

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Mike Beamish

Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce



Today, Sunday, October 23 rd	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Worship
	11:30am	Ice Cream Sundae bar
Wednesday, October 26 th	10:00am	History Team
	6:00pm	Choir
Thursday, October 27 th	10:00am	Twisted Stitchers
Saturday, October 29 th	11:30am-1:00pm	Trick-or Treat & Eat

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October 23, 2022

“Hold Lightly”

St. John’s United Church of Christ

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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 "Rondo" John Bull

OPENING WORDS (Liturgist) "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." Nelson Mandela

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Sing aloud with gladness:

People: God is gathering the people!

Liturgist: From the farthest parts of the earth we come:

People: All who struggle; all who labor to be free!

Liturgist: Let us worship the God who frees us!

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

God, we come from years of losses – pandemic years, disappointment years, hiding years – and from broken days, wasted hours, painful moments. Yet our hands are out, expecting love so wide it seeps through our fingers. We hold only what we share. We receive only what is shared with us – worship blessings, life blessings, surprising blessings. Amen.

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: Lakeview Wing #213, 1567 Garbry Road, Piqua, OH 45356 ***Please note change of room number***

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.

Dot Thompson: Please pray for Earl Reives' sister who continues with health struggles. She's waiting on a prosthetic arm which should improve her quality of life. In the meantime, a cancerous spot on her intestine was detected and she is working with doctors on a treatment plan.

Wayne Cunningham: Please pray for Stephanie Strobe's father who continues to battle bone and liver cancer. He is currently in treatment now with two more rounds of chemo to go.

Brent Adkins: Brent is participating in both cardiac and pulmonary rehab. Meds are still be tweaked a bit. He's continuing to gain strength and stamina. All in all, his progress has been amazing. Please continue to pray for his progress.

Em Finney: Ginny's sister, Em, has been on our prayer list for a very long time and needs our prayers now more than ever as her illness progresses, and her health deteriorates.

Michael Ham: Despite his life-long health issues, Michael has accomplished a great deal in his life and is very active in the Troy community. As his health issues mount, Michael could certainly use all the prayers that we at St. John's can offer.

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.

***HYMN:#2** "Glory, Glory, Hallelujah" (Black Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist) Galatians 5:16-18, 22-26

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

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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Shine, Shine Your Light" Becki Mayo

SILENT PREPARATION FOR LISTENING

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

SERMON

"Hold Lightly"

Don Crist

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

Our ancestors in faith and church-building show us the way to share the gifts God has given us with the whole community. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God with heartfelt gratitude, commitment and praise.

OFFERTORY

“A Quiet Reverie”

Sylvia Riggs

***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)**

God, you who have everything, we bring our offering and enter your spirit. This is your generosity to us — we can share with you in the giving and receiving of gifts. May these be blessed for each use, and may we be blessed by letting go plenty and learning need. Amen.

***HYMN:#290**

“What a Fellowship”

(Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

Don Crist

POSTLUDE

“March”

G.F Handel

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Ice Cream Sundae Bar

Join us right after service today for an ice cream sundae bar, complete with sprinkles, along with cider and hot drinks. There will be an area set aside for the kids to play!

Trick-or-Treat & Eat

It's time for Trick-or-Treat-and-Eat! Please join us this Saturday, October 29th from 11:30am-1:00pm. In conjunction with Troy's Hometown Halloween, we will offer a meal of hot dogs, mac and cheese, along with games and crafts for the kids.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30am next Sunday, October 30th in the café. Next week's topic will be “*Scarecrows in a Cucumber Field - Beware of False Idols*” with Mike Beamish leading.

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Ministry and Worship Committee invites you to the 2022 St. John's Thanksgiving Dinner in Memory of Mike Wilson. We will dine together in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 13, 2022, right after worship. Just like you own family Thanksgiving, everyone will bring a dish to share. Table service and beverages will be provided. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex for attendance and donation intentions.

Women's Fellowship

On Wednesday, November 9th, Women's Fellowship will be meeting at 11:15am to go to the Do Good Restaurant. There is a sign up in the narthex, please RSVP by October 30th.

God is Still Speaking,

