

April 15, 2018 – 10:00 am
Third Sunday of Easter

ST. JOHN
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Our mission is to worship and serve God
in our church, community, and the world.



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*Please stand if comfortably able

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.
THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

MANY: God is good; God's love is eternal.

MANY: Praise God with song and prayer. Amen.

*RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

MANY: Surprise us with your message of hope, when the world seems a hostile place.

Many: Surprise us with your sustaining presence, when we do not know where to turn.

Many: Surprise us with your way of justice and truth, when the easy way beckons.

MANY: Surprise us with the face of Jesus Christ, in the most unexpected of persons. Amen.

Our worship is in the name of God the Creator, Jesus the Beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit. Let us give God our thanks and praise.

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit,
Three-in-One; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

HEBREW TESTAMENT REPONSIVE READING: **Psalm 4**
from the Message Paraphrased Translation

MANY: When I call, give me answers. God, take my side!
Once, in a tight place, you gave me room;
Now I'm in trouble again: grace me! hear me!

ONE: You rabble—how long do I put up with your scorn?
How long will you lust after lies?
How long will you live crazed by illusion?

MANY: Look at this: look
Who got picked by God!
He listens the split second I call to him.

ONE: Complain if you must, but don't lash out.
Keep your mouth shut, and let your heart do the talking.
Build your case before God and wait for his verdict.
Why is everyone hungry for *more*?
"More, more," they say, "More, more."

MANY: I have God's more-than-enough,
More joy in one ordinary day
Than they get in all their shopping sprees.
At day's end I'm ready for sound sleep,
For you, God, have put my life back together.

SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS: **Acts 3:12-19**
Lay Liturgist

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

*GOSPEL LESSON: **Luke 24:36b-48**

SERMON: **"Psalm 4 is good for what ails you."**
Testamonal by Nancy Monroe

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: **NCH #195, "On a Hill Far Away",**
Vs. 1,3,4

PASTORAL PRAYER ENDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER:
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed it be your 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE: NCH #773

**Remember me, remember me,
O Jesus, remember me.**

OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND SELVES

OFFERTORY: “Nature from Her Sleep Awakes”

Stewart Landon

***DOXOLOGY: # 780**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above you, heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION:**

**Bless our gifts as you bless our encounter with your Word.
As we are blessed, so we become a blessing to others in this
community. Amen.**

***SENDING HYMN: NCH #84, “This is the Day”**

**DURING THE HYMN, THE LIGHT IS EXTINGUISHED AND
CARRIED OUT INTO THE WORLD.**

***BENEDICTION:**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE: : #236 “Halle,Halle”**

Halle, halle, halle-lu-ja.

Halle, halle, halle-lu-ja.

Halle, halle, halle-lu-ja. Halleluja, halle-lu-ja.

**THE BELL RINGS, AS WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD,
TO SPREAD THE JOY OF CHRIST TO ALL.**

POSTLUDE: “Paean”

George Blake

“Our Worship has ended – Now our Service begins.”



PRAYER LIST: *Today we lift up in prayer the family of Amy and Cody Brink.*

And prayers for healing: Ardella Morris, LaVerne Kistler, Terry Kissel, Darlene Schaperkoetter, Ted Bauer, Syd Safriet, Tom Petroff, Mary Ann Glen, Sarah Paul, Russ Hursey, David Seneczyn, Irma Krupp, Jeanette Brown, Carol Bulva

Serving in Christ's Name:

Ministers – All members of St. John UCC

Participants in Today's Worship:

Pastor – Rev. Rosemary Captain

Minister of Music – Sharon Banjavcic

Liturgist – Lew Thomasino

Ushers – Wayne Schlosser

Activities of the church:

Every Sunday - Adult Sunday school at 8:45 a.m.

Today - Pastor Rosemary's Installation service 3 p.m. Followed by a light meal.

Also, NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE.

Monday - Dine out at Houlihan's to benefit the church. The Evening Circle will meet at Houllihan's at 6 p.m.

Tuesday – Boy Scouts

Next Sunday – Sunday, April 22nd - ALUMINUM RECYCLING