



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
January 22, 2023***

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

*Please stand in body or in spirit

GATHERING SONG

"This is the Day"

UNISON WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

"The peace of Christ be with you"

"And also with you"

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

adapted from Taught by Love

Come, all who have known gloom and anguish.

Come, all who have walked amid terrors of the night.

Sometimes we have felt broken and forsaken.

Our losses seem greater than we can bear.

God is our light and our salvation.

God is our stronghold; we need not fear.

Enemies lose their power when we look up to God.

We come now, seeking God's face.

Come, behold the beauty of our God.

Come, to find shelter in a day of trouble.

We will sing and make melody to God.

We will dare to lift up shouts of joy.

***HYMN #425**

"How Firm a Foundation"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you have promised to receive us when we come to you. We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have disobeyed your law. We have not loved you or our neighbors as we should. Forgive us, O God, and grant that we may live and serve you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Hymnal Companion C-4

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from the UCC Book of Worship

God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life. **We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

***GLORY BE TO THE FATHER #704**

ANTHEM

"Lord of the Dance"

choral setting by Don Hart

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 9:1-4; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

GOD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

GOD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing I asked of GOD, that will I seek after:

to live in GOD's house all the days of my life, to behold GOD's beauty, and to inquire in God's temple."

For God will shelter me in the day of trouble, and will conceal me under the cover of God's tent; God will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to GOD.

Hear, O GOD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

"Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, GOD, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

Children's Corner will be offered following the Children's Message

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

HYMN #264

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS)

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE #706**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

***UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH**

Hymnal Companion C-12

***HYMN #246**

"The Church's One Foundation"

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated)

The "Nursery Nook in the Narthex" quiet area and infant/toddler space in the Parlor are available for children and families to use during worship. Age-appropriate activity bags are also available. See the deacon for assistance.

Please join us for a retirement reception in Fellowship Hall honoring Gloria Crum.

Birthdays this week: 1/24 Calvin Frantz; 1/25 Abbie Reichelderfer & Hannah Myers; 1/27 Paulette Wohl; 1/28 Barb Wissinger & Brooke Reichelderfer

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Sarah Myers
Lector	Jerry Thomason
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz & Chris Willman-Bunge
Bulletin cover	Edd Scheer

The Flower arrangement is given in honor of Gloria Crum's retirement.

St. John's Vision

We are called to love, to learn, to worship and to witness in Christ
as a congregation that welcomes everyone,
and seeks service that will advance God's realm on earth.

Worship Resources:

*Taught by Love: Worship Resources for Year A; Feasting on the Word Worship Companion
UCC Book of Worship*

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1

NEWS IN THE PEWS JANUARY 22, 2023

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, January 23

6:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 24

5:30 pm Cooking Class – Kitchen

5:30 pm Yoga Class – Room 116

6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom

6:30 pm Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall

7:15 pm Amistad Praise Band Practice – Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 25

6:00 pm Consistory Meeting – Room 116

6:30 pm Convergence Webinar – Room 116 & Zoom

Thursday, January 26

9:45 am Mom's Group – Parlor

6:00 pm Bell Practice – Room 117

7:15 pm Choir Practice – Room 103

Friday, January 27

5:00 pm Dance Class – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, January 29

9:00 am Adult Sunday School Room 116 and Zoom

9:00 am Spark Elementary School Class – Room 204

9:00 am Teen Discussion Class – Room 206

9:00 am Godly Play Room 119

10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary

How the World is Changing and What it Means for the Church – This webinar with Rev. Cameron Trimble will be Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 6:30 pm Zoom and In-Person. We are being invited to create a world without many of the constraints that perhaps narrowed our imaginations and options for growth. We will have a chance to engage her presentation as well as explore with other participants the wisdom needed for this moment and the coming days. Join us in Room 116 or on Zoom; Meeting ID is 216 127 9033 and Passcode is stjhn

January First Fruits We have the opportunity to offer support to local families in our community with diapers and wipes. Our siblings at Central Presbyterian distribute diapers monthly to our community. They serve 180-200 families each month. They also offer baby items, breakfasts and some food for families. 1 in 3 families struggle to provide clean diapers for their babies and toddlers. Your contribution of money for diapers or wipes can go a long way to support this mission. This is 100% volunteers and diapers purchased by this organization are at a wholesale price, so your contributions have a large impact.

Bad weather could be upon us at any time. Remember that the church follows the CASD schedule. If school is cancelled for the day, all church activities are cancelled for the day. If school is delayed in the morning, all morning church activities are cancelled. If school is dismissed early, all evening church activities will be cancelled. It is the goal to hold all scheduled worship services. Call the church office and select option #1 to hear about any weather-related worship cancellations. When in doubt, safety first!

Winter Warmth Drive (Sharing Our Love and "Mission-ing"): United Way of Franklin County is conducting a "Winter Warmth Drive" from January 16 through February 10. **St. John's is one of the designated locations** for items to be donated to address the needs of many in our area. **Donation boxes are in the front and back lobbies of St. John's.** There are numerous ways to assist in this "mission-ing", placing the following in the boxes: 1) Warm Accessories – blankets, gloves, mittens, hats, and socks; 2) Personal Care Items – First Aid kits, soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, paper towels, tissues, and laundry detergent; 3) Books – new or gently used books for readers of all ages and interests; 4) Food – whole grains, seasonings, cooking oils, condiments, flour, sugar, boxed meals and canned goods (a can opener might also be handy as not all canned goods have flip top openings); OR 5) Financial support (checks should be made out to St. John's UCC with "Winter Warmth" in the memo line). This project enables many families to stay warm, clean and well-fed. St. John's Outreach and ONA Ministries support showing our 'welcome and affirmation' to those who are a part of our larger community.

Preparing for Lent: Opportunities for Prayer We will have two opportunities to "go deeper" into our prayer lives prior to Lent. On Wednesday, February 8, we will investigate what prayer is and isn't and why we pray, as well as looking at different kinds of prayers, and how we can deepen our prayer life. On Wednesday, February 15, we will explore approaches to prayer that emphasize meditation, silence, and listening. We will look at the attitudes, sympathies, and desires as individuals and as a community that guide and affect our prayer. We will share examples from church history, scripture, monastic practices, and other religions, offering perspective from many sources. These opportunities will be held in-person in Conference Room 111 and on Zoom at 6:30 pm. Meeting ID 216 127 9033 and Passcode: stjoh.

Creative Churches: a Virtual Tour of Growing Churches Changing Their Communities webinar will be Sunday, February 12, with a meal following worship and the webinar to follow.

How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
 3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
 4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to his foes;

What more can He say than to you He has said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee, I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake!"

WORDS: John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787 (2 Tim. 2:19; Isa. 43:1-2)MUSIC: Joseph Funk's *Genuine Church Music*, 1832

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Where Charity and Love Prevail

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1. Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2. For - give we now each oth - er's faults as we our faults con - fess;

brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.
and let us love each oth - er well in Chris - tian ho - li - ness.

With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear true char - i - ty we learn;
Let strife a - mong us be un - known, let all con - ten - tion cease;

let us with heart and mind and strength now love Christ in re - turn.
be Christ the glo - ry that we seek, be ours His ho - ly peace.

WORDS: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; para. Omer Westendorf, 1960

MUSIC: Freeman Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Shelby Trapp, 2007

RESIGNATION

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The Church's One Foundation

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1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

she is His new cre - a - tion, by wa - ter and the Word;
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won;

from heaven He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride,
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

with His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and Christ's great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with Thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866
 MUSIC: Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

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