

April 8, 2018 – 10:00 am  
Second Sunday of Easter

ST. JOHN  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

*Be not afraid.*  
★ ONLY ★  
**BELIEVE**

≡ Mark 5:36 ≡

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Please respond with words in **bold print**.

\*Please stand if comfortably able

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## WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE BELLS CALL US INTO SILENT REVERENCE.

THE CANDLES ARE LIT TO LIGHT OUR WAY INTO WORSHIP.

PRELUDE:            "He Lives"

Stewart Landon

### \*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP:

One:        Life has been revealed to us in this Easter season.  
              Gather once more to testify to life.

**MANY:    We declare to each other what we have experienced.  
              Inn community we find the life God intends.**

One:        Early believers were of one heart and soul.  
              We, too, are called to find common ground in Christ.

**MANY:    How very good and pleasant it is  
              When kindred live together in unity.**

One:        Peace be with you as we celebrate resurrection.  
              Christ is with us to renew our faith.

**MANY:    We are here to testify to God's grace.  
              We will share our story and ourselves.**

### \*OPENING HYMN: #243 "Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

### \*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

**You pour out upon us the oil of gladness, gracious  
God, as we gather in the name of our risen Savior. You have  
given us the Word of Life; we have heard and seen your  
greatest of all gifts and testify to that experience by our  
presence here. Let Jesus Christ be known among us, in our  
conversation and in our prayers. Amen.**

### \*TRINITARIAN PROCLAMATION:

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.

### \*GLORIA: #759

**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.**

SECOND TESTAMENT READINGS:  
**Lay Liturgist**

**Acts 4:32-35**  
**1 John 1:1-2:2**

TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL:

\*GOSPEL LESSON: **John 20:19-31**

Pastor Rosemary

SERMON: "Salvation as Transformation"

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: "**Seek Ye First**" (on back page of bulletin & on screen)

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: "We Are Called"

David Haas

\*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:

**We offer to you our common stewardship, loving God.  
We want to be faithful in meeting one another's needs and in  
serving the world in Christ's name. The gifts we bring today  
will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that you are  
sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world.**

**Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering.  
Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN: #288 “Let it Breathe on Me”**

**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: “Easter Recessional”          Chester Nordman**

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

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**PRAYER LIST:** *Today we lift up in prayer the family of Chris and Anne Brown.*

*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, Don Sheridan, Fred Miller

***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** – Anne Brown

**Ushers** – Sue Ganschinetz & Sue Sharp

***Activities of the church:***

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

**Tuesday** – Boy Scouts

**Wednesday** – Church Council meets 7 p.m.

**Next Sunday** – **Pastor Rosemary's Installation service 3 p.m.**

**Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - ALUMINUM RECYCLING and  
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE.

**April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.** As the largest foster care provider in Southern Illinois, Caritas Family Solutions sees firsthand the impact of abuse and neglect on hundreds of children every year. Learn how to recognize signs of child abuse and neglect and what to do about it at **[caritasfamilysolutions.org/bluekids](https://caritasfamilysolutions.org/bluekids)**. Your support of the Blue Kids Campaign will help Caritas provide services that reduce abusive behaviors and situations. These services include anger management and parenting classes, individual and family counseling, foster care services and much more. Together we can make our communities stronger.

*Call the 24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-25-ABUSE (800-252-2873) if you suspect that a child has been harmed or is at risk of being harmed by abuse or neglect. **If you believe a child is in immediate danger of harm, call 911 first.***