



be with you.
As the Father has
sent me,
so I send you."

John 20:21, NRSV

***St. John's United Church of Christ
Welcome Back to In-person Worship
Also on Facebook & FM 88.5
Second Sunday of Easter
April 11, 2021
10:00 a.m.***

St. John's United Church of Christ

An "Open and Affirming" Congregation

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Rev. Alice Rauch, Pastor

The Service: 10:00 a.m.

April 11, 2021

(Let us be silent and prayerful as we prepare ourselves for worship.)

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,
you are welcome here!*

Prelude

Sharing of Announcements and Prayer Concerns

Call to Worship:

Shake off the dust that has been gathering underfoot.

We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Raise your hands in grateful praise.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of determination, and set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

Hymn # 253 "Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One"

1. Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won.
Angels clothed in radiance rolled the stone away,
Conquered is the grave in which your body lay.

**2. See, it is Jesus. Jesus has appeared,
Do not doubt at all for nothing you will fear.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph
sing:**

Tell it without ceasing; death has lost its sting.

[Refrain]

Refrain:

Yours is the glory, Resurrected One!

Endless is the vict'ry you o'er death have won.

Prayer

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation - You are the restorer of life, the conqueror of all that is death-dealing in our hearts and in this world. Tune us to each other. Come and dance with us, engage with us, as we seek You - so that we can be risen with Christ and in Christ. Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Affirming the Peace Among Us

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

And also with you!

(You are invited to turn to the people around you and wave as a sign of graceful greetings this day.)

Song of Praise #236 "Halleluja"

Words for All - Especially Children

Scripture: *John 20:19-31*

Special Music *“Hallelujah Chorus”* - Handle - Penn Central Conference Virtual Choir

Message *“Peace that Lasts.”*

Morning Prayer

Lord’s Prayer (sinned and sinned against 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.

Sharing our Joys and Celebrations

Video Dance Challenge Video -- YouTube

Dedication of Gifts and Offerings: **Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed Your only Son, You amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with Your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to Your love. We lay our very lives at Your feet, O God, knowing that You will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen**

Hymn #526 *“We Are Marching in the Light of God”*

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching, we are marching (oo) we are marching in the light of God. (2x)

We are **dancing** in the light of God, we are dancing in the light of God...

Benediction

Postlude

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 12	2:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	WORSHIP/MUSIC (LIB) CHRISTIAN ED (ZOOM)
Tuesday, April 13		
Wednesday, April 14	7:00 p.m.	HOLY ENVY BOOK STUDY (ZOOM)
Thursday April 15	7:00 p.m.	CONSISTORY (ZOOM)
Friday, April 16		
Saturday April 17	12:00 p.m.	Pavilion rsvd. By member
Sunday, April 18	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	SUNDAY WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP HOUR (ZOOM)

In Our Thoughts and Prayers This Morning

(please contact the church office, at 570-523-0162, with any updates)

Ongoing Needs- Theresa Beers, Betty Hackenberg, Janet & Richard Heaton, Joanne & Bill Stahley, Linda Williams, Wayne Williams.

Shut-In/Homebound- Ann Beasom, Richard Berry, Peg Brouse, Bill & Lola Fuller, Evelyn Mabus, Ken Moore, Ethel Moser, Loretta Roberson, Mary Stover, Amelia Troutman.

Immediate Concerns -Oliver Auman, The Family of Helen Barsh, Joyce, Maryjane Derr, Carol Hahn, Christine Sartwell, Peg Swinehart.

THE OUTWARD SIGNS

April 4, 2021

2021 Yard Sale - \$25.00; Clean-up Kits - \$10.00; Current Expenses - \$4,775.00;
Easter Boxes - \$40.00; Giant Gift Cards - \$250.00; Habitat for Humanity - \$580.00;
Improvements/Maintenance - \$125.00; LEAF Fund - \$25.00; Maundy Thursday - \$275.00;
Memorial Fund - \$500.00; OCWM - \$555.00; Reitz Est. - \$11,229.24;
St. John's Quilters - \$25.00; Vanguard Total - \$162.66;
Weis Gift Cards - \$675.00;

GRAND TOTAL - \$19,251.90 THANK YOU!

RETURNING TO THE SANCTUARY - Sunday, April 11th and following - the Sanctuary will be open for the worship service for those who wish to come (masks and social distancing required). We will continue to broadcast via radio and facebook for those who would prefer those options.

"HOLY ENVY" BOOK STUDY - We will continue to share in conversation around the work of Barbara Brown Taylor in her book, "*Holy Envy*." "The renowned Christian preacher ... recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places while teaching world religions to undergraduates in Baptist-saturated rural Georgia, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations." We will finish the study this Spring with a few ZOOM sessions on **Wednesday, April 14 at 7 pm, and Wednesday, April 21 at 7 pm**. Please let Pastor Alice or Todd know if you are interested in participating. (570) 523-0162

WIRED WORD BIBLE STUDY - You're invited to a ZOOM Sunday School class on a **Thursday, April 22, at 7 pm**. Linda Williams, Gary Nottis, and Pastor Alice will lead us in a discussion about one of the Wired Word topics. We will let you know ahead of time which topic we will use as our focus. So, mark your calendars for a **ZOOM gathering on Thursday, April 22nd, at 7 p.m.** The ZOOM link will be sent out a few days before the gathering. **Please call the office no later than April 21st to be added to the ZOOM link email.** Join us for reflection on scripture in conversation with an event or idea from the current news. Linda is asking for suggestions on a topic from the Wired Word series. If anyone has a suggestion, please let Linda know. (570) 524-4039.

SAVE THE DATE - Hartman Center Spirit Week, **When:** Saturday, August 8 - Saturday, August 14
Where: Camp Mount Luther in Mifflinburg, PA. More info to come!