



***St. John's United Church of Christ
Chambersburg, PA
April 14, 2024***

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Please stand in body or in spirit

"This is the Day"

GATHERING SONG

UNISON WELCOME

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSION MOMENT

PASSING OF THE PEACE *"The peace of Christ be with you"* *"And also with you"*

PRELUDE *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* arr. Lloyd Larson
The Bells of St. John's

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *adapted from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

The bread of life opens our eyes.

The word of life opens our ears.

The risen one shows us God's own brokenness,

and by those wounds we are healed.

God's peace infuses our lives.

God's love inspires our worship.

Come, let us worship our God!

***HYMN #205**

"Christ Is Alive"

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Almighty God, your power makes the lame walk and the dead rise to new life. We give you thanks for the love poured into our world through Christ Jesus, who opened our minds to understand what you have made, whose appearance among his followers brings peace, and who creates faith through touch and taste. Show us Jesus, even now, through the mystery of your threefold presence, one God, abiding now and forever. Amen.

***PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

Holy God, by your Spirit reveal your radical, surprising love; come to us through your holy word, and let us hear what you are saying. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7

RESPONSIVE LITANY

from Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

We are a people of the water!

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a rain shower, awakens the sleeping seed within the soul and lures it to blossom.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a wading pool, inspires the delight of children, jumping, splashing, spraying each other, shivering with wet joy.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like a hot shower after a long day's work, cleanses us, reawakens us.

We worship a God whose love flows through water.

Love, like little drops, drips from fingertips to forehead.

Through baptism, the family of faith makes room for one more.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(please follow along on the screen)

Alexandra Rose Dennis – Matthew and Britlyn Dennis, parents

BLESSING HYMN #C-27

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

ANTHEM

"Cornerstone"

arr. Bill Ingram

St. John's Choir and the Bells of St. John's

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Roxanne Davenport

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 24:36b-48

SERMON

Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

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

O God, through the offering of these gifts may we become a more open people... open-minded in hearing your Word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call for charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

***HYMN #203**

"Day of Arising"

***COMMISSION & BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE (seated)

Please join us in celebrating Alexandra's baptism with light refreshments in the lobby after worship

Birthdays this week: 04/15 Katie Boyer; 04/20 Nancy Gaal and Sven Burkard

Worship Participants:	
Pastor	Rev. Caroline E. Saxton
Organist	Barbara Motichka
Deacon in Charge	Chris Willman-Bunge
Lector	MaryLee Yaukey
Media Coordinators	Calvin Frantz & Ginny Cairns
Bulletin cover	Edd Scheer

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given in memory of Jeryl C. "Jerry" Miller by his wife Cookie, sons Chip and Jon and their families.



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

Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship

NEWS IN THE PEWS April 14, 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, April 15

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, April 16

1:00 pm Reentry Simulation – Fellowship Hall
1:30 pm Teacher In-Service – Room 116
5:30 pm Yoga – Room 202
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom
6:30 pm Cub Scouts – Fellowship Hall / Scout Room

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 am Lois Young Visitation with Family – Parlor
11:00 am Lois Young Memorial Service – Sanctuary
12:00 pm Lois Young Reception – Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 18

6:00 pm Spring Dance Class – Fellowship Hall
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Bell Room 117
7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room 103

Saturday, April 20

All Day – Sticky Bun Prep – Kitchen
9:30 am NET Engagement Workshop – Room 116

Sunday, April 21

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

Sticky Bun Sale to support St. John's camp will be in April. Orders and payment will be taken for cinnamon sticky buns for \$12/dozen and \$7/half dozen before and after church on Sunday, April 14. Then pick up your "ready to bake" sticky buns on Sunday morning, April 21. Freshly baked sticky buns will also be on sale, after church, on April 21 for \$2 each.

St. John's Camp Clean Up will be held on Saturday, April 27! Help is needed to get the camp cleaned and ready for the summer camping season. The Boy Scouts will be helping to clean the grounds and taking on the big task of leaf removal. We will also clean cabins, the dining hall, kitchen, etc. Join us!

Net Engagement A retreat/workshop called "Net Engagement" facilitated by Jose Ricardo-Osorio is planned for Saturday, April 20, from 9:30 to 11:30 in Room 116. NET Engagement is a tool for an individual or a group to achieve goals. The focus is to see and support the group goal through the lens of the individual. When people understand their individual goals, they are more willing to do the work in support of the group. All are invited to attend!

New Members: Interested in joining St. John's UCC? New members will be received on Sunday, April 21, 2024. New members' classes will be scheduled to suit the group. Please speak with or contact Pastor Caroline if interested.

Save the Date: The American Red Cross is having a blood drive here at St. John's on Friday, May 31, 2024 from 11:30 am – 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Poverty Simulation: Will be rescheduled for the fall. SCCAP is in the process of revamping that simulation to have more accurate data.

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.

Prayer Chain For many people, participating in the prayer chain has become a real source of comfort and a way of knowing they can help others through the power of prayer. For others it is a source of comfort to know that fellow siblings in Christ are praying for them. If you'd like to participate in the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Prayer requests can be emailed to Pastor Caroline, Loretta or Heather to be shared with the prayer chain.

St. John's Nursery School is hosting a fundraiser at Panera Bread 979 Norland Ave. Chambersburg, PA between 4:00 and 8:00 pm on Monday, April 22, 2024. You can also use code FUND4U at online checkout in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-café.

A Special Thank You I want to thank everyone for the cards and well wishes on my 100th birthday. I am truly grateful and humbled by your kind words and thoughtful wishes. You made this day very special and I am truly blessed to have all you as friends and family. – Evelyn Sites

Christ Is Alive

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4. Wo - men and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

1. Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, bap - tized
 2. Child of love, our love's ex - pres - sion, love's cre -
 3. Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure, God's you
 4. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to

with the Spir - it's sign; with this wa - ter
 a - tion, loved in - deed! Fresh from God, re -
 are, from God you came. Back to God we
 know whose child you are. Grow to laugh and

God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.
 fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.
 hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.
 sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

STUTTGART
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706 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Musical notation for the first system, featuring a treble and bass staff in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here be-low;

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

OLD 100TH, alt.
LM
Lower key, No. 331

Musical notation for the second system, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are: praise Him, a-bove ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Day of Arising

Unison

1. Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the
 2. When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and
 3. Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has
 4. Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the

road - way, un-known com - pan - ion walks with His
 dread - ing, blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of
 spo - ken. This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's
 jour - ney, bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our

own. When they in - vite Him, as fades the
 heart, yet Christ walks with us ev - er a -
 sign: when the church gath - ers, when bread is
 eyes. Grant us Your vi - sion, set all hearts

first day, and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 wait - ing our in - vi - ta - tion: stay, do not part.
 bro - ken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 burn - ing that all cre - a - tion with You may rise.