



St. John's United Church of Christ July 17, 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Gospel Medley"
"Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

Back to School

OPENING WORDS (Liturgist)

Your way, O God, is holy. What God is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders!
(adapted from Psalm 77:13-14)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Let us gather in spirit and truth to worship the Holy One!

***People:* We come as green olive trees, fragrant with life and vibrancy.**

Liturgist: Let us praise the God who reveals, questions, and listens.

***People:* We come as green olive trees, ripe with possibilities.**

Liturgist: Let us give thanks for God's abiding and faithful love.

***People:* We come as green olive trees, proclaiming the goodness of God and creation.**

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Divine Gardener, we need your care and nurture. Fertilize our soil and our souls. Plant seeds of wisdom, inspiration, and discernment. Prune us today for more abundance tomorrow. Refresh us with living water. Revive us again. Amen.

***HYMN: #49** "Ask Me What Great Thing I know" (Black Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist) II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

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.

MUSIC "O Magnify the Lord" Melodie & Dick Tunney

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 "My One Desire" Rev. Don Crist

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

Colossians 1:18 reminds us that Jesus is the head of the church and first in all things. May we place Christ first as we share the gifts we have been given.

OFFERTORY "Andantino" Joseph Haydn

***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.

***HYMN: #225** "Jesus, I Live to Thee" (Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION Rev. Don Crist

POSTLUDE "Moderato" Joseph Haydn

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Serving Us Today

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

SPECIAL MUSIC

Today we welcome the Back to School Barbershop Quartet back to St. John's. Their members are Gary Roeth, Ron Ventura, Dale McKinney, and Jim Riley. They are part of the Melody Men Chorus, and have been singing together for several years. Thanks, Gentlemen, for sharing your talents with us this morning.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today, Sunday, July 17th	9:30am	Worship
Monday, July 18 th	6:00pm	Council Meeting

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 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

Food for the Needy

Membership Outreach is collecting food for the needy through the month of July. Donations can be made in the barrel in the narthex.

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

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.

God is Still Speaking,