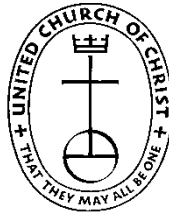


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## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BELLS CALL US TO SILENT REVERENCE**

**PRELUDE** “Meditation on ‘Blessed Assurance’” Stewart Landon

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Micah 6:8)**

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God?

**We rejoice and are glad, for God’s mercy is great.**

**Amen.**

#### **\*SONG OF PRAISE**

#459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

#### **\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.**  
**Amen**

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

#### **\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice and be glad that your sins are forgiven by the faith of Christ, who chose love over hatred and forgiveness over blame.

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **Anthem**

“Let Our Light So Shine”

John Purifoy

#### **NEW TESTAMENT**

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Pg. 1387, CEB

\*GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

Pg. 1173, CEB

SERMON

“The *BE*-Attitudes”

\*SONG OF THE DAY

“Sanctuary”

Video

### **PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL**

*Each week we pray for a family or individual from our Congregation in addition to those in need of healing. Today we lift up **Carol and Joe Bulva**. Prayers for healing: **Alan Canterbury, Darleen Bax, Dennis Ford, Russ Hartmann, Ardella Morris, Larry Cates (Pat Bregen)**.*

ORGAN RESPONSE

### **OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES**

“Blessed Savior, Dearest Savior”

Louise E. Stairs

Invitation

\*Doxology

#780/NCH, On Screen

\*Prayer of Dedication

### **INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL**

The following persons, having been elected by the congregation of St. John United Church of Christ to positions of leadership on the Church Council, and the following persons who are continuing their service on Council, are invited to come forward:

*Sue Williams, Nancy Eisenhauer, Judy Schmitt, Wayne Schlosser, Ginny Ganschinietz, Janice Petroff, Sue Ganschinietz, Rosemary Williams.*

**To the Council:** You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect the One in whose name we gather. You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation and that God’s will is done in this community.

You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, so that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: *Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?*

**Yes, by the help of God.**

**To the Congregation:** People of God, I ask you: *Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?*

**Yes, by the help of God.**

I now declare each of you installed as council members of the Congregation of St. John United Church of Christ. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

**Amen.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*THE INVITATION**

May God be with you.

**And also with you**

Open your hearts.

**We open them to God and to One Another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Jesus, Divine Bread-Baker, each time we gather in memory to break this bread and drink this cup we share its richness in the midst of our poverty and we remember:

**You are as the bread of our lives.**

You are the One who enters in the hungry places of our hearts.

**You are the One who invites us always to choose life, even when our world, and even our inner places, tastes of death, pain and weariness.**

This bread, which binds us together, houses the sacred in common earthen gifts, proclaiming that the ordinary is but a mask of the holy.

**CONSECRATION**

Blessed are You, O God, for bringing us to this Table. We remember that night among friends, the night of deathly betrayal, when Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it and share with his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this to remember me.*

*Later in the evening, taking the cup, Jesus gave thanks and shared it, saying drink this all of you;*

*This is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and the many.*

Come now, unsettling Spirit of Hope, be present in the mystery of this Holy Meal and lead us out to follow the risk-taking Christ.

Because bread must be broken before it can be shared, we break this bread, remembering the brokenness of our world and declaring that our hope of wholeness and shalom is in Christ.

**By eating this bread we become One in the hope.**

We pour this wine, remembering the pain and bloodshed of our world and declaring our hope in the overflowing love of Christ.

**By drinking this wine we become One in the hope.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Ushers will bring the elements to worshippers in the pews; please hold each element in reverence until all may partake together.*

## **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Blessed be God who has raised us and shaped us from the dust.

**Blessed be God who has brought us to this table.**

Blessed be God who has given us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God who has fed us with the food of love.**

Our hands and our hearts were empty.

**Blessed be God who has filled us with hope.**

Let us go out, risking the reality of the Gospel.

**We go in the name of Christ.**

**COUNCIL UPDATE**

**\*SENDING SONG**                      #76 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

**\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**        “Sing and Rejoice”                      Randolph Johnston

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**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

**Our Church Workers for today:**

**Pastor** - Rev. Jim Nolan

**Organist** - Sharon Banjavcic

**Lector** –

**Ushers** -

***Activities of the church:***

**Wednesday** – Council, 7 p.m.

**Feb. 19** – Farewell service for Pastor Jim.

**Pastor’s Office Hours**

During the week, Pastor Jim’s schedule is as follows:

**Monday-Wednesday-Friday**        9 a.m. to noon

1-4 p.m. reserved for visitations and other appointments

**Tuesday** - Pastor’s sermon-writing day at home

**Thursday** - Pastor’s day off

Contact Pastor Jim at **618-616-0198** or church office 397-6323