

# Serving Us Today

**Disciples:** All Members

**Organist:** Ginny Beamish

**Minister:** Don Crist

**Altar Decoration:** Becky Pierce

**Liturgist:** Karen Spear

**Head Usher:** Mike Beamish

**Choir Director:** Becky Pierce

**Counters:** Mike Beamish &  
John Gibbons



## August 2023



Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

30 9:30a Worship	31	1	2 10a History Team	3	4	5 9a Church Work Day
6 9:30a Worship	7 6p Grandparent's Support Group	8	9 10a History Team 4:30p Ministry & Worship	10	11	12
13 9:30a Worship	14 2p Trustee Meeting	15	16 10a History Team 12p Council 1p Women's Fellowship	17	18	19
20 9:30a Worship	21 6p Grandparent's Support Group	22	23 10a History Team	24	25	26 7:30-11a Tour de Donut @ Elizabeth Twp House
27 9:30a Worship	28	29	30 10a History Team 10a Membership & Outreach	31		



**August 27, 2023**

# “Rock Solid”

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

**130 S Walnut St**

**Troy, OH 45373**

**(937) 335-2028**



## Happy Birthday!

*Pat Eichhorn – 8/4    Dianne Short – 8/18    Colleen Rose – 8/23*

*Liz McClure – 8/25    Mary Ann Crist – 8/27    Keith Kropp – 8/28*

*Allison Pierce – 8/31*

## 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 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Arr. Lawrence

**\*OPENING WORDS** My dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. from I Corinthians 15:58

#### **\*SONG OF THE MORNING #266** "How Firm a Foundation"

(Red Hymnal)

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Liturgist: With profound happiness, we welcome one another. How good it is to approach the courts of our God!*

**People: Happy are those who live in God's house!  
Singing our praise to God fills us with joy.**

*Liturgist: Here we welcome both friend and stranger. All peoples of earth are God's children.*

**People: We greet one another by name in Jesus' name. Together we extol the name of our God.**

Today we welcome the Gotham City Brass back to St. John's. Their members include Scottie Moore on first trumpet, Jim Vetter on second trumpet, Annie Shilt on French horn, Alex Burdiss on trombone, and Zach Roberts on tuba. Thanks to all of you for sharing your musical talents with us this morning!



## Attendance and Giving

Total Attendance last week 8/20/23 = 35

Week of 8/20/23	Month of August	Monthly Budget
\$1,545.41	\$5,094.41	\$10,129.17

### Office Hours

Monday 9am-1pm (Church Secretary)

Tuesday 9am-1pm (Church Secretary)

Wednesday 9am-1pm (Pastor)

Thursday 9am-1pm (Pastor)

Friday 9am-1pm (Pastor and Church Secretary)

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

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

Cheryl Braun: Joyce Swank's sister in law passed away. Please pray for Joyce and her family as they grieve.

Wayne and Gretchen Cunningham: Please pray for Stephanie Strobe's parents as they continue to battle multiple health issues.

Teresa Gascho: Sam and Katie's sister in law, has passed away. Please keep the Gaschos and her family in your prayers as they grieve.

Em Finney: Ginny's sister, Em, has been on our prayer list for a very long time as she continues to battle her illness. Ginny reports that she is holding her own but seems to be getting weaker. Please continue to pray for Em.

Michael Ham: As Michael's health struggles continue, he can certainly use all the prayers that our congregation can offer. Ginny reports that Michael continues to weaken.

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:

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.

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

**We come together in this house of prayer, trusting you, O God, to give us everything we need. As you proved for the birds of the air, you supply life's necessities for your children to share. We seek to be guided by your word. We gather to remember and reclaim your covenant with us. We gather to do the tasks you entrust to us faithfully and dependably. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 2:1-10

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "Deep River" Arr. Henderson  
The Gotham City Brass

**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.

**SERMON** "Rock Solid"

## **OFFERTORY INVITATION (Liturgist)**

From the abundance of our land, we have much to share. Yet often we benefit from economic policies that favor us over the poor of the world, whose meager resources put food on our tables and clothes on our backs. The church seeks to bring justice amid the world's inequities.

**OFFERTORY** "The Lord's Prayer"

Arr: Malott



**\*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)**

We dedicate our offering, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. May we work not only for the food that perishes, but also for the food that brings us life eternal. May our lives and all we give perform the works of God. Build us up in love for one another and for all your children everywhere.

**CLOSING HYMN: # 593** "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

(Black Hymnal)

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** "Saints' Hallelujah"

Arr: Henderson

*(All hymns used by permission, CCLI License# 11076943)*

### **Annual Church Picnic**

St. John's Annual Church Picnic will be held at Troy Community Park on September 23 at 3:00pm. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex. The cornhole tournament begins earlier at 2:30pm. If you want to play, find a partner and sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. St. John's will provide tableware, chicken, chips and water. Please bring a covered dish to share. You may also want to bring lawn chairs. We will eat at 4:00pm followed by Bingo. Please bring new or gently used items to be used as Bingo prizes. come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon with our church family and friends.

### **Church World Service**

For the month of September, St. John's will be collecting donations to provide blankets to people for comfort in times of crisis. Help our neighbors around the world recover from disasters and get a fresh start. \$50 can provide five warm blankets for a family left homeless by a tornado or other disaster. Special envelopes are available in the Narthex or you can make a notation on your regular envelopes for CWS blankets.

### **Worship Time Change**

Our worship time will go back to 10:30am beginning Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> with Adult Sunday School back and starting at 9:30am in the café.

**God is Still Speaking,**