



May 1st, 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

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Third Sunday of Easter - Communion

Meditation

“With God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26

Chimes

Prelude

Soon and Very Soon - Andraé Crouch
Gale Sterner, percussion

Welcome and Announcements

✝ Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone
CCLI Song # 3350395

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Lifting up our Joys

May Birthday Blessings

Passing of the Peace

✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

**Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in
this hour of worship and always.**

– based on Psalm 27; John 4:23

✠ Opening Prayer

Pastor Jeff

✠ Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. *From Psalm 51*

Silent pause for reflection

Amen.

✠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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

✠Invitation to the Table

✠Communion Prayer

Pastor Jeff

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for your abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We thank you for revealing your will for us in the giving of the law and in the preaching of the prophets.

We thank you especially that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm.

We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church to do your work in the world and to proclaim the gift of eternal life. Baptized by your Spirit into one body, we testify to your faithfulness toward those of every time nation, people, and language.

And so we join our voices with all creation to praise you in song:

✠Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of thy glory, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!

(the congregation may be seated)

Words of Institution

Hear the words of the institution of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ...Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

The Blessing of the Elements

Pastor Jeff

Holy God, descend your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape that they might mediate to us the presence of the living Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon us so that we might be reflections of your likeness in a hurting world so that others might know the blessings of living in communion with you and one another. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

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

The gifts of God for the people of God. Prepare your hearts, for all things are ready.

Sharing the Elements

Take and eat; this is the body of Christ, broken for you. **Amen!**

Take and drink; this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. **Amen!**

✠Prayer of Thanksgiving *(unison)*

Holy God, thank you for your love which lifts us, your presence which fills us

and your life which empowers us to be your people. Amen.

✠ **Closing Hymn #287** *Lift High the Cross*

Chorus

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 1

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, our King victorious,
Christ, the Son of God.

Chorus

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 2

All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Chorus

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 3

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
your death has brought us life eternally.

Chorus

Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name

Verse 4

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory.

Chorus

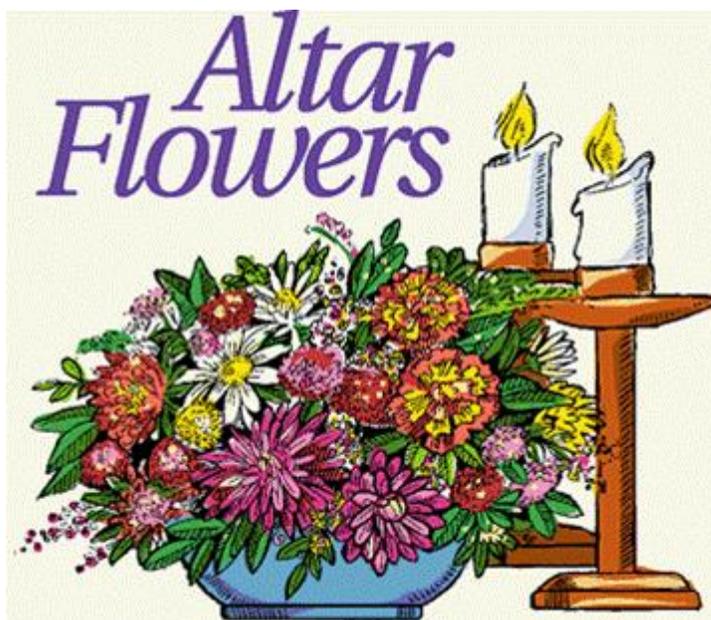
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✠ **Sending Forth and Final Blessing**

✠ **Chimes/Meditation**

Postlude

In Thee is Gladness- JS Bach



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,
in memory of our parents, Harry & Dorothy
Moore & Edward & Margaret Shay,
Presented by Dave & Christine Moore*

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