



Communion SUNDAY

Sunday, May 3rd 2026

St. John's United Church of Christ

300 N. Huntersville Road | Batesville, IN 47006

Worship Service: 9:00am

Sunday School: 10:15am

Sermon: "A Big, Big House"

Hymn: *O Christ, the Great Foundation*

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: *I Believe in Miracles* -Peterson/DeCou

*Doxology #34

*Offertory Prayer

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion (We share an open communion here at St. John's. All who have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior are invited.)

The Communion Prayer and Words of Institution: The Lord's Prayer: **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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

Sharing of the Bread & Cup: (Note that there are grapes in the trays – these grapes are offered for youth who are not yet taking full Communion. We want them to start experiencing the meaning of communion and feel included.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving: **Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

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

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: *Festive Intrada* -Paul Fey

*Source: Adapted from UCC Worship Ways, original by Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay.

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Ministers	Every Member
Pastor	Rev. Joseph Feldmann
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. David Johnston
Organist/Choir Director	Mr. David W. Hanson

Scriptures:



1 Peter 2:2-10: Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." This honor, then, is for you who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



John 14:1-14: [Jesus said,] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Hymns:

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN #289

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise;
he who on the cross a victim
for the world's salvation bled--
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil
in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried:
now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
whom we worship and adore.

3 Christ is risen, we are risen!

Set your hearts on things above;
there in all the Father's glory
lives and reigns our King of love;
hear the word of peace he brings us,
see his wounded hands and side!
Now let every wrong be ended,
every sin be crucified.

4 Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior
who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia
to the Triune Majesty!

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #734

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.

O CHRIST, THE GREAT FOUNDATION (INSERT)

1 O Christ the great foundation
On which your people stand
To preach your true salvation
In every age and land:
Pour out your Holy Spirit
To make us strong and pure,
To keep the faith unbroken
As long as worlds endure.

2 Baptized in one confession,
One church in all the earth,
We bear Christ's own impression,
The sign of second birth:
One holy people gathered
In love beyond our own,
By grace we were invited,
By grace we make you known.

3 Where tyrants' hold is tightened,
Where strong devour the weak,
Where innocents are frightened
The righteous fear to speak,
There let your church awaking
Attack the powers of sin
And, all their ramparts breaking,
With you the victory win.

4 This is the moment glorious
When Christ who once was dead
Shall lead the church victorious,
Their champion and their head.
The Sovereign of creation
A new dominion brings
The final consummation,
The glory of all things.

DOXOLOGY #34

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Hymns:

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS #287

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

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

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

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

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

St. John's UCC Huntersville

Events * Prayer Lists * Announcements

May 3, 2026

Upcoming Events:

- May 4 Sunday School Board Meeting 6:30pm
May 6 Confirmation 6:00 & 7:00pm
May 7 National Day of Prayer 12-1pm YMCA
Chancel Practice 7:00pm
May 10 Mother's Day; Chancel Sings

Liturgist & Benevolence Calendar:

- May 3 Myron Kanning Batesville Children's Summer Meal
May 10 John Kuhlman Strengthen the Church (UCC)
May 17 Joan Westerfeld St. John's Vacation Bible School
May 24 RD Kitchell St. John's Emergency Fund



St. John's Bereaved Prayer List: (*these names remain on for one year*): Frank Bergman, Deloris Brebberman, Bob Weiler Sr.

Our Members & Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes:
St. Andrew's, Batesville: David Johnston, Margaret Meyers, Carol Narwold

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:
Quintin Comer, Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Bryce Timonera, Chris Williams, Zeke Obermeyer

Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray:

Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Nikki Sarringhaus; Carolyn Carson (Cancer); Randy & Becky Schebler; Delores Cornett; Sandi Maxwell (Cancer); Georgia Haarman; Connie Moody; Jim Link (Health Issues); Mary Ann Klingworth (Health Concerns); Merrill Hutchinson (Glioblastoma); Kim Wuestefeld (Health Issues); Anita Narwold; Charlie & Martha Dieckmann; Chuck Martin (Cancer); Kathy Reynolds (on the liver transplant list); Luetta Brown (Health Issues), Ella Meyer (Health Issues); Greg Leininger (Pancreatic Cancer); Larry & Donna Barton (Health Issues); Martin Fledderman (Health Issues).

— 22nd Annual —

Batesville National Day of Prayer

**Thursday, May 7th
from 12 - 1 P.M.
All are welcome!**

**Southeastern Indiana YMCA
Find Us At The Outdoor
Community Sports Complex!**

***In case of inclement weather, event will move
to conference room***





Get ready to join in a fun-filled adventure on the open road with Road Trip VBS based on Joshua 1:9 "The Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Kids will discover God's presence is everywhere through fun bible stories, crafts, music, games and so much more!

June 1-5 12:30-4:00pm

- ◆ Preschool – 6th Grade
- ◆ Free & open to the entire community – tell your friends!

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