

St. John's United Church of Christ

Easter Tides

“The Tides of Being All In”



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Welcome and Announcements

A Time of Remembrance

Remember these words,

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.”

Centering Prayer

WE GATHER AS EASTER PEOPLE

Prelude

“This is the Day the Lord Has Made”
Chancel Choir Facebook Archive 4/28/19

By Mark Hayes

Call to Worship

One: It is God who draws us here.

All: A yearning to praise

One: That which is bigger than us.

All: A desire to give thanks

One: For the bountiful gifts of life.

All: It is God who draws us here

One: For comfort in a bruising world,

All: To challenge our half-hearted efforts.

One: It is God who draws us here

All: To sing and pray, to experience the risen Christ.

Opening Song

“Lord I Give You My Heart”

By Reuben Morgan

This is my desire, to honor You, Lord, with all my heart I worship You
All I have within me I give You praise. All that I adore Is in You.

Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul, I live for you alone.
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

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Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul, I live for you alone.
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

And I will live...And I will live for You...

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Lord, I give You my heart, I give You my soul, I live for you alone.
Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake, Lord, have Your way in me.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Merciful and loving God, your love for us is unconditional, yet our love for you, for others and for ourselves is often marred. We allow prejudice and pride to blind us; our brokenness remains unhealed; we cling to old stories and hurts which impede the work of reconciliation. Forgive us, we pray, for failing to trust you, for playing it safe instead of following the daring call of your Spirit, for withholding forgiveness and grace from ourselves and others. Let your love renew us yet again. Let the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead rekindle creative life within us and restore right relations among us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Leader: We know love by this, that Jesus laid down his life for us. Friends, hear the good news and believe: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

Song of Response

“Come O Fount of Every Blessing”

By Robert Robinson

O to grace how great a debtor daily I am drawn anew!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bid my wandering heart to you.
Prone to wander, I can feel it, from the love I've known:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your very own.

WE LISTEN AS EASTER PEOPLE

Children's Message

“Doing Your Best”

Pastor Roben

Song of Preparation

“Thy Word”

By Amy Grant

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

(2x's Only)

Scripture

Gospel reading: John 10:11-18

Wendy Lingle

Reader: *Let us hear the word of God.*

11 "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12 The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13 The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15 just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16 I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17 For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

Reader: *God is still speaking.*

All: **Spread the Good News!**

SERMON

“The Tides of Being All In”

Pastor Roben Roof

WE RESPOND AS EASTER PEOPLE

Time of Reflection

(Use this time to reflect on the message and if there is an invitation from God.)

Song of Response

“Father, We Commit to You”

By Lyn Walker

God before us, God beside us, God within us abide
God in heaven and in this place, Father we commit to You this day

God in pleasure, God in pain, God will ever remain
God in gladness and God in strife, Father we commit to You our lives

For we know that You are faithful through the stillness and the storm
For You've been with us from the start, Father we commit to You our hearts
Father we commit to You our hearts, Father we commit to You our hearts.

Prayers of the People

Our Lord's Prayer

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Song of Response

"Because He Lives"
(*St. John's Congregational Singing Facebook Archives*)

By Bill Gaither

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!**

Invitation to Give

Please remember that while the church building may be closed, our resources are still used and bills need to be paid. Your faithful contributions support the ministry and outreach of this congregation and the wider church. Your financial support may be offered

- *by check and mailed to St. John's UCC*
 - *online at <http://JonestownUCC.org>.*
- Or Electronic Giving by contacting your bank or the church office.
Thank you for your generosity.*

Offering Song of Response

"He is Lord"

Marvin V. Frey

**He is Lord! He is Lord!
He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!
Every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!**

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, you have blessed us with so much. With grateful hearts, we offer not only the fruits of our financial resources, but ourselves as well. It is our fervent hope that you would use both the money and the talents you have blessed us with to bring your light and Word to those who need it most. Amen.

WE GO TO SERVE AS EASTER PEOPLE

Sending Song

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"
St. John's Congregational Singing Facebook Archives 10/21/18

By John Hughes

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliver; strong deliverer, Be Thou still my Strength and Shield,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.**

Sending Forth

All: We serve all of God's people by sharing the love of Christ and ministering to our community.

Postlude

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

By Joseph M. Scriven

Thank you for joining us for worship today! To our On-Line Worshipers, please do not forget to sign into the Worship Attendance Pad. <http://bit.ly/jonestownuccat>

Share pastoral needs, prayer requests, how the worship service met your needs, and any feedback. While we practice social distancing, remain connected. Give someone in the church a call this week and tell them how much you appreciate them and say, "Thank You!". Click link [Send an eCard to uplift someone today!](#)

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