

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

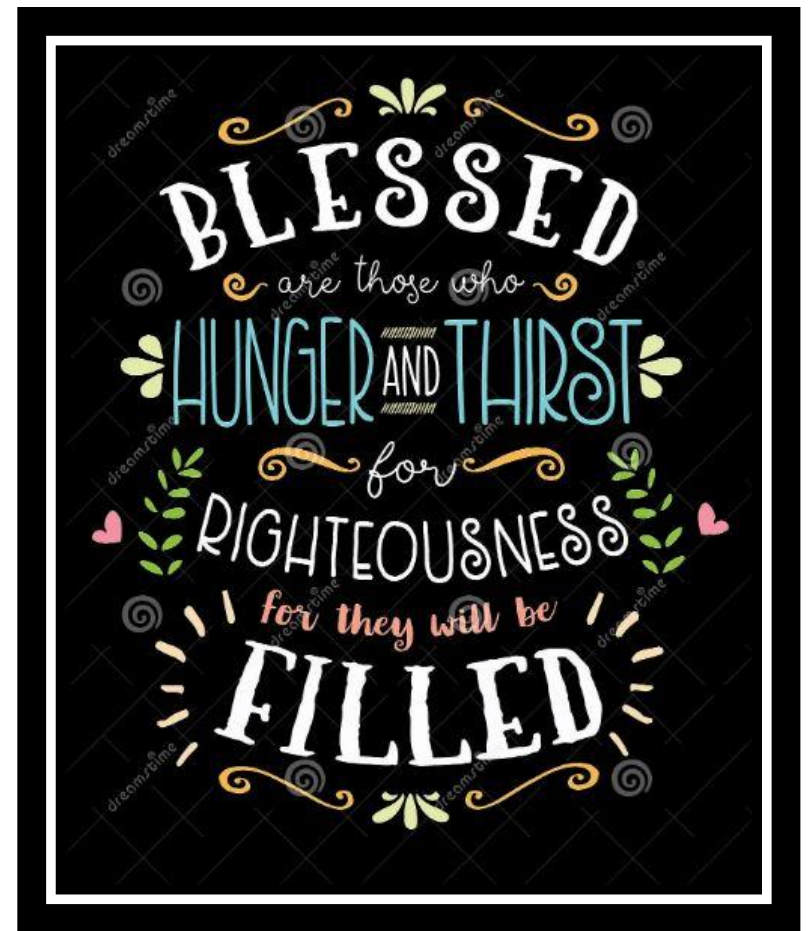
Counters: Mike Beamish &
John Gibbons

This Week

Today, Sunday, February 12 th	9:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School Worship
Monday, February 13 th	6:00 pm	Trustee
Wednesday, February 15 th	10:00 am 6:00 pm	History Team Choir
Thursday, February 16 th	10:00 am	Twisted Stickers

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God is Still Speaking,



February 12, 2023

“The Hungry and Thirsty”

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 "I Love to Tell the Story" Tedd Smith

OPENING WORDS (Liturgist) "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost." from Isaiah 55:1

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Great is the wisdom of the Holy One, powerful and knowing.

People: God gives us the choice to follow and to be faithful.

Liturgist: Great is the generosity of the Holy One, powerful and abundant.

People: God tends to our hunger with care and knows our inmost needs.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Righteous God. in you we find life and liberty, compassion and care, redemption and reconciliation. You make your ways known to us, and you recognize your people as we—fully human and made in your image. You come to us, and we come to you. Let us meet in this time and place. Let us bring our hope and our fears, our joys and our sorrows, our successes and our disappointments, our hungers and our thirsts to you assured that you meet our deepest needs. Amen.

Lenten Bible Study

Plans are underway for a Lenten Bible Study on the five Thursdays of March. We will gather in Fellowship Hall for soup and extras about 11:30. Then we'll spend some time discussing a few of the ideas presented by Jill J. Duffield in her book, *Lent in Plain Sight*. Finally, we will create a hands-on crafty souvenir of our discussion. A sign-up sheet for providing soup and extras (salad, sandwiches, artisanal bread) will be available in the narthex.

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 1st and 3rd Monday, 6:30-7:30p facilitated by Pastor Ann Marie Winters. To register, call Ann Marie at (330) 469-6296.



Giving Statements

Giving statements for 2022 are out and are in envelopes in the Narthex alphabetically.

Adult Sunday School

Sunday school will be at 9:30am next Sunday, February 12th in the café. Next week's topic will be "The Courage to Be—Being Strong Through the Hard Times" with Mike Beamish leading.

Special Music by Jorian Johnson

Mark your calendar and plan to be in attendance for worship on Sunday, March 5 here at St. John's. Our own Jorian Johnson will be our guest musician that day, along with four of his friends from the W. Crimm Singers AKA Wakanda Chorale. This group sang back-up on "Aristocrat of Bands: The Urban Hymnal," this year's Grammy winner in the "Roots Gospel Album" category.

***HYMN: #423** "Great Is Your Faithfulness" (Black Hymnal)

SCRIPTURE READING (Liturgist) Matthew 5:1-6, 14:13-21

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Because of Love" Joseph M. Martin & Brad Nix

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

"The Hungry and Thirsty"

Don Crist

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

1 Corinthians 3:8-9 reminds us that, "The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building." What a privilege to be God's vessel and participant in kingdom nurture and care. Let us give generously knowing we have been given gifts to be used for God's building.

OFFERTORY

“Bagatelle”

Robert Schumann

***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 who gives the increase, receive these gifts and
magnify them for your kingdom. Continually grow
generosity in us and be glorified.**

HYMN: #250 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Red Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

Don Crist

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

Robert Schuman

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PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Wayne Cunningham: Please pray for Stephanie Strobe'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.

