



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**Saturday, March 13, 2021**  
**5:30 pm**

**Gathering Music**

Amistad Praise Band

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Opening Song**

Amistad Praise Band

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns**

**Singing Our Prayers**

Amistad Praise Band

**Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** *(all together)*

**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 sin 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.**

**Prayer Response**

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**Scripture**

John 3:14-21

<sup>14</sup> Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up <sup>15</sup> so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him isn't judged; whoever doesn't believe in him is already judged, because they don't believe in the name of God's only Son.

<sup>19</sup> "This is the basis for judgment: The light came into the world, and people loved darkness more than the light, for their actions are evil. <sup>20</sup> All who do wicked things hate the light and don't come to the light for fear that their actions will be exposed to the light. <sup>21</sup> Whoever does the truth comes to the light so that it can be seen that their actions were done in God."

**Sermon**

Pastor Caroline

**Service of Holy Communion**

*Everyone is welcome and invited to share the meal. Whether you have brought your own elements from home or are utilizing elements provided, all of these gifts and all of us are consecrated as holy. Please eat of the bread and drink of the cup as invited by Pastor Caroline.*

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*from the UCC Book of Worship*

**We give thanks, gracious God,  
that you have refreshed us at your table  
by granting us the presence of Jesus 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,  
and in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Closing Song

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## Call to Sharing

*We ask that you place contributions for the ministry of St. John's UCC in the basket located on the table close to the door. We are doing our best to reduce the number of commonly touched objects, including baskets and plates. Thank you!*

## Benediction

## Blessing Song

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*Due to concerns regarding congregational singing, tonight's worship service features music performed by the praise band. We do invite you to get up and move, dance, and stay safely distanced from one another. Move when the Spirit says move!*

***No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.***

## SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP AT ST. JOHN'S

The St. John's UCC Saturday Night Worship Service is designed to provide a relaxed, informal, intimate atmosphere for worship and fellowship. As with many other aspects of life these days, our worship style and space have been modified to protect the most vulnerable among us. While some things have changed, other things remain the same. So...

### **Feel free to move.**

Walk around if you need to. Dance, even. It's OK. We ask that you respect the personal space of others and keep social distance from those who are not in your household.

### **Eat and drink (part 1).**

We will not be able to partake of shared food items at this time. Food and beverages may be shared among members of the same family group.

### **Eat and drink (part 2).**

No matter who you are or where you've been, all are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated here.

**Amistad Praise Band Members:** Guz Mora, Diana Kongkeattikul, Swann Kongkeattikul, Roxanne Davenport, and Christina Taylor.

**St. John's UCC Program Staff:** Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor; Loretta Zimmerman, office manager; Roxanne Davenport, director of children and youth; Gary and Gloria Crum, Tim Long, music directors; Kari Rock, nursery school director