

St. John's United Church of Christ

Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.
10 A.M. Worship April 9, 2023
Resurrection Day

The rose on the altar this Sunday is to **welcome** Milo George Hopper.

Prayer in Preparation

God of faithful women and men, whose revelations are often unexpected and surprising, I seek to be open to your word and responsive to your call. Melt my heart, taking away the defences that keep me from recognizing your voice or following your way. May I be a faithful witness to the good news of this day for the sake of those who need a resurrection experience to know life in all its fullness. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

Peace be with you.

Prelude

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

arr. Tucker

* The GREAT PROCLAMATION

Right Side: The tomb is empty!
 The tomb is empty!
Left Side: He is not there!
 He has risen!
One: Jesus Christ has risen!
All: Christ has risen indeed!
 Jesus Christ has risen indeed!

*Hymn

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

#216

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
All creation join to say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious king; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*Opening Prayer *(In Unison)*

God of amazing surprises, the story of Easter is ever new. Suddenly we are aware of your presence with us. We had lost touch with you. Our minds were full of worries and distractions. Our spirits felt the grip of despair. Jesus seemed a legend from the past, not a real person who shared our common lot. But today, you awaken something new within us. We hear the cry, Christ is risen, and we want to respond. Dry our tears and call our name. We need the good news of Easter. Amen.

The Resurrection of Jesus: Matthew 28:1-10

*Hymn	"Christ Arose!"	#224
Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!	Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior; vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!	

For the Child in Us

Pastor Lisa

Special Music

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!"

arr. Brusick

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:1-6

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Message

*Hymn	"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"	#233 vs 1 & 3
Alleluia! sing to Jesus, risen now to reign in love. Alleluia! Praise the Savior; with the multitudes above. There the songs of saints and martyrs thunder like a mighty flood, "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."	Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, be on earth our food and stay. Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, plead for me, where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.	

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.

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.)

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication (*In Unison*)

Thank you, God, for accepting us in ways that we had not even accepted ourselves. Receive our time and effort as well as our money, that your message of peace might be spread throughout our community and nation, and into the whole world. Inspire all of us to seek, above all else, to do your will and accomplish your purposes. Amen.

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

* Hymn	"Thine Is the Glory"	#218
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. [Refrain:] Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son, endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.	Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing. for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. (Refrain) No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love. Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. (Refrain)	

Benediction

Postlude

"Celebration in G"

Keller

Preaching:	Pastor Lisa Hart
Director of Music Ministry:	Ruth Notch
Liturgist:	Carol Tindira
Song Leaders:	Mike & Kathy Scherr
Usher Team:	Jim Pisoni
Technology Team:	Steve Hawkinson
Fellowship & Lockup:	Laura Dierberg Ayers
Handbells:	Erin Armstrong, Norma Armstrong, Jan Boehm, Lee Difani, Lisa Hart, Matthew Hart, Barb Nichols, Scott Nichols, Ruth Notch
Chancel Choir:	Meher Arora, Mary Bowers, Ellen Brandon, Rich Brandon, Jeanne Buchner, Don Duperrett, Mary Jane Duperrett, Carolyn Golfin, Kathy Scherr, Mike Scherr, Helen Stortz, Evelyn Weber
Percussionists:	Amanda Jones, Mary Polt

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*The Easter Lilies in the Sanctuary today
were given to the Glory of God ...*

In Celebration of our family given by Ken & Jackie Ruff.

In Celebration of our son Anthony James Amato given by Nora & Chuck Amato.

In Celebration of Easter given by Norma & Todd Armstrong.

In Honor of our mothers Leitha Macalady & Angelina Amato given by Nora & Chuck Amato.

**In Honor of Jennifer & Raymond Porter, John F Boehm, John D Boehm
given by Janis Boehm.**

In Memory of Michael Hart given by Monica Hart & Brian Spahr.

In Memory of George Tindira given by Carol Tindira.

In Memory of Daniel J Switzer given by Paul & Donna Switzer.

In Memory of Dorothy & Roy Steiner, Pearl & George Hill given by Janis Boehm.

In Memory of Leonard & LaVerne Haas given by Charlie & Marjorie Neubert.

In Memory of Raymond & Ruth Sontag given by Larry, Angie & Corryne Sontag.

In Memory of George & Lynn Hudson given by Larry, Angie & Corryne Sontag.

In Memory of John and Katy Boos given by Kathy Boos Sellenriek.

In Memory of John M. Boos given by Kathy Boos Sellenriek.

Announcements

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

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

04/16/23 Service

Liturgist: **Danielle Dolan**
Usher Team: **Larry Sontag**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**

04/23/23 Service

Liturgist: **David Leech**
Usher Team: **John Bartelt**
Technology: **Steve Hawkinson**
Fellowship & Lockup: **Laura Dierberg Ayers**

A Look Ahead

4/11	11:45 AM	Remembering Your Story class
4/16	11 AM	Estate Planning, Senior Ministries
4/17	6:30 PM	Council Meeting
4/18	11 AM	Remembering Your Story class
4/20	6:30 PM	ECC Evening of the Arts
4/22	All day	Earth Day
4/24	6 PM	Visioning Committee
4/25	11 AM	Remembering Your Story class
4/25	6:30 PM	Bunko Women's Fellowship
4/28	6 PM	St. Louis Association Trivia Night
4/30	9:15 AM	Loaves & Fishes
4/30	11 AM	Speaker Pastor Donna Smith Pupillo, Parish Nurse Program
5/1	1:30 PM	Personnel Committee Meeting via zoom
5/5	All day	Cinco de Mayo
5/7		Communion Sunday
5/8	4:30 PM	Christian Education Committee
5/11	11:00 AM	ECC Mothers parties
5/11	2:00 PM	ImPact Blood Drive Ivy Chapel

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

Join us on Sundays

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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*Join us for
the Easter Egg Hunt
Following the Service*

FEELING SMART? OR NOT.

JOIN US!

TRIVIA NIGHT

For the benefit of
the St. Louis Association -
Missouri Mid-South Conference
United Church of Christ

Friday
April 28th
doors open
@ 6:15
TRIVIA @ 7

Hosted at
ST. JOHN'S UCC -
CHESTERFIELD
15370 Olive Blvd.
just north/east of 40/64

\$20 per person
tables of 8 = \$160

SJUCC church family and friends:

We are putting together tables from our church.

SIGN UP by contacting the church office: 636-532-0540 or
StJohnsUCConOlive@gmail.com

THIS IS AN ADULT EVENT. BYOB ALLOWED.
Water, soda, popcorn provided.