



**February 20, 2022**

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

*As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.*

**Called by God  
Sharing with the World**

**February 20, 2022**  
**Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**

**Meditation**

*Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.....therefore glorify God in your body. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

**Prelude**        *Potter's Hand - Darlene Zschech*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**✠ Opening Hymn -**    *Praise to the Lord*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy  
health and salvation!  
All ye who hear,  
Now to His temple draw near;  
Sing now in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all  
things so wondrously reigneth,  
Who, as on wings of an eagle,  
uplifteth, sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
How thy desires all have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully,  
wondrously, made thee!  
Health hath vouchsafed and, when  
heedlessly falling, hath stayed thee.  
What need or grief  
Ever hath failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper  
thy work and defend thee,  
Who from the heavens the streams of

His mercy doth send thee.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do,  
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that  
is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come  
now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## **Lifting up our Joys**

## **Passing of the Peace**

### **✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)**

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit and when I stand.  
You are acquainted with all my ways.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works,  
O God.**

It was God who formed my inward parts. You knit me together in my mother's womb.  
In your book were written all the days that were formed for me when none of them  
existed.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works,  
O God.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead  
me in the way everlasting.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works,  
O God.**

### **✠ Opening Prayer**

Jamie Barton

✠ **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Holy God, before whom we stand in awe, we confess that we  
Have missed the mark you intend for us. We have yielded to the  
power of temptation and overstepped the boundaries of our  
humanness. We have disobeyed you and have neglected our  
neighbors. We have ignored our holy calling and have misused  
the means of grace. We cry out for your forgiving touch.**

*Silent pause for reflection*

**Amen.**

✠ **Assurance of Forgiveness** (*read responsively*)

God is merciful, patient, kind and loving. God cares for us in ways beyond knowing.  
**God attends to our cries and releases us from the bonds of sins. And releases us from  
the bonds of sin.**

In Christ our brokenness finds healing and we know the peace of forgiveness.  
Thanks, be to God. **Amen.**

**Bible Readings**     *Psalm 103:1-5; Matthew 8:1-17*     Linda Rice

**Children's Message**     *"Skinned knee" "God's Band-Aid"*

**Message**     *"Healing"*     Jamie Barton

✠ **The Apostle's Creed** (*unison*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in  
Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and  
was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he  
ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will  
come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy  
catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the  
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.** (*from the UCC Book of Worship*)

*(the congregation may be seated)*

## ✠ Giving our Gifts to God

### ✠ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God all creatures here below.  
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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

### Closing Hymn - *In Christ There is No East or West*

In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts ev'rywhere  
their high communion find.  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, people of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
All children of the living God  
are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are joined as one  
throughout the whole wide earth.

✝ **Sending Forth and Final Blessing**

✝ **Chimes/Meditation**

**Postlude**      *Toccata Carillon - Gordon Young*



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
In loving memory of wife Karen and son Chad,  
Presented by Jim Fridirici*

*Worship Leader: Jamie Barton*

