

Serving Us Today

Disciples: All Members

Organist: Ginny Beamish

Minister: Don Crist

Altar Decoration: Becky Pierce

Liturgist: Kathy Holt

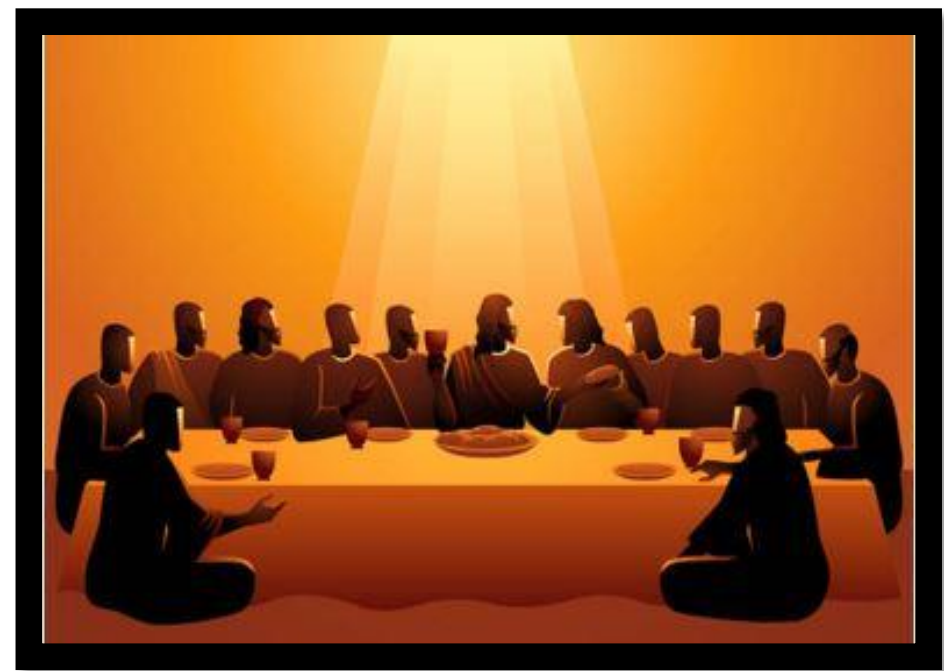
Head Usher: Mike Beamish

Choir Director: Becky Pierce

Counters: Mike Beamish &
John Gibbons



May 2023



30 9:30a Adult Sun School 10:30a Worship 4p US/MX Trip Chat @ TGP	1 6:30p Grandparents Support Group	2	3 10a History Team 6p Choir	4 4p-8p Rummage Sale	5 9a-2p Rummage Sale	6 9a-12p Rummage Sale
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Happy Birthday!



5/1 – Carletta Gritzmaker, 5/4 – Erica Wilson, 5/7 – Kate Arnett,
5/17 – John Gibbons, 5/21 – Earl Reives

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God is Still Speaking,

May 7, 2023

“One Table”

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 Meditation on "O Store Gud" Lani Smith

***OPENING WORDS** My feet stand on level ground; in the great congregation I will praise the Lord! Psalm 26:12

***FIRST SONG OF THE MORNING:** "Perpetual Praise"
(Insert)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: In our hearts, may God be welcome

People: May our words be words of life

Liturgist: May God's Spirit lead us

People: May God's peace dwell within us

All: Amen.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION: (In Unison)

Gracious God, we now open our eyes, ears and hearts to listen to you. Please speak to us and give us Your word, for we cannot live on bread alone. Please light up our insides with the work of the living Holy Spirit. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Come to the Table"

Shafferman/Kupferschmid

SCRIPTURE READING: Corinthians 10:15-17, 12:12-13 & 12:27

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.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Cheryl Braun: Please pray for Joyce Swank's sister in law who is now in a rehab unit.

Becky: Please pray for the Fessler's daughter in law that is having surgery.

Pam Nolin: Joyce Heffelfinger's niece is in critical condition with a number of health concerns. Please keep her 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.



Adult Sunday School

Sunday school will be at 9:30am next Sunday, May 14th in the café. Next week's topic will be "Mother's Day – You Deserve a break Today!" with Mike Beamish leading.

FISH Mission

The month of May gives us the opportunity to support the local FISH mission. In 1969 the methodist men of Troy were looking for a project to reach others in the Troy community. As a result, FISH was organized and continues reaching out to the residents of Troy. FISH receives no funding from sources other than support from generous donors. All funding remains in Miami County and funds are used to help those in need pay for rent, utilities, gasoline and prescriptions.

Respite Time for Grandparents

You have a great opportunity during the next few months to make a difference in the lives of children. St. John's is partnering with Ann Marie Winters' Grandfamilies support group in providing once a month respite time for grandparents and therapeutic playtime for the grandchildren. The first event is scheduled for Sunday afternoon May 21st from 1-4 pm and will be held in the Fellowship Hall, and the Gathering Place. We are asking for 5-6 adults with a heart for older adults trying to raise young children. There will be experienced leaders running the program but each child needs a special "friend" for the day. Please consider if you are being nudged to step up and wrap your arms and your hearts around these families. Talk to Mary Ann or Ginny for more information.

Ladies Fellowship

Ladies Fellowship will be hosting a celebrate Spring luncheon on Saturday, May 20th at 12:00pm. There will be food, prizes and entertainment by the Troy High School Trojan Tones, an acapella choir. Please come and invite family, friends and neighbors. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex until May 14th. Come celebrate with us!

MORNING PRAYER

Pastor 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.

A WORD ABOUT FISH FROM LIZ FESSLER

SERMON

"One Table"

OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)

God has blessed us abundantly with one big family of very different people. Let us respond to this great grace and offer ourselves to one another and to God with thanksgiving and devotion.

OFFERTORY

"Air"

Giuseppi Giordani

*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)

Holy God, we are grateful for the blessings you have given us and for this great human family of your children. Please accept these gifts we bring to you from our thankful hearts. In Jesus Christ's name. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION FOR CHILDREN

If there are children in worship this morning, we invite them to come to the front for a few moments with Pastor Don. It is important that children know that they, too, are welcome at Christ's communion table.

Liturgist: We come to the Lord's supper together as children of our one God. Jesus makes the guest list, not us. Our family, chosen by God, is gathered from west and east, and includes everyone, even the lowest and the least. Jesus, when he was resurrected from the dead, revealed himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread around a table. May we see the face of God today as we come to the Lord's Supper.

Pastor: On the night he was handed over, the night before he was crucified, Jesus gathered with his friends for a meal. He took the bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, saying, "This is my body, which is broken for you. As often as you eat it, remember me."

Liturgist: Let us pray together before we share the bread:

People: Jesus, as we take this bread, let it be a sign of all you did for us, and who you are for us. Thank you for this bread of life.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

Pastor: After sharing the bread, Jesus took a cup of wine, and gave it to them to drink, saying, "This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for many."

Liturgist: Let us pray together before we share the cup:

People: Jesus, as we drink this cup, let it be a sign for us of all you did for us, and who you are for us. Thank you that you bring us peace that passes understanding.

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*UNISON PRAYER

Jesus, through your death and resurrection you reconciled the world to God, and through your example you have shown us a way to peace. Give us strength as the people of God to be channels of peace in the world, speaking your peace, living your peace, and always longing for that moment of eternal peace when we shall see you again. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN: #330 "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

(Black Hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Be Thou Exalted"

Chester Nordman

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