

## **Serving Us Today**

**Disciples:** All Members

**Organist:** Ginny Beamish

**Minister:** Don Crist

**Altar Decoration:** Becky Pierce

**Liturgist:** Mike Beamish

**Head User:** Mike Beamish

**Choir Director:** Becky Pierce

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

Today, Sunday, September 18 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
Monday, September 19th	6:00pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday, September 21st	10:00am	History Team
	4:30pm	Ministry & Worship
Saturday, September 24 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Church Picnic @ Troy Community Park

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**God is Still Speaking,**



**September 18, 2022**

**“What Are You  
Wearing?”**

**St. John's United Church of Christ**

**130 S Walnut St**

**Troy, OH 45373**

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**Pastor Don Crist**

## 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** "Partita on 'St. Anne'" Robert J. Hughes

### OPENING WORDS (Liturgist)

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:14

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Be strong in the Lord!*

**People: We realize that our strength actually comes from the Lord and that it flows through us as we go into action.**

*Liturgist: Stand firm in the Lord!*

**People: We realize that with the Lord's help we can stand firm and proceed, even when our paths are twisty or dim or strewn with challenging hurdles.**

*Liturgist: Take up the shield of faith!*

**People: We realize that our faith protects us from the negativity and pessimism of those who would hinder our progress toward harmony and unity.**

*Liturgist: Pray in all situations and on all occasions!*

**People: We realize that prayer is our lifeline to the Lord and our connection to the Lord's blessings.**

**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.**



## **PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

**Jeff Shaw:** Please keep Joyce Swank and her family in prayers as they grieve her cousin.

**McKenzie Gibbons** (age 5) daughter of David and Kirsten Gibbons, granddaughter of Barb and John Gibbons had extensive throat and palate reconstruction surgery August 19<sup>th</sup>. Prayers are needed throughout her long recovery.

**Dot Thompson:** Please pray for Earl Reives' sister who home from the hospital and continuing to gain strength.

**Wayne Cunningham:** Please pray for Stephanie Strobe's father. The cancer that he previously battled and defeated has metastasized into the bone and liver. He is now facing a very aggressive chemo regimen.

**Brent Adkins:** Please continue to pray for Brent's improvement.

**Fred Finney:** Ginny Beamish's brother is no longer at Cleveland Clinic and is now in a rehab facility. Please continue to pray for his recovery.

**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.

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

**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.

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

**God, we know that sometimes our burdens are heavy and that keeping our faith is difficult. But we also know that you have equipped us to not only conform the obstacles in our way, but to overcome them. How fortunate we are to be part of your Blessed Community, strengthened by your love and empowered by your amazing grace! Thank you! Amen.**

**\*HYMN:#18** "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts" (Red Hymnal)

**SCRIPTURE READING** (Liturgist) Ephesians 6:10-18

**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.

**MORNING 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.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

"Little Things"

Mark Burrows

**SILENT PREPARATION FOR LISTENING**

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

**SERMON**

"What Are You Wearing?"

The Beamishes

## OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

God's love is steadfast and abundant. We are blessed to give from hearts of love that others might experience abundance. May the gifts we bring be used to supply whatever balm is needed, wherever it is needed. May these resources be used to facilitate the wholeness of all. Amen.

OFFERTORY "Morning Song" Cornelius Gurlitt

### \*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)

**Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring a balm of justice. Amen.**

\*HYMN: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

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BENEDICTION The Beamishes

POSTLUDE "Come with Rejoicing" R. S. Morrison

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Adult Sunday School & Worship Time

Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30am next Sunday, September 25th in the café. Next week's topic will be "Eternal Live – Showing Your Love; Sharing a Meal" with Mike Beamish facilitating. Hope to see you there!

### Church Picnic

St. John's Annual Church Picnic will be held at the Troy Community Park on September 24<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00pm. If you want to play in the cornhole tournament, please arrive at 2:30pm. We will also be playing Bingo. Please bring new or gently used items as prizes. Also, please bring lawn chairs, your own table service, and a covered dish to share. St. John's will provide chicken, chips and water. If you want a beverage other than water, please bring that with you. Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with our church family!

### Harvest Home Celebration

This year's Harvest Home Celebration is scheduled for Sunday, September 25. The church will be decorated with a display of the bounty that is ours, both literally and figuratively. Feel free to wear your gardening/farming clothes. Following the morning worship service, the Ministry and Worship Committee invites you for lunch in Fellowship Hall. The menu will include brats and hot dogs, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, dessert, and beverages. Table service will be provided. The St. John's History Committee will also be sharing some of the treasures they have discovered in our archives.

### Neighbors in Need

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, as part of our World Communion Sunday observance, we will be receiving our Neighbors in Need special offering. This is the fourth 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. Neighbors in Need (NIN) supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including projects that range from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Your gifts may be included in the special Neighbors in Need envelopes you will find in the narthex, or you may indicate your gift on the fourth line of your regular giving envelope.