pam in your prayers as she's very ill and hospitalized.

Nancy Smith: Nancy has been admitted to Kettering Medical Center after suffering a stroke. Please keep Nancy and her family in your prayers.

Joe Valentine: Please pray for Barb Bartel's son, Joe, as he continues to struggle with family issues.

Janet Walpole: Please continue pray for Janet's improvement.

Erika, Logan and Brianna Wilson: Please pray for Sharon's grandchildren that they may know the love, peace and grace of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Remember our homebound in your thoughts and prayers. Cards are welcome:

Barb Bartel: 4675 Orbison Rd., Troy, OH. 45373

Beulah Bowers: 1220 N. Dorset, Troy, OH 45373

Carletta Gritzmaker: 2896 West Main Street, Troy, OH 45373

Joan Meredith: Garbry Ridge Room #103, 1567 Garbry Road, Piqua, OH 45356

Janet Walpole: c/o The Lindley Inn, 9000 Hocking Hills Dr, Room#144, The Plains, OH 45780

Please note: Updates and/or amendments to the prayer list are appreciated. Typically, prayer requests will be removed after 4 weeks. If you or a loved one needs to remain on the list, please contact Betty Schaffner at 937-335-6713. Thank you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Strengthen the Church

Today we receive our Strengthen the Church special offering. This is the third of five of our Special Mission Offerings through which we demonstrate our support of the success and sustainability of the United Church of Christ's national ministries. Strengthen the Church monies are used for projects addressing clergy burnout, conflict management, fair compensation, re-forming, re-imagining, and re-creating community, just to name a few. More information is available at <https://www.ucc.org/giving/ways-to-give/our-churchs-wider-mission/strengthen-the-church/>. Your gifts may be included in the special Strengthen the Church envelopes you will find in the narthex, or you may indicate your gift on the fourth line of your regular giving envelope.

Nancy Nadolny Memorial Service

The Memorial Service for Nancy is now scheduled for July 9th. Visitation with the family will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm with the service starting at 1:00pm.

Women's Fellowship

On July 13th, Women's Fellowship will be visiting the Lincoln Community Center. Please meet at the church at 12:45pm. Will go to Ducky's for ice cream after the tour.

Block Party

Mark your calendars for August 2nd 5pm-8pm for our block party. This event is part of our summer outreach program to meet our neighbors. We will need lots of help to make this happen so we're looking for volunteers. Please talk to Lori, Ashley, or Mary Ann to sign up.

Community Picnic

Partners in Hope is hosting a community picnic on July 28th 5:30pm-7:30pm at the brick shelter house at Troy City Park. In case of rain, this event will be rescheduled to August 4th.

Partners in Hope

Partners in Hope have school supplies available for up to 100 children grades K-12 with a Troy address if you know of a family in need. They may sign up during walk-in hours at 180 E Race St, Troy through July 29th.

Tour de Donut in August

This year's Tour De Donut will be held on Saturday morning, August 27th. Our Donut Stop will once again be at the Elizabeth Township House located at 5760 Walnut Grove-Clark County Road. We need about 10-20 folks to help set up tables, hand out donuts, count donuts and clean up once the bikers have moved on. We typically need to arrive between 7:30 – 8:00am and should be finished shortly after 11:00am. This is always a great time and a great way to showcase St. John's hospitality to cyclers from both near and far. If you'd like to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.