

**St. John's United Church of Christ**  
**March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Gathering Words *"This is the Day"*

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

Announcements

Mission Moment Tom Harrison

Passing of the Peace *"The peace of Christ be with you"* *"And also with you"*

Opening Music (Praise Team) *"Refresh My Heart"* Geoff Bullock

Solemn Declaration

Call to Worship *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

From water to wilderness:  
    **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

On stone and in hearts:  
    **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:  
    **God's covenant continues; God's kingdom comes near.**

We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,  
    **for where he is, we would be also.**

Musical Meditation (Praise Team) *"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"* Rick Founds

Call to Confession *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Let us pray for the cleansing of our hearts, confessing our sins to the One whose mercy is everlasting.

Prayer of Confession *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Redeeming God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart, and have not loved our neighbors as we ought; we have strayed from your commandments. Do not remember our sins, but forgive our iniquities, that we may fix our eyes on you and sin no more, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Kyrie (spoken rather than sung) Hymnal Companion C-4

Words of Assurance *from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

Siblings, by the faith of Christ, your sins are forgiven. May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

Glory Be to the Father #704 (spoken rather than sung)

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:5-10

Children's Sermon		Diana Kongkeattikul
Scripture Reading		John 12:20-33
Sermon		Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Musical Meditation (Praise Team)	"Make Me a Servant"	Kelly Willard
Sharing of Joys and Concerns		
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (debts)		
Musical Meditation (Praise Team)	"Change My Heart, O God"	Eddie Espinosa
Invitation to Giving		
Commission & Benediction	<i>from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion</i>	
May God, whose hand has written the law of love upon your heart, fill you with peace from deep within and the commitment to live in harmony. And the blessing of God, who loves, forgives, and calls us home, be with you now and always.		
Sending Music (Praise Team)	"Glory to God Forever"	Steve Fee/Vicky Beeching

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**Special Thanks** to everyone who made our worship possible this morning.

If you are ill, have a fever, or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, we respectfully ask that you remain at home.

**The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross** are given by Gary and Gloria Crum in honor of St. John's choir and bell choirs.

Our **Special Congregational Meeting** concerning upgrading our HVAC system will be held **today, March 21**, following the worship service. We will gather in the Sanctuary with the option to attend on Zoom (video chat or call-in). Meeting packets are available at the Welcome Center and on our website.

Join us for our **Virtual Fellowship Time** this afternoon at 2 pm on Zoom. Our meeting ID is 956-4820-9436 and passcode is 755909. The direct link is [here](#).

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