



**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
Worship Service: 9:00am / Sunday School: 10:15am

**~ Communion ~**

**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

[\* = Those who are able may stand, **L** = Leader, **P** = People and **A** = All]

Words of Welcome: "Let us welcome February & take every chance to show love to all we meet"

Organ Prelude: "Prelude" — Barmotin

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastoral Greeting

Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 71):

**L:** In you, O Lord, we take refuge; for in your righteousness, you deliver us and rescue us.

**P:** **O God, you are a rock and a refuge; You are our strong fortress of protection.**

**L:** So rescue us O God, from all of life's evils. Keep us out of the hand of the wicked.

**P:** **In you, O Lord, we have our hope; in you we have trusted all of the days of our lives.**

**A:** **Thus, we come praising your name in all things.**

**We will proclaim your mighty deeds to all the nations.**

\*Opening Hymn: "O Word of God Incarnate" #670

\*Prayer of the Day<sup>+</sup>:

**God whose love is vast and measureless, wider than the universe, unlimited and infinite: In wonder we worship you. God whose love will never run dry, will never fall short, will never fail: In wonder we worship you. God whose love knows nothing of our distinctions, our notions of 'deserving' and 'undeserving', and which encompasses everyone: In wonder we worship you.**

**We praise you that your love reaches us, in our struggles and our joys, in our hidden place of fear and shame, in our sorrow and disappointment. We praise you that in your love you meet us as we are, where we are, sweeping aside any sense of inadequacy, overturning misplaced dependencies, and opening a window of light and hope, until we see in you our one true home. We praise you that your love comes gently, a warm scented breeze in the winter hurricane, a creeping tide smoothing rough sand, a depth of stillness to a heart in turmoil.**

**God your love is beyond all we can tell, yet we know that you are here with us, and that you care for every detail of our lives. We offer you hearts filled with gratitude. In wonder we worship you. Amen.**

Prayer Response: "Glory Be to the Father" #734

Mission Moment: Boy Scouts Troop #634

Especially for Children

The Song: **"Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world.  
Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand,  
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 13  
Luke 4:21-30

Anthem: "He Hideth My Soul" ~ Men's Choir

Sermon: "Out of Love"

Hymn: "The Gift of Love" #397

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

Organ Offertory: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" arr. Broughton

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: "I Need Thee Every Hour" #476

\*Benediction

Organ Postlude: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" arr. Phillips

+ From re-worship.blogspot, original by Louise Gough.

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

## **LITURGIST / BENEVELOENCE CALENDAR:**

February 2	Jeremy Welborn	Boy Scouts Troop #634
February 9	Sarah Dobson	Midwest Min Dev Services (UCC)
February 16	Lori Mauer	Camp Washington (UCC)
February 23	Nikki Sarringhaus	St. John's Emergency Fund



### **St. John's Prayer List – Those Bereaved** *(these names remain on for one year):*

Gayle Sarringhaus.

### **Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray:**

Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Nikki Sarringhaus; Carolyn Carson (Breast Cancer, Grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Randy & Becky Schebler; Delores Cornett; Sandi Maxwell (Cancer, Friend of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Georgia Haarman; Lonna Patton & Stephen Feldmann (On their recovery, Pastor Joey's Parents); Robbyn Woluing (Cancer Diagnosis, Cousin to Ron, Mark & Randy Meyer); Trenton Gesell (On his recovery, Neighbor to Dale Koester); The family of Gayle Sarringhaus on his passing; Mike Bauman (Health Issues, Brother to Jim Bauman); Pam & George Flodder (On the passing of Pam's father, Ron Simpson); Dale "Porky" Wittkamper (On his recovery from a broken shoulder); Jennifer Huffmeyer (On her recovery from a knee replacement); David Kelley (Health Issues, Uncle to Kristina Frye); Dale Koester's nieces safety during the wild fires in CA; The family of James Rodney Eaton on his passing (Brother of Larry Eaton); Connie Moody (Prayers for the vision in her right eye); Harry Krieger (Health Issues).

### **Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:**

Quintin Comer, Navy (deployed), Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Bryce Timonera, Chris Williams.

### **Our Members and Friends in Nursing/Retirement Homes:** (For Peace)

**St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville:** Frank Bergman, David Johnston, Margaret Meyers; Carol Narwold.

**Aspen Place, Greensburg:** Charlotte Huffmeyer.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- February 2: Communion Sunday  
Men's Choir Sings
- February 3: Sunday School Board Meeting 6pm
- February 5: Confirmation Class 7pm  
Chancel Choir Practice 7pm
- February 9: Chancel Choir Sings



Pastor Joey will be giving a recital at St. John's on February 23 at 3pm. "My Favorite Things" will feature Pastor Joey and David Hanson, with special performances by Serenity and Bailey Feldmann and Jane Link. The recital is free to the public, though an opportunity will be given to donate to the Food Pantry. Spread the word!



**CALIFORNIA FIRE RELIEF ASSISTANCE:**

On January 7, 2025, wildfire activity began in LA County, CA. Immediate reports indicate that this fire has caused substantial damage throughout LA County, making this event the largest fire disaster in the county's history. Among the many properties and buildings destroyed is Altadena Community Church, United Church of Christ.

As we continue to pray for and support those who experienced unimaginable loss, we invite you to support the UCC's recovery efforts in the following ways:

- Donate to the UCC's California Wildfires 2025 by writing a separate check or indicating in your memo.
- You may also give cash if it is marked in a pew envelope.
- You may also mail a check directly to the United Church of Christ using the address of United Church of Christ, PO Box 71957, Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note "California Wildfires 2025" in the memo section of your check. Our EIN: 34-192704.

Thank you in advance for your help in providing relief for our siblings in Christ who are hurting.



## **SCRIPTURES**



### **I Corinthians 13:**

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part, but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see only a reflection, as in a mirror, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.



### **Luke 4:21-30:**

Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

## Hymns

### O Word of God Incarnate (page #670)

O Word of God incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
we praise you for the radiance  
that from the hallowed page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

The Church, from her dear Master,  
received the gift divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
on all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that, all life's voyage through,  
'mid mists and rocks and quicksand,  
still guides, O Christ, to you.

O make your Church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations  
your true light as of old;  
teach us, your wandering pilgrims,  
by this our path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
we see you face to face!

### Glory Be to the Father (page #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.

### The Gift Of Love (page #397)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift of all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
and striving so my love profess,  
but not be given by love within,  
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

### Doxology (page #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.

### I Need Thee Every Hour (page #476)

I need thee every hour,  
most gracious Lord;  
no tender voice like thine  
can peace afford.

#### *Refrain:*

I need thee, O I need thee;  
every hour I need thee!  
O bless me now, my Savior,  
I come to thee.

I need thee every hour,  
stay thou nearby;  
temptations lose their power  
when thou art nigh. [*Refrain*]

I need thee every hour,  
in joy or pain;  
come quickly, and abide,  
or life is vain. [*Refrain*]

I need thee every hour,  
teach me thy will,  
and thy rich promises  
in me fulfill. [*Refrain*]