



April 11, 2021

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**

April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Meditation

“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.” — Corrie ten Boom

Chimes

Prelude/Opening Hymn *Lord of the Dance*
Christopher Crossman, solo

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Mission “Strengthen the Church” Offering Kay Jones

Lifting up our Joys

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

This is the good news which we proclaim to you.

Jesus Christ is raised from the dead!

Walk in the light of his love.

Live in the light of his teachings and healing mercies.

Come, let us worship the One who overcame death.

Let us celebrate the triumph of our Lord. Amen.

✠ Opening Prayer

Ethan Frantz

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the

sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠ Assurance of Forgiveness

In the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has showered mercy upon us all. In Christ's name, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

(the congregation may be seated)

Bible Readings Philippians 2: 5-11 – Katherine Sarnes
Mark 10: 13-16 – Mollie Sarnes

Children's Pageant Shout Hosanna! Created by Jeff and Dana Anderson

Directors: Jamie Barton and Caitlin Brossman

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

Scene 1

Lift Up Jesus

Scene 2

Is He Worthy?

Scene 3

Watch What He Will Do

Scene 4

Hosanna (Praise Is Rising) (Reprise)

Participants:

Lola & Christian Machamer

Calmina Kukta

Molly, Macie, & Ultan Stone

Austin Marrongelle

Porter Sarnes

Jacob Kunkle

✠The Apostles 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.

✠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.

(the congregation may be seated)

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jeff

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

Because He Lives

✠Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✠Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

Carillon-Toccata

Gordon Young

Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson

Blessings to you from St. John's United Church of Christ in Orwigsburg.

Make Handwashing a Time of Prayer: Washing our hands for 20 seconds is one of the ways to reduce the spread of the COVID virus. How long is 20 seconds? That is sometimes hard to track. However, there is a way that combines adequate handwashing and praising God. The Doxology that we sing during worship, (it starts with "Praise God from whom all blessings flow...") takes approximately 20 seconds to sing. By choosing to sing the Doxology each time we wash our hands we mentally shift our focus from the challenge of living within a pandemic to thoughts of gratitude and the blessings God has bestowed. Focusing on these positives in the midst of our challenges improves our health and wellbeing. Thanks be to God.

New Bible Study for women has started, contact Kay Jones for information.

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