

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
10 A.M. Worship March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday In Lent

Prayer in Preparation

God, sometimes we have no expectation other than getting through the day. In this time of worship, surprise us with the good news that our lives can be renewed. Open us to your amazing love that keeps knocking at the door of our hearts. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please note the * indicates when you should stand.*

Due to the increased number of Covid cases recently, we are recommending the use of masks)

Opening Sentences

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude

"Prelude on Rhosymedre"

arr. Barnwell

*The Call to Worship

One: Breath of Life, you animate us.

All: We come before you seeking revival from within.

One: Holy One, when you speak, great things happen.

All: Empower us to make great things happen.

One: Matchless One, you bring good things to life.

All: We desire to bring good things to life too.

*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Life Giver, come and revive us again. Indwell us with your spirit and let our souls awake to joy. We come boldly that you might breathe on us. May what we experience with you today change us forever and for the better. Amen

*Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

#259

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession unison

Mender of Hearts, we confess that sometimes in our brokenness, we cause brokenness in others. Sometimes in our woundedness, we wound others. In these despairing moments, we need healing and restoration. We give thanks that we are never beyond your reach or grace. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Special Music

"Only by Grace"

Gustafson

For the Child in Us

Pastor Lisa

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Responsive Reading of Psalm 130

Sung Response: From the depths I cry to you; God listen to my voice.

One: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

All: Lord, hear my voice!

One: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

All: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

One: But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

All: I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in your word I hope.

Sung Response: From the depths I cry to you; God listen to my voice.

One: My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

All: more than those who watch for the morning.

One: O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

All: It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

Sung Response: From the depths I cry to you; God listen to my voice.

The Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

One: this is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

*Hymn	<i>"What Wondrous Love is This"</i>	#200 verses 1 & 4
What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on! And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!		

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (*In 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

Mission Moment

Speaker from MoVal

Invitation to Give Generously

(Thank you for being so generous in your care of St. John's UCC and its mission, through your participation and giving. Your stewardship makes a difference. You may make your offering several ways including in church, online, by text at 833-502-0657, or mail. We are grateful for your support.)

***Hymn:**

"Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring"

#379

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay,
Transform them into blessings on those we serve today.
Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill
The ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.

*** Prayer of Dedication (In Unison)**

O God, the giver of every good and perfect gift, grant that our gifts may be symbols of our love and of ourselves offered more fully to you. Use our gifts and us, we pray, to the end that your realm may come and your will be done on earth, even as it is done in heaven. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	#16 verses 1 and 3
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious measure sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.	O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it from thy courts above.	

Benediction

Postlude

"Spring"

Camie

The flowers on the alter this week are
given to the glory of God
in thanks to all of your cards and support during my recovery, Katie Wilsdorf

Preaching: **Pastor Lisa Hart**
Director of Music Ministry: **Ruth Notch**
Liturgist: **Ellen Brandon**
Usher Team: **Phil Difani**
Technology Team: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Lynn Potts**
Song Leaders: **Kathy & Mike Scherr**
Harpist: **Amy Camie**
Organist: **Evelyn Weber**

Please Welcome Milo George Hopper

He was born Tuesday March 14, weighed 5lb 12oz and was 6 weeks early. He is in the NICU at MoBap but is doing great! He is the son of Hayley (Jones) and Nathan Hopper, Grandson of Lisa (Carmack) and Jonathan Jones, Great grandson of (the late) George and Shirley Carmack, Brother of Flynn and Nephew of Griffin Jones. Thank you, Lisa Jones

Announcements

We pray for **Zona Cetera, Shirley Carmack, Betty Gschwind, A.J. Switzer and Paul Van Driest.**
Please let us know your prayer concerns.

Global Ministries requests that we pray with the **Angola** this week

04/02/23 Service

Liturgist: **Merilee Dauster**

Usher Team: **Ken Ruff**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship & Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**

04/09/23 Service

Liturgist: **Carol Tindira**

Usher Team: **Jim Pisoni**

Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**

Fellowship & Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**

The news continues to unfold about the devastating *earthquake on the border of Turkey and Syria*. The death toll continues to rise – numbers are pointing to over 51,000 – depending on the source. Amid this current uncertainty, you can be certain that with your financial support the United Church of Christ will be there helping those in need. Give generously by texting UCCDISASTER to 41444.

A Look Ahead

3/26/23	10 AM	Speaker from Camp MoVal.
3/26/23		Spring Break for Sunday School
3/28/23	11 AM	Remembering Your Story class
3/28/23	6:30 PM	No Bunko Spring Break
3/31/23		Pension Boards' Internship Application Due
4/2/23		Communion Sunday
4/2/23		Sixth Sunday in Lent

Holy Week

4/2/23		Palm Sunday
4/3/23	11 AM	Remembering Your Story class
4/6/23	6 PM	Maundy Thursday agape dinner
4/7/23	7 PM	Good Friday Service
4/8/23		Holy Saturday
4/9/23		Easter Sunday
4/9/23	11 AM	Easter Egg Hunt
4/8/23	8 AM	6th Annual Blossom Bolt
4/11/23	11:45 AM	Remembering Your Story class
4/18/2023	11:00 AM	Remembering Your Story
4/20/2023	6:30 PM	ECC evening of the Arts
4/22/2023	All day	Earth Day
4/25/2023	11:00 AM	Remembering Your Story
4/25/2023	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship

Please check your News Notes/Website for specific information around upcoming activities

Worship Services

9:00 a.m. - Fellowship in Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School

10:00 a.m. – Worship

In-Person, Facebook Live, or Virtual

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