

# ST. JOHN'S UCC

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*The Baptism of Christ*  
(Bulletin for online worship service)



## GATHERING SONG

“Welcome Holy Spirit”

## CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give to our God, O heavenly beings,  
Give to our God glory and strength.

**P: Give to our God a glorious name; worship our God in holy splendor.**

L: The voice of our God is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

**P: The voice of our God is powerful; the voice of our God is full of  
majesty.**

L: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
Our God breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

**P: God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

L: The voice of our God flashes forth flames of fire.

**P: The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; Our God shakes the  
wilderness of Kadesh.**

**L:** The voice of our God causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!"

**P:** **The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; Our God sits enthroned as ruler forever.**

**ALL:** **May our God give strength to the people!**  
**May the Lord bless the people with peace!**

**OPENING SONG**                      "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Creating, Calling, and Faithful God, we come to this time and place to be with you, to worship you, and to learn from you. May our time together be like your creation of light in the darkness that you called good. May it be that you would call us good while we respond to your call and as we listen to you. Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYER HYMN**                      "Cares Chorus"

*I cast all my cares upon you,  
I lay all my burdens down at your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,*

*I will cast all my cares upon you.*

## **PRAYERS OF PEOPLE AND THE 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE**

*Wanda Bade*

### **Acts 19:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples <sup>2</sup>and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup>So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. <sup>4</sup>Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the LORD Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. <sup>7</sup>There were about twelve men in all.

### **Mark 1:4-11**

<sup>4</sup>And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. <sup>6</sup>John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." <sup>9</sup>At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

**SERMON**

“Team Mates”

*Max Bade*

**SERMON SONG**

“Mary, Did You Know?”

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**CLOSING SONG**

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

**BENEDICTION**

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**PARTICIPANTS:** Worship Leader: Max Bade; Liturgist: Wanda Bade

## *Joys and Concerns Prayer List*

Please have the person's permission before adding him or her to our prayer list.

### **TODAY AND THROUGH THE WEEK, PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**Our church family:** Audrey Behr (hospitalized for tests), Rev. Don Hartman (healing), Jeff Kolkmeier (healing), Zoey Poyser (healing), Danny Kolkmeier (healing), Jack Fredrick (healing/strength), John Long (healing/strength), Vince Morris (comfort/healing), Larry Nadler (comfort/strength), George Schlie (surgery recovery), Judy DeClue (healing), Henry Kroeger, Kendra Howell (healing/recovery), Mary Verdone (sight), Dave & Dorothy Kapeller (comfort/healing), Pat Fisher (healing/strength).

**Others for whom we have concern:** Timothy Smith (Vicie Smith's grandson, surgery/strength and healing), Tristan Howell (Jinnielynn's daughter; depression), Pastor Jeff Willey (healing and strength), Raquel Malana Slade (diagnosed with stage-4 cancer; friend of Jinnielynn Howell), Sandy (daughter of Mary Lafser; comfort and healing), Shirley Gibson (Debbie Lilley's mother; illness), Family of Virgil Gravemann (uncle/godfather of Diane Falkner), Gary Rose (Barb Rose's stepson; cancer), Angela Farwell (Barb Rose's niece; cancer), Tina Raeber (Barb Rose's daughter; surgery), Michelle Hargraves (surgery/shoulder), Carol Becker (Chris Volz' friend; cancer), Zack Paulus (Shirley Paulus' great grandson, Charissa Guyre's great nephew; deploying to

Iraq), Sharon (Kristy Kniest's mom; surgery recovery), Rachel McCollum (Chris Savage's granddaughter; surgery recovery), Lynn Schaefer (friend of Connie Wildt; cancer), Valeta Schien (cancer treatment), David Raming (Barb Horstmeier's brother-in-law; heart problems), Dot Peich (cancer), Daniel Nadler (family strength & direction).

**Please contact the church office with prayer request updates.**

## **News & Announcements**

**FOR JANUARY 10, 2020**

Last week's attendance:

1/3/2021: 41 people; 24 cars

Office hours this week: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

*Reminder that the church building is currently closed due to COVID-19 and Office & Communications Manager Cassandra Langley is working from home. Please feel free to call the office during the hours listed above.*

## **ST. JOHN'S UCC COUNCIL 2021**

**Brad Rehm - President**

**Vera Villa - Vice President**

**Suzanne Weaver - Secretary**

**Roy Boschert**

**Dennis Davenport**

**Greg Hale**

**Kristy Kniest**

**Loire Kroeger**

**Polly Wagner**

**Jerry Wagner (ex-officio)**

**Thank you to our outgoing Council members:  
Diane Johnson-Falkner, Tom Gooch and Cyndi Grant.**

## **SAVE THE DATE: CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JANUARY 24, 2021**

Please plan to join us for the Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, January 24. The purpose of this meeting is to review 2020 financials and receive annual reports from each ministry.

### **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The men's Bible study fellowship has been meeting on Tuesday mornings for more than 20 years. Through restaurant closures, pastoral changes and even a pandemic – the group continues to meet! If you would like to join the group on Tuesdays at 8 a.m. please look for that information you need in the weekly "Ways to Connect" email that is sent on Mondays, or on the website calendar. If you do not receive the email and would like to, please contact the church office.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

Women's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 13 at 1 p.m. We will continue with the study of Psalms. Look for the information you need to join the virtual Zoom Bible study in the weekly "Ways to Connect" email that is sent on Mondays. If you do not receive the email and would like to, please contact the church office.

### **FISH FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION**

The Mission committee has decided to start collecting food again for the F.I.S.H. food pantry. There will be a cart down by the driveway where the bulletins are given out at the drive-in service each week. The food pantry's list is smaller than usual mainly because of the generosity of others during the holidays. However, here are the items they are especially in need of this month:

- Hamburger Helper
- Tuna Helper
- Canned Chicken
- Peanut Butter
- Soups: any kind EXCEPT Vegetable or Tomato
- Quick Oatmeal-Large or Small Canisters

## **DON'T MISS WEATHER-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS**

“One Call Now” is the phone alert system we use to get the word out to our friends and members about important events, weather-related cancellations, meeting reminders, bereavement notices and more. If you miss the voice call, the system will leave a message on your voicemail. If the message gets cut off, simply dial 1-877-698-3261 to retrieve the message in its entirety. If you are not receiving the One Call Now notices and would like to, please contact the church office at 636-926-8995.

## **St. John's United Church of Christ**

Our **purpose** is to change the world  
one person at a time by sharing  
the love and power of Jesus Christ  
with family members, friends and neighbors.

Our **mission** is to lead our members  
to become faithful and beloved friends  
and disciples of Jesus Christ;  
and to equip and support them  
to minister to others in Jesus' name.