

WHEN
AND WHERE?
DOES
THE
NEW
COVENANT
BEGIN!
... WILL IT
BE ACCEPTED
AND/OR FOLLOWED....

*St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
March 17, 2024*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

***Please stand in body or in spirit**

GATHERING SONG

"The Sanctuary at St. John's" and "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"

OPENING SONG

"Here I Am to Worship"

***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.

***PRAISE SONG**

"Mighty to Save"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

from Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion

God of grace, your pour out your mercy with abundance and your grace with boundless generosity. Make us ever more faithful, and ever more grateful, as we strive to give to others in the same measure you give to us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Your Word, O God, has power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

RESPONSIVE READING

"I Am Not I" by Juan Ramón Jiménez

I am not I. I am this one

walking beside me whom I do not see,

whom at times I manage to visit,

and whom at other times I forget;

the one who remains silent while I talk,
the one who forgives, sweet, when I hate,
the one who takes a walk when I am indoors,
the one who will remain standing when I die.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Well"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Roxanne Davenport

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:20-33

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

INVITATION TO GIVING

OFFERING SONG

"Home"

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v. 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion

**Thanks and praise to you, O God; by your grace you bring the dead to life. Let us
use the breath you have given us to speak your truth and sing your glory; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***CLOSING SONG**

"Every Move I Make"

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

from Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion

Your life is a gift of grace; use it to give glory to God!

Now arise and go with joy! God looks with favor upon you.

SENDING SONG

"Day by Day"

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.

Join us after worship for coffee hour in the lobby!

Birthdays this week: 03/19 Belinda Johnson; 03/21 John Bryner and Aubrei McSwiggan;
03/23 Donna Harrison and Emily Stull; 03/24 Nina Widmann and Lavonna Wadel

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Amistad Praise Band	Guz Mora, Roxanne Davenport, Diana Kongkeattikul, Kathleen Mooshian
Deacon in Charge	Allen Frantz
Lector	Diana Macfarlane
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz and Ginny Cairns
Bulletin cover	Edd Scheer

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in memory of Harry and Ida Funk by Lynann Funk and Ken & Doreen Horn.



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.

St. John's Mission

To grow in love of God and neighbor

Worship Resources:

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Feasting on the Word Lenten Companion

"I Am Not I" by Juan Ramón Jiménez

NEWS IN THE PEWS March 17, 2024

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
The Rev. Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday, March 18

5:30 pm Cooking Class – Kitchen
6:30 pm Bible and a Beer – Trojan Diner
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room 207

Tuesday, March 19

5:30 Yoga – Room 202
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom
6:30 pm Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room

Wednesday, March 20

7:00 pm Lenten Services – St. John's UCC

Thursday, March 21

6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Bell Room 117
7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room 103

Friday, March 22

5:30 pm Friday Night Dance – Fellowship Hall

Saturday, March 23

10:00 am St. John's Nursery School Fundraiser – Smith's BBQ Chicken – Lowe's Parking Lot
8:00 am Spring Church Grounds Clean Up

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

8:45 am Godly Play Class – Room 119
8:45 am Spark! Elementary Church School Class – Room 115
8:45 am Teen Discussion Class – Youth Room 206
8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116
10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary

Franklin Together is hosting a Reentry Simulation here at St. John's on April 16, 2024 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Learn what life is like for a citizen returning from incarceration in this unique, eye-opening experience. Participation is free; register by April 5 at <https://forms.gle/KwwCqS263rBMaKw1A>

Lenten Series 2024 This year, St. John's UCC will join with other churches in the Conococheague Mission Cooperative (CMC) for shared Wednesday evening Lenten services. The services will each be hosted by a different church and features a "pulpit exchange" as different pastors preach each week. The theme of these services is "Lenten Lament: a journey toward joy." All services will be at 7pm.

The schedule for the services is as follows:

Wednesday, March 20, St. John's UCC, Pastor Robin Baer preaching

Save The Date: St. John's Nursery School is hosting a fundraiser for Smith's BBQ Chicken on Saturday, March 23. Tickets will be available on March 17. Tickets are \$15.00 each.

Outreach Ministry 2024 Lenten Projects are Peru Adopt a school program, African Mission Healthcare and The Women Healthcare Initiative Foundation. The proceeds of these offerings by the congregation will be evenly divided between these three programs. Our collection will be during Lent and will end on March 24th, Palm Sunday. We are very happy to offer this opportunity for global outreach in the life of St. John's UCC.

Spring Afternoon Tea, will be Saturday, April 13, 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$25. Make sure to purchase your ticket(s) now! Tickets can be purchased in the church office.

Nursery School Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open to the public. Forms are available in the nursery school hallway.

St. John's Future Together Strategic Plan copies are available at the Welcome Center, in the Narthex, and by request from the Church Office. Check out the "Progress Report" on the Strategic Plan each month in the Spirit demonstrating how we are living into our future.

Online Giving Made Easy! Our bulletins now include a QR code that directs users to our online giving platform (Vanco), offering the option to make a donation to support our mission and ministry directly from your smartphone.

NETwork Ministries 26th annual fundraising banquet is on Thursday, April 4th, 6:00 PM, at World Harvest Outreach. Doors open at 5 PM, and the evening includes a catered dinner, artwork, testimonies, and performances from NETwork's youth, and guest speaker Rev. Dr. Soong-Chan Rah, professor at Fuller Seminary. The cost is \$25. Please contact NETwork at networkchambersburg@gmail.com or 717-264-4640 by March 25th to make reservations. Don't miss this year's celebration!

Join us for Holy Week at St. John's

Palm Sunday – March 24, 2024 Sanctuary, 10 am

Maundy Thursday – March 28, 2024 Fellowship Hall, 6:30 pm

Good Friday – March 29, 2024 Central Presbyterian Church – 12 pm

Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024 Sanctuary, 10 am