

## MISSION STATEMENT OF ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Remembering that God calls us through Christ to be ministers with each other, St. John's United Church of Christ, as inspired and directed by the Holy Spirit, seeks: To be inclusive and accessible to all people; To provide loving service to all of God's people through mission and ministry; To strive for righteousness, justice, and peace.

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,  
we are glad you are connecting with us today!!*

### Prelude

### Sharing of Announcements and Joys & Concerns

### Crossing the Threshold

Enter  
Enter the story  
Enter the place you belong  
Not just looking on  
For this is *your* story  
Enter the story

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Come enter the story  
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### Prayer of Confession

*Pastor:* Let us pray together:

**Sometimes we just aren't paying attention. We can keep our heads in the sand when we really need to attend to difficult situations, or the needs of your people. Forgive us, O God. Guard us from disconnecting ourselves from others, and help us to care for what's right in front of us. You entered our story through Jesus, now help us to enter fully into the story of your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

Know this: Our lives contain continual opportunities to be in humble service to friends and strangers even in this time of social distancing. You are forgiven and freed, encouraged and loved by a God who wants you to live fully. Let us enter the passion of Christ, and pass the peace of Christ with each other.

### Passing of Peace

Children's Moment

Scripture     *Luke 4:16-21*

Dwelling in the Story                      Monologue - "A Servant's Towel"

Sermon -                      "The Basin and Towel"

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Pastoral Prayer

**Prayer Song: Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full on his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his wonder and grace**

*Let us continue to pray in the words that Jesus taught us:* 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 sins, as we forgive those who have sinned 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.

Symbolically Offering Our Gifts

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Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self (together):

**All that we have, all that we give this day, Holy One, already belongs to you. Bless these, our gifts, and give us vision to use them to glorify you. Amen.**

Hymn                      Jesu, Jesu

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,  
show us how to serve  
the neighbors we have from you.**

**1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
Silently washes their feet,  
Master who pours out himself for them. [Refrain]**

**2 Neighbors are rich and poor,  
Neighbors are black and white,  
Neighbors are near and far away. [Refrain]**

**3 These are the ones we should serve,  
These are the ones we should love.  
All are neighbors to us and you. [Refrain]**

**4 Kneel at the feet of our friends,  
Silently washing their feet,  
This is the way we should live with you. [Refrain]**

Benediction

Choral Benediction

**Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days #211 (st. 1 &3)  
Lord Jesus, who through forty days for us did fast and pray,  
Teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.**

**And through these days of penitence, and through this Passiontide,  
Yes, evermore, in life and death, O Christ with us abide.**

Postlude





