



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

Mother's Day ~ Sunday, May 12, 2024

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

Words of Welcome: "She is more precious than rubies..." — Proverbs 3:15

Organ Prelude: "A Trumpet Fancy" — Leon Nelson

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Greeting

Litany for Mother's Day⁺:

*Opening Hymn: "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" #323

Prayer of the Day:

Holy and Gracious God, we gather, just as those disciples did at Bethany, to once again hear your word. We gather to listen to your Spirit, to be moved and empowered for ministry, and to be reminded of your love for all people. Give us your presence, your voice, now. Speak to our hearts. Through this time of worship, may our walk with you be deepened and our discipleship be strengthened. For we pray in Jesus's name, Amen.

Prayer Response: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah" (only chorus) #5

Mission Moment: Strengthen the Church (UCC)

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.

Anthem: "Dream God's Dream" ~ Children's Choir

**Dream God's dream, Holy Spirit help us dream of a
world where there is justice and where everyone is free
to build, and grow, and love, and to simply have enough.
The world will change when we dream God's dream.**

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23
Luke 24:44-53

Anthem: "Sacred Waters" ~ Chancel Choir

Sermon: "Witness and Worship"

Hymn: "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" #320

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation for Our Offerings

<u>Organ Offertory:</u>	“The Gift of Love”	arr. Hopson
<u>Doxology</u>		#34
<u>Offertory Prayer</u>		
<u>*Closing Hymn:</u>	“Crown Him With Many Crowns”	#317
<u>*Benediction</u>		
<u>Organ Postlude:</u>	“Gigue” (Psalm 149:3)	— Wagner

+ Based on a recourse originally by Rev. Robb McCoy

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

Litany for Mothers' Day⁺

Leader: We remember Mary, who bore Jesus and treasured all of these things in her heart.

Many: Loving God, we pray for those who have taught us about love, for mothers of all kinds who have told us that we are loved.

Leader: We remember Sarah who was taunted by others in the household because of her inability to have children.

Many: All-encompassing God we pray for those who feel excluded when we emphasize one kind of family as normal.

Leader: We remember Esther, who was adopted and raised by her cousin.

Many: God who embraces us all, we pray for those who cannot be raised by their parents, for a short time or permanently.

Leader: We remember Jochebed, the mother of Moses, who placed him into a raft on the river.

Many: Saving God, we pray for parents who struggle to raise their children in oppressive circumstances.

Leader: We remember Hannah, who loved her child so much she handed him over to another to raise.

Many: Loving God, we pray for parents who have placed their child in another family.

Leader: We remember Naomi, who grieved the death of her sons.

Many: God, who grieves with us, we pray for parents who mourn the death of a child.

Leader: We remember Ruth, who gave up her family to be family to another.

Many: Inclusive God, we pray for those who desperately want children of their own, but instead have chosen to be mothers to everyone else. For the strength of these mothers in spirit, true mothers to so many of us, we praise you.

Leader: We remember Lois and Eunice, who taught Timothy faith by example.

Many: Faithful God we pray for those who teach us faith by their lives, may we remember that we also teach about you in the way we live.

All: Nurturing God, we give thanks for those who enrich our lives by their presence who teach us about your abundant love, who encourage us to journey in faith. Amen.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK:

May 12: Mother's Day
Chancel Choir Singing
May 14: Council Meeting 7pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 19: Confirmation & Communion Sunday
Chancel Choir Singing
May 23: Messenger Deadline
May 25: BHS Graduation 11am

LITURGIST / BENEVELOENCE CALENDAR:

May 12	Dan Hall	Strengthen the Church (UCC)
May 19	Cindy Feller	St. John's Sunday School (VBS)
May 26	Myron Kanning	St. John's Cemetery Fund
June 2	Mike Schumacher	So Loved Closet of Ripley County



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

Marian Koester; Willis Rouse; Doris Lamping; John Moody.

Others For Whom We Have Been Asked To Pray For:

Gayle Sarringhaus; Nikki Sarringhaus; Dave & Bonnie Johnston; Carolyn Carson (Breast Cancer, Grandmother to Nikki Sarringhaus); Randy & Becky Schebler; Margaret Meyers; Darlene Hauck & family (On the passing of her Father, Robert Hauck, friend of Kimberly Hill); Delores Cornett; Robert Weber (Recovery from fall); Sandi Maxwell (Cancer, friend of Jennifer Huffmeyer); Georgia Haarman; Dan Borchelt (Cancer, uncle to Barb Foster, cousin to Paul Borchelt); Mabel Horton (On her passing, Mabel is the sister of Ruth Thie and Aunt to Jennifer Huffmeyer); Anne Thie (On her passing); Danny & Patty Canterbury (On her Recovery, friend of Dan & Elizabeth Hall); Steve & Ann Koph (Melanoma diagnosis and health issues, friend of Dan & Elizabeth Hall); Jenell Schroeder; Sheryl Voss (Health Issues), Elaine Wessling (Health Issues); Connie Miller (Recovery); Joan Westerfeld (Hip Replacement); Bob Selke (Recovery from Surgery); Olivia Williams (Surgery & Recovery, daughter of Tim & Sara Putnam).

Members/Friends Serving Active Duty in the Armed Forces:

Kris Freeman, Aaron Gordon, Steven Meer, Ryan Miller, Chris Williams; Bryce Timonera.

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

St. Andrews Health Campus in Batesville: Margaret Meyers; Carol Narwold.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:

is May 19th and we have seven of our youth that will be invited to affirm their baptisms and join the ranks of those confirmed here at St. John's. Please join us before worship in the Fellowship Hall for a reception in their honor. And then join us for the joyful event itself during our 9am worship service.

SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3 – 7 is when St. John's Vacation Bible School will be. Please save the date, spread the word, and invite your friends and cousins to come along to this awesome event! Online registration is now open; visit our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/sjucbatesville>

This year's VBS theme will be:

Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve God



LOADS OF LOVE!

- ♥ Have you been given loads of love? I bet you have! Family, friends, God...
- ♥ Do you have loads of love to give? I bet that's true too!
- ♥ How do we spread loads of love to our local neighbors?
By doing loads of laundry of course!



Our new outreach mission ministry, called Loads of Love, has begun! We have several ways locally for our neighbors in need to get clothing items for free or reduced costs. How do those same neighbors get their clothes clean, especially if they have a lower income or don't have laundry facilities in their home? Have you thought much about how expensive and inconvenient it is to have to do all of your laundry at the laundromat? We are collecting quarters, and really any money you're willing to donate, in our washing machine at the back of the sanctuary. At a future date, we will take these quarters and laundry detergent (purchased with that other money) to a local laundromat to do loads of free laundry for anyone who comes while we're there. This mission's purpose is to share our love with all our neighbors by helping them do a load of laundry. We'll help until the suds and funds run out.



SCRIPTURES



Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.



Luke 24:44-53

Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.



Hymns

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise (page #323)

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
to his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits, Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates, Alleluia!
he has conquered death and sin. Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!

See! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
yet he loves the earth he leaves, Alleluia!
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
still he calls us the world his own. Alleluia!

See! he lifts his hands above! Alleluia!
See, he shows the prints of love! Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
blessing on his church below. Alleluia!

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (page #5)

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (page #320)

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne:
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now:
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! heavenly High Priest,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful cry to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

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.

Crown Him With Many Crowns (page #317)

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.