

## Serving Us Today

**Disciples:** All Members

**Organist:** Ginny Beamish

**Minister:** Don Crist

**Altar Decoration:** Becky Pierce

**Liturgist:** Earl Reives

**Head Usher:** Mike Beamish

**Choir Director:** Becky Pierce

**Counters:** Mike Beamish &  
John Gibbons



## This Week



Today, Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

9:30 am  
10:30 am

Sunday School  
Worship

Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am  
6:00 pm

History Team  
Choir

Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 am

Twisted Stitches

**Wi-Fi Network: Welcome**  
**Passcode: hereiamlord**

# God is Still Speaking,

## January 29, 2023

# “Those Who Mourn”

**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

“A Balm in Gilead”

Beatrice A. Miller

**OPENING WORDS** (Liturgist) God says to us: “I have seen what you have done, but I will heal you and I will guide you. I will give those who mourn in Israel the comfort they had before.”  
(adapted from Isaiah 57:18)

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary?  
Who may dwell in your sacred creation?*

**People: Those who do justice. Those who confront inequities and uplift the oppressed.**

*Liturgist: Holy One, who may abide in your sanctuary?  
Who may dwell in your sacred creation?*

**People: Those who walk humbly with you. Those who follow your lead and answer your call.**

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

**Just and Loving God, we enter into your sacred spaces, in sanctuaries and in homes, in public gatherings and private places. You bridge time and space to forge us as a beloved community. You, O Sovereign, make plain the way of life for us. Encourage us to join your journey, to love your children and creation, and to contribute to your kingdom on earth. Amen.**

### PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

**Barb Bartel**: Please pray for Barb who has been ill. **Beulah Bowers**: Please keep Beulah in your prayers, she was recently in the hospital and is recovering at home. **Donald Schaffner**: Please pray for Paul's brother who has been recently diagnosed with liver cancer. **Pam, niece of Joyce Heffelfinger**: Please keep Pam in your prayers as she's very ill and hospitalized. **Wayne Cunningham**: Please pray for Stephanie Strop's father who continues to battle bone and liver cancer. **Brent Adkins**: Brent is participating in both cardiac and pulmonary rehab. 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.

**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: 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.**



### **Adult Sunday School**

Sunday school will be at 9:30am next Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> in the café. Next week's topic will be "Family – Knowing your Family Tree" with Mike Beamish leading.

### **Help Wanted!**

Calling a few people who can tell the difference between a microphone and a flutophone! You might just be qualified to help us re-launch the Facebook Live program on Sunday mornings! We have had a request to start recording the service live again but we can't do it without people willing to be on a team to run the equipment, focus the camera, and turn it off again. Let us know if you are interested in helping in this way. Call the office, text the pastor, or just talk to us on Sunday morning.

### **Grandparent Support Group**

The Gathering Place is hosting a support group for grandparents raising grandchildren. It will be monthly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 6:30-7:30p facilitated by Pastor Ann Marie Winters. To register, call Ann Marie at (330) 469-6296.

**\*HYMN#8** "Praise to the Living God" (Black Hymnal)

**SCRIPTURE READING** (Liturgist) Matthew 5:14, 28:1-10

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "Arioso" J. S. Bach

Bennett Gascho, Cello

**A TIME FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES:** Ginny will be leading us in song. All under 5 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 by 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.**

**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** "Those Who Mourn" Don Crist

**OFFERTORY INVITATION** (Liturgist)

A generous life counters the societal norms that depend on scarcity. Our Loving God creates in abundance so that all may live a full and flourishing life. When we give from our abundance, we proclaim our trust in God's provision and our love of neighbor.

**OFFERTORY**

“Tiento”

Pablo Bruna

**\*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)**

**Just God, we share our humble offering in hope and  
trust that, through these gifts, your kingdom comes  
and your will is done. Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

“Change My Heart, O God”

(Insert)

**BENEDICTION**

Don Crist

**POSTLUDE**

“Wenn wir in höchsten Nötensein”

J.C. Bach

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Today we are once again enjoying Bennett Gascho’s special cello music. Bennett is now an eighth-grader at Troy Junior High School, where he participates in the Eighth Grade Orchestra, as well as cross country and track. He is also part of the Dayton Philharmonic Youth Strings, and will be performing with them at their next concert on Sunday, March 26, at 3:00 p.m. at the Masonic Center, 525 W. Riverview Avenue in Dayton. Thanks you, Bennett, for sharing your talent with us this morning.



## **Building a Welcoming Community**

- Providing a space for children to feel loved and accepted
- Providing a safe and attractive place for our neighbors