



## St. John's United Church of Christ July 10, 2022

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please stand, if you are able.

### 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

"A Shining Light" arr. K. Agioritis

Flutes Etcetera

### OPENING WORDS (Liturgist)

O my God, in you we trust, lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.  
(adapted from Psalm 25: 2, 5)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist:* We cry out to God for the help we need. How will we know we have been heard?

**People: God stands with us through life's trials and temptations. God sends visions of new possibilities.**

*Liturgist:* Here we stand watch for God's appearing. Together we seek a presence and aspire after truth.

**People: Surely God is in this place and will give us understanding. God is recalling us to the values we have neglected.**

*Liturgist:* God's righteousness is everlasting, and God's law is truth. Listen to all God would teach us; hear God's law which is truth.

**People: We seek to grow in faith and in love for one another. We seek to learn to do good and to work for justice.**

**\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)**

**Divine Builder, you set our standards and foundation. Make your presence known to us as we gather before you. Let this community reflect your body and your vision. Fortify us with all truth and strengthen us with your abundant love. Enliven our senses and stir our being as we worship you as the people you have crafted to build alongside you. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #22** "Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped" (Black Hymnal)

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

**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** Rev. Don Crist

**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** "Nearer My God to Thee" David Warin Solomons Flutes Etcetera

**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.

**SERMON** "Freedom's Restraint" Rev. Don Crist

**OFFERTORY INVITATION** (Liturgist)

The gifts of God come generously and abundantly. We hold, nurture, and amplify them as they are entrusted to our care. We respond faithfully by sharing them for the good of community and creation. In this act of faith and trust, we transform our resources of time, talent, and finances into the good news in the world.

**OFFERTORY** "Allegretto" Ludwig van Beethoven

**\*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)**

**We give you thanks, God Our Help, for the abundance of the gifts you have planted in us as seeds that we may share in bloom. May these offerings be received and magnified for your glory.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN**

If there are children in worship this morning, we invite them to come to the front for a few moments with Pastor Don. It is important that children know that they, too, are welcome at Christ's communion table.

**\*COMMUNION HYMN: #214 "For the Bread, Which Thou Hast Broken" (Red Hymnal)**

**MOMENTS OF QUIET REFLECTION "My Lord What a Morning" Ricky Lombardo Flutes Etcetera**

*Liturgist:* We come to the Lord's supper together as children of our one God. Jesus makes the guest list, not us. Our family, chosen by God, is gathered from west to east, and includes everyone, even the lowest and the least. Jesus, when he was resurrected from the dead, revealed himself to his disciples in the breaking of the bread around the table. May we see the face of God today as we come to the Lord's Supper.

**SHARING THE BREAD**

*Pastor:* On the night he was handed over, the night before he was crucified, Jesus gathered with his friends for a meal. He took the bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, saying, "This is my body, which is broken for you. As often as you eat it, remember me."

*Liturgist:* Let us pray together before we share the bread:

***People:* Jesus, as we take this bread, let it be a sign of all you did for us, and who you are for us. Thank you for this bread of life.**

**PASSING THE CUP**

*Pastor:* After sharing the bread, Jesus took the cup of wine, and gave it to them to drink, saying, "This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for many."

*Liturgist:* Let us pray together before we share the cup:

***People:* Jesus, as we drink this cup, let it be a sign for us of all you did for us, and who you are for us. Thank you that you bring us peace that passes understanding.**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

Jesus, through your death and resurrection you reconciled the world to God, and through your example you have shown us a way to peace. Give us strength as the people of God to be channels of peace in the world, speaking your peace, living your peace, and always longing for that moment of eternal peace when we shall see you again. Amen.

**\*HYMN: #252** "Once to Every Man and Nation" (Red Hymnal)

**BENEDICTION** Rev. Don Crist

**POSTLUDE** "Two Ecosaisies" Franz Schubert

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**Serving Us Today**

<b>Disciples:</b>	All Members	<b>Organist:</b>	Ginny Beamish
<b>Minister:</b>	Rev. Don Crist	<b>Altar Decoration:</b>	Becky Pierce
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Mike Beamish	<b>Audio Visual:</b>	Chris Reed
<b>Head Usher:</b>	Mike Beamish	<b>Choir Director:</b>	Becky Pierce

**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today, Sunday, July 10th	9:30am	Worship
Monday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Trustee Meeting
Wednesday, July 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am 12:45pm	Membership Outreach meeting Ladies Fellowship meeting at the church

**Special Music**

Today we welcome Flutes Etcetera to our worship service. Their members are Brenda Abels, Emily Feeser, Angela Requarth, Carolyn Rowland, and Stephanie Strope. They have been playing harmonious flute music for several years around the area. Thanks, ladies, for sharing your talents with us today.

## **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. He's continuing to progress well! Continued prayers are welcome.

**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 passed away Thursday July7th. Please keep her family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements are pending.

**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 Gritmaker:** 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.**

God is Still Speaking,

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Women's Fellowship**

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## **Block Party**

Mark your calendars for August 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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## **Community Picnic**

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

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## **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 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Tour De Donut**

This year's Tour De Donut will be held on Saturday morning, August 27<sup>th</sup>. 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