



March 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**

March 20, 2022
3rd Sunday in Lent

Meditation

“We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise, we harden.”
Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Chimes

Prelude

Your Grace is Enough- Matt Maher
Gale Sterner, percussion

Welcome and Announcements

✝ Opening Hymn *Fill My Cup Lord*

Verse 1

Like the woman at the well I was seeking
For things that could not satisfy
And then I heard my Savior speaking
Draw from my well that never shall run dry

Chorus

Fill my cup Lord I lift it up Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup fill it up and make me whole

Verse 2

There are millions in this world who are craving
The pleasures earthly things afford
But none can match the wondrous treasure
That I find in Jesus Christ my Lord

Chorus

Fill my cup Lord I lift it up Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup fill it up and make me whole

Verse 3

So my brother if the things this world gave you
Leave hungers that won't pass away
My blessed Lord will come and save you
If you kneel to Him and humbly pray

Chorus

Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up Lord
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul
Bread of heaven feed me till I want no more
Fill my cup fill it up and make me whole
CCLI Song # 15946

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Seek the Lord while God is to be found.

Call upon God while God is near!

Repent of unrighteous ways.

It is never too late to turn to God!

Get rid of evil thoughts.

Let us turn to God, that God may have mercy on us!

For God will pardon our sins and cleanse us
of our transgressions.

We will praise God for the new life we have found!

Alleluia!

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✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

A broken and contrite heart is the acceptable sacrifice to you, O God. And so we come before you today, as sinners in need of your mercy. Grant us your forgiveness, O God. Help us turn from our old ways.

Lead us into newness of life that our actions may be found pleasing in your sight.

Silent pause for reflection **Amen.**

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness *(read responsively)*

We are given another chance! God has heard our cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in God's eternal love and be healed. **Amen.**

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings

Isaiah 55:1-9; Romans 12:1-2

Tracey Holler

Children's Message

Pastor Jeff

Anthem

Bring Back the Springtime - arr. John Purifoy

Pastor's Message

"When the Drought Gets Really Bad" 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

It is Well

Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way

When sorrows like sea billows roll

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say

It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come

Let this blest assurance control

That Christ (yes, He has) has regarded my helpless estate

And has shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Verse 3

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought

My sin, not in part, but the whole

Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul

It is well (it is well)

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well with my soul

Verse 4

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight

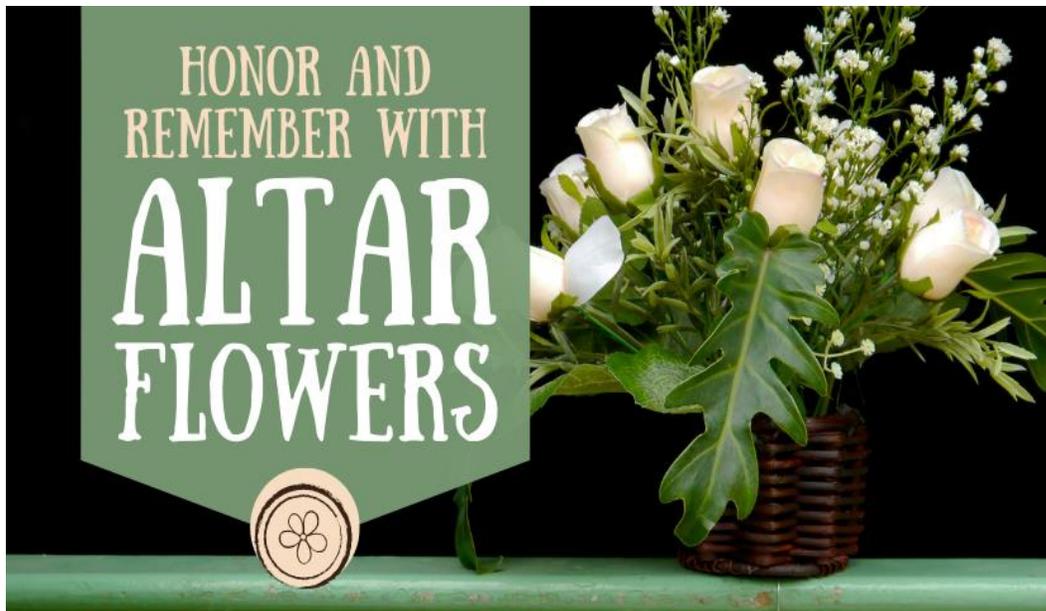
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll

The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul
It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

✠ **Chimes/Meditation**

Postlude *To God be the Glory - arr. Don Wagner*

Acolyte: Sophia Spolski



***The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God,
In loving memory of our parents, John &
Geraldine Lundbye
and James & Doris Hamilton,
Presented by Wayne & Lynda Hamilton***

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson