



**March 13, 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**

**March 13, 2022**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Meditation**

“There is no growth without change, no change without fear or loss and no loss without pain.” Rick Warren

**Chimes**

**Prelude**

*Hear Our Praises - Reuben Morgan*  
Gale Sterner, percussion

**Welcome and Announcements**

**✝ Opening Hymn**

*Amazing Grace \ My Chains are Gone*

**Verse 1**

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found  
Was blind but now I see

**Verse 2**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
And grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed

**Chorus**

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

**Verse 3**

The Lord has promised good to me  
His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures

**Chorus**

My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy rains  
Unending love amazing grace

#### Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow  
The sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below  
Will be forever mine  
Will be forever mine  
You are forever mine  
CCLI Song # 4768151

### Lifting up our Joys

### Passing of the Peace

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

Wait for the Lord; be strong!

**The promises of God will never be broken.**

With God as our light, what is there to fear?

**The promises of God will never be broken.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name  
of the Lord!

**The promises of God will never be broken.**

#### ✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

#### ✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Eternal God, we are quick to join Abram's doubt and impatience, but we find it difficult to copy Abraham's faith and trust. We want to believe your promises, but the here-and-now problems of daily life consume our focus and erode our faith. Open our eyes to your light. Open our hearts to your love. Open our minds to your possibilities. Speak to us today, O God, and strengthen our faith, that we, too, may know the everlasting power of your love.**

*Silent pause for reflection*

**Amen.**

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

When God is with us, whom shall we fear? The God of salvation will never forsake you. God's patience knows no limits. Wait for the Lord. Be strong and take heart.

**Amen!**

*(the congregation may be seated)*

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✠ *All who are able shall stand*

## Girl Scout Sunday Recognition

**Bible Readings**      *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1*  
Katherine & Mollie Sarnes

**Children's Message** Pastor Jeff

**Anthem**                      *Lord, Here am I - John Ness Beck*

**Pastor's Message**      *"When We are Uncertain About the Future"*      Pastor Jeff

### ✠The Apostle's Creed

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)*

### ✠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

## ✠ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

### ✠ Closing Hymn

*Precious Lord Take My Hand*

#### Verse 1

Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night,  
Lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

#### Verse 2

When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near,  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall:  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

#### Verse 3

When the darkness appears  
And the night draws near,  
And the day is past and gone,  
At the river, I stand,  
Guide my feet, hold my hand:  
Take my hand, precious Lord,  
Lead me home.

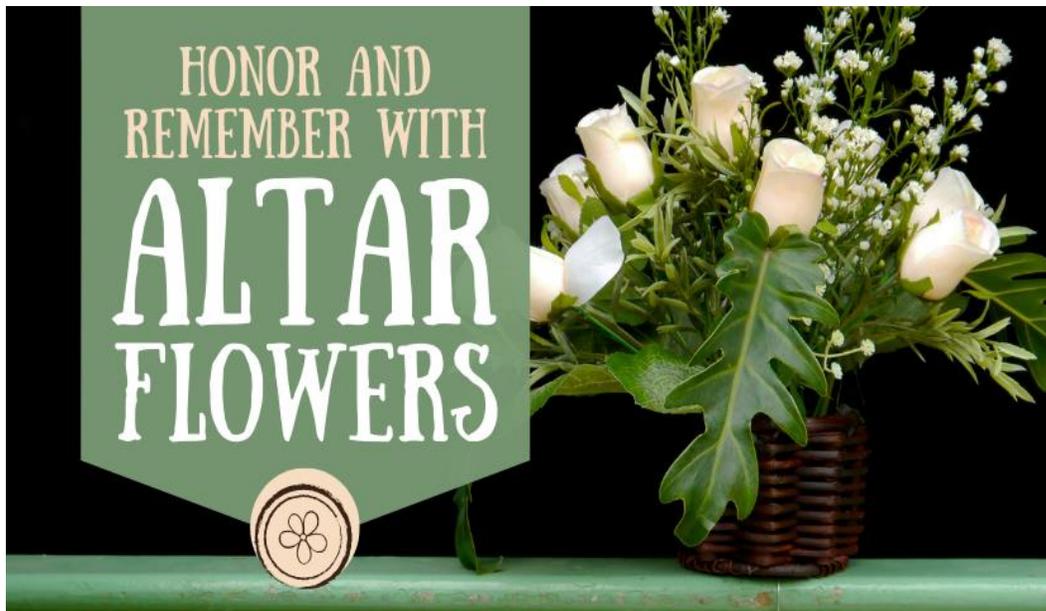
### ✠ Chimes/Meditation

### Postlude

*Preludium in G minor - JS Bach*

***Acolyte:***

***Olivia Pacovsky***



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*Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson*