

## **Serving Us Today**

**Disciples:** All Members

**Organist:** Ginny Beamish

**Minister:** Don Crist

**Altar Decoration:** Becky Pierce

**Liturgist:** Sarah Wittman

**Head Usher:** Mike Beamish

**Choir Director:** Becky Pierce

**Counters:** Mike Beamish &  
John Gibbons

## **This Week**

Today, Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>    9:30 am    Sunday School  
  10:30 am    Worship  
  3:00 pm    W. Crimm Singers Concert

Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>                6:30 pm    Grandparent’s Support  
  Group @ TPG

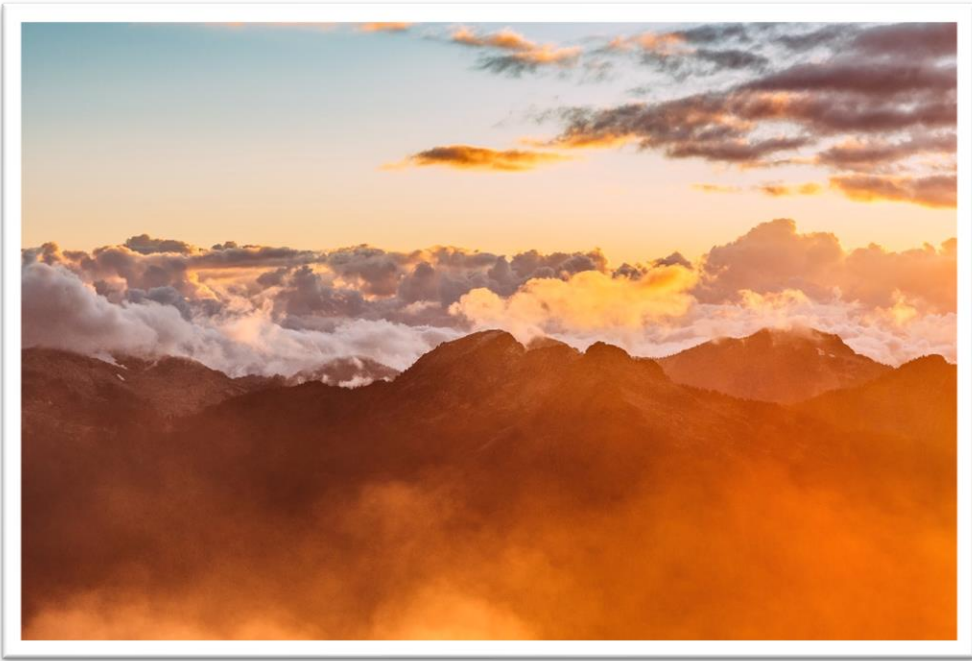
Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>        10:00 am    History Team  
  4:30 pm    Ministry & Worship  
  6:00 pm    Choir

Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>            10:00 am    Twisted Stitchers  
  11:30 am    Lenten Bible Study

Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>            10:00 am    Ladies Fellowship Meeting

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**God is Still Speaking,**



**March 5, 2023**

# **“The Peacemakers”**

## **Second Sunday in Lent**

**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

"Preludio"

Luigi Bottazzo

**OPENING WORDS** (Liturgist) The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace.

from Psalm 29:11

**SPECIAL MUSIC** The W. Crimm Ensemble

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Liturgist: We may be wandering, feeling as if we have no direction.*

**People: And yet, God is guiding us in the wilderness.**

*Liturgist: We may be fearful, wondering what comes next.*

**People: And yet, God is surrounding us with peace.**

**Liturgist: We may begin our Lenten journey spiritually arid, aimless, and anxious.**

*People: But the Spirit of Strength will never leave our side.*

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

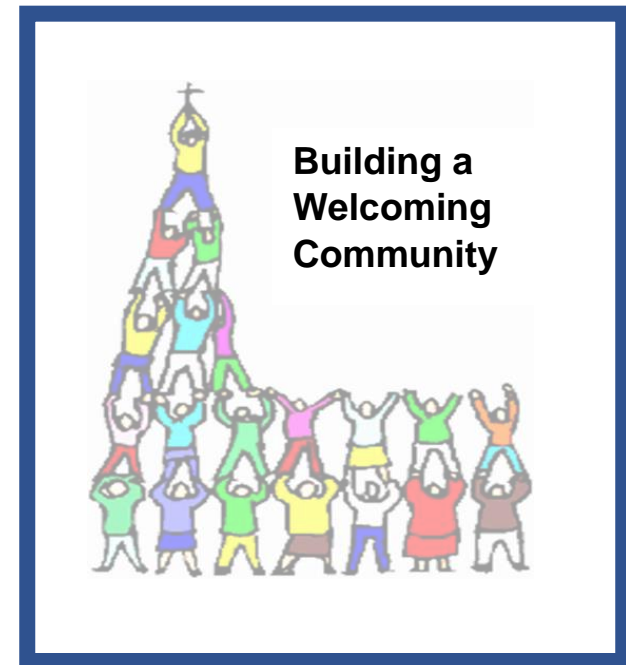
**Divine One, As we saunter far into the wilderness, may your light sustain us. May the questions that fill our minds with doubt drift away into the sands of the journey. May we dig within our souls to remove the obstacles to making peace. However we wander in this season, may your Holy Glow refocus our attention on our relationship with you and the ways we connect with our siblings. Amen.**

## Well Child Clinic

During March, the Membership and Outreach Committee is collecting children's socks and underwear, sizes 6 months to 14 years, for the Well Child Clinic in Troy. Donations may be placed in the barrel in the Narthex. Please consider donation to children in need in our own community.

### Free Concert

The Heidelberg University Concert Choir will be performing a concert for all to enjoy on Sunday, March 26, at 3:00 P.M. at First United Methodist Church, 110 W. Franklin Street here in Troy. This choir has long had a reputation of presenting fine music of many styles and musical periods. The Concert Choir will be joined by special guests, the Handbell Choir of Troy's First United Methodist Church. Presented by the Troy Mayors' Concerts organization, this concert offers an hour of some of the finest choral and bell music in the area.





After worship, The W. Crimm Ensemble will be our guests for a St. John's Carry-In dinner. Please join us in the Fellowship hall after service. **AND THEN** come back to St. John's sanctuary at 3:00pm for a not- to-be-missed concert!

### Adult Sunday School

Sunday school will be at 9:30am next Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup> in the café. Next week's topic will be "Just as I Am – Keeping Secrets" with Mike Beamish leading.

### 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) is available in the narthex.

### Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship would like to invite all ladies of the church to come and share ideas for programs you would like, places to visit and ideas you would enjoy. March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the café, hope to see you. Any questions call Ruth Simpson or Betty Schaffner.

**\*HYMN: #570** "We Shall Overcome" (Black Hymnal)

**SCRIPTURE READING** (Liturgist) Matthew 5:1-9; 8:5-13

**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.

**SPECIAL MUSIC** The W. Crimm Ensemble

**SERMON** "The Peacemakers" Don Crist

**OFFERTORY INVITATION** (Liturgist)

Gracious and Giving God, you have called us to give of our resources so that others may experience the new life you are inviting us into. Let our gifts be for the birthing of a new life saturated by a peace that passes all understanding in our local community, in the global community, and our faith community. In the name of Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

“Polonaise”

A. M. Bach

### \*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)

**O God who calls us to go out into the world with  
generosity, may these gifts call us from our lives of  
comfort and towards a faith journey that embraces  
your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need  
of your healing. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

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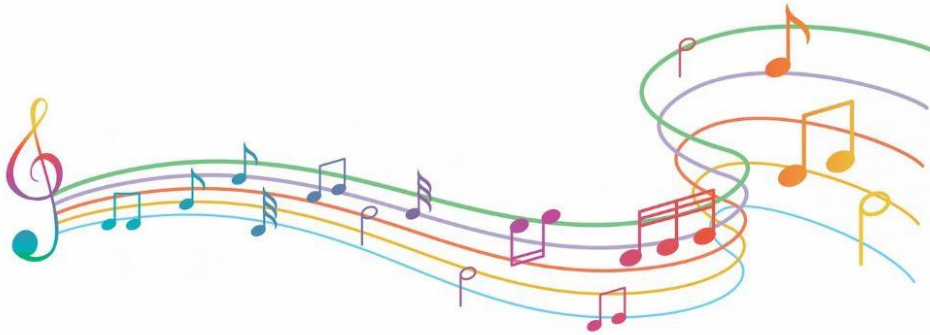
## BENEDICTION AND BLESSING FOR THE NOON MEAL

Don Crist

## POSTLUDE

“Minuet”

Leopold Mozart



WELCOME and THANK YOU to The W. Crimm Ensemble for blessing us with your amazing talents!

A special thank you, also, to Glenn Lytle and Aaron McElfresh for your work on the sound system for today.

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Pam Nolin: Joyce Hefflefinger's niece is in critical condition with a number of health conditions. She is hospitalized in Kentucky. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. Wayne Cunningham: Please pray for Stephanie Strobe's father who continues to battle bone and liver cancer. 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.

