

## Serving Us Today

**Disciples:** All Members

**Organist:** Ginny Beamish

**Minister:** Don Crist

**Altar Decoration:** Becky Pierce

**Liturgist:** Caroline Maslowski

**Head Usher:** Mike Beamish

**Choir Director:** Becky Pierce



Today, Sunday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am 10:30am	Sunday School Worship
Wednesday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am 6:00pm 6:00pm	History Team Vision Choir
Thursday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10:00am 4:00pm-8:00pm	Twisted Stitchers Rummage Sale
Friday, November 4 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-2:00pm	Rummage Sale
Saturday, November 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am-12:00pm	Rummage Sale

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**Passcode: hereiamlord**

**God is Still Speaking,**



**October 30, 2022**

**“The Oldest Questions”**

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

**130 S Walnut St**

**Troy, OH 45373**

**(937) 335-2028**

**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** "Prelude on an Early American Tune" George Blake

**OPENING WORDS** (Liturgist) Why are you depressed, O my soul? Why, are you upset? Wait for God (Psalm 42:11)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Come from every direction: north, south, east, and west.*

**People: Let us welcome and worship Jesus in this sacred place!**

*Liturgist: Come bearing all your gifts: behind-the-scenes, quirky, unique, and more.*

**People: Let us welcome and worship Jesus with our whole selves!**

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

Welcome us, loving Jesus, as we now welcome you into our hearts, minds, and worship. Let us transform and be transformed by each other so that we might perceive your presence among us ever more clearly. 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 or Joyce Reives at 937-477-8268. 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:#8** "Praise to the Living God" (Black Hymnal)

**SCRIPTURE READING** (Liturgist) Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

**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.

**HYMN:** "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is" (Insert)

**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:** "A Blessing of Grace" Sharon Wilson, soloist

Joseph M. Martin, Composer

**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** "The Oldest Questions" Don Crist

## OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

When the crowds around Zacchaeus blocked his view of Jesus, he anticipated where Jesus would be and staked space in the sycamore tree to increase his ability to see. His foresight became a blessing as Jesus saw Zacchaeus and invited him down from the tree. Likewise, let us look ahead to where we can meet and welcome Jesus into our many ministries by generously sharing our various gifts today.

**OFFERTORY**                      “Consolation”                      Felix Mendelssohn

### \*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)

**Thank you for choosing to receive these gifts that we now share with you, gracious God. Bless each offering – including our very selves – and let every single one be given in service to you. Amen.**

\*HYMN:#288                      “Be Thou My Vision”                      (Red Hymnal)

**BENEDICTION**                      Don Crist

**POSTLUDE**                      “Praise Canon”                      Paul Taylor

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## Church Rummage Sale

The Church Rummage sale is this week, Thursday, November 3rd-Saturday, November 5th. Hours are on the back of this bulletin. Donations can be brought in starting today through Wednesday. If you need anything picked up, please contact Becky Pierce. We will be sorting this Monday-Wednesday if anyone would like to help.

## Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School will be at 9:30am next Sunday, November 6th in the café. Next week’s topic will be “*Feasting – When to Work and When to Rest; the Importance of Time Affluence*” with Mike Beamish leading.

## 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.

Thanksgiving Dinner  
with your St. John's Family

Sunday, November 13, 2022  
right after worship

Just like your 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.



A decorative graphic at the bottom of the notice features the words "Happy Thanksgiving" in a stylized, cursive font. The text is surrounded by autumn-themed illustrations of leaves and branches in shades of orange, yellow, and brown.