**St. John United Church of Christ**

***“In Christ We Live, Celebrate, & Serve”***

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| January 16, 2022 | 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (C) |
| Rev. Karla Frost, Pastor | Ritch Alexander, Organist |
| 9:30 Zoom & In-Person Worship | 9:30 Sunday School for Children |
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***Bold italic denotes congregation reads or sings.***

\*Denotes all who are able, please stand.

**WE COME TO WORSHIP GOD**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC, WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BELLS CALLING TO WORSHIP

A STORY FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN Isaiah 62:1-5

“You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.” (Isaiah 62:3)

PRELUDE AND CENTERING OUR HEARTS ON WORSHIP

*Elegy* Psalm 23:6

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER Adapted from *Lighting the Flame*

May the peace of God rest upon our busy lives,

***That we may be quieted into prayer.***

May the love of God flow through our worship,

***That we may be enlivened with opportunities to serve.***

May the grace of God seek out our every need,

***That the restless Gospel may set our hearts afire.***

Amen, so be it.

***Yes, so be it.***

Let us pray together.

***God of Life, of every good and perfect gift, remind us that there is more to life than we often think. Remind us that your Spirit empowers us to do more than we often think possible. Remind us that we are gifted to serve in powerful, yet often quiet ways. Work your miracles in and through us, even when we don’t***

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***comprehend our own potential. Bless us, and inspire us, we pray, to be active disciples of Jesus our Lord. Amen.***

\*HYMN ***“Jesus, Come, for We Invite You”*** #669

\*RESPONSIVE PSALTER READING From Psalm 36

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

***your faithfulness to the clouds.***

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,

***your judgments are like the great deep;***

You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

***How precious is your steadfast love, O God!***

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

***They feast on the abundance of your house,***

And you give them drink from the river of your delights.

***For with you is the fountain of life;***

In your light we see light.

***O continue your steadfast love***

***to those who know you,***

and your salvation to the upright of heart!

**WE HEAR GOD’S WORD**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 pg. 163

SPECIAL MUSIC  *Beautiful Savior* Ritch Alexander

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:1-11 pg. 87

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**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

\*HYMN ***“O God in Whom All Life Begins”*** #388

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, LORD’S PRAYER & RESPONSE

***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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.***

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STEWARDSHIP INVITATION

OFFERTORY *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Mason

\*\*RESPONSE ***“Spirit of the Living God”*** #492

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.***

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the living God, move among us all;***

***make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love; humble, caring, selfless, sharing.***

***Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love.***

\*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***Living God, fill our offerings with your love. Through the power of your Spirit, multiply them for good works, even the working of miracles. We also offer our gifts of service and faithful discipleship. Thank you for uniting us for mission and lighting our way with your steadfast love. Amen.***

\*HYMN  ***“We All Are One in Mission”***  #552

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE  *Victory* Powell

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Welcome to worship, fellowship and Christian education at St. John United Church of Christ. We are honored to be with you in the Lord’s presence.

The **bulletin** is given in loving memory of the January 20th birthday of Herman Wilson by his wife, Nancy Wilson.

If you would like to place **flowers on the altar**, and pick them up Monday, please call **Rosalie Watson** at (618) 741-2979. If you would like to sponsor the **bulletins**, please call the **church office** at 877-6060. The next available dates to sponsor bulletins are January 30 and February 6 & 27.

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Thank you to **Greg Young** for serving as liturgist today.

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**THIS WEEK**

Today: In-person and Zoom Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for Children, 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hour Sponsored by Brotherhood

Monday: Al-Anon, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Quilters, 8:30 a.m.

Bible Study, 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday: TOPS, 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Bell Choir, 6:00 p.m.

Friday: **Herald Deadline**

Saturday: Food Box Distribution, 9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday: In-person and Zoom Worship, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School for Children, 9:30 a.m.

**MISSION OF THE MONTH**

Our January Mission of the Month is designated for UCC Disaster Ministries. Donations will be used to provide housing, food and meals, and family needs for those who were affected by the storms that caused devastation in parts of the Midwest on December 10, 2021.

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**JANUARY FOOD BOXES**

On **January 22, 2022**, the church is sponsoring a community food giveaway for those in need. One hundred and eighty boxes were packed this past Wednesday with non-perishable items thanks to our church volunteers. More volunteers will be needed for the day of the box distribution. This is a new mission, endeavor, and challenge for giving by our church and its congregation.

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**OUR PRAYERS**

**Nursing & Assisted Living**

Ruth Buer, Hilde Few, Carol Hildebrand, JoAnn King, Mary Lee Krohne, and Karen Luddeke.

**Hospital**

David Oliver Jr. is at Christian Hospital.

**At Home**

Ritch Alexander, Isabella Boyer, Bobbie Braden, Marlene Brokaw, Myra Cook, Brayden Fischer, Randy Fischer, Bonnie

Fornaszewski, Mary Franz, Luitgard Fries, Lou Hasse, Norman Hente, Gayle Lindsay, Bill McAmish, Sandy Mueller, Cliff Robertson, Merle Rose, Marge Schmidt, June Stille, Trish Stromlund, Janice Weeks, and Don Young.

**Illinois South Conference**

Darmstadt Holy Ghost UCC, DuBois St. Mark’s UCC, Pastor Tom (Marcia) Ellison. Retired Pastor, Rev. Dr. Herbert and Bennie Schafale.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. **2**You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. **3**Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. **4**Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5**and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; **6**and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **7**To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8**To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9**to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10**to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the

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interpretation of tongues. **11**All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. **2**Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. **3**When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” **4**And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” **5**His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” **6**Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. **7**Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And

they filled them up to the brim. **8**He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. **9**When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom **10**and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.” **11**Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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***“Jesus, Come, for We Invite You”***

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***Jesus, come, for we invite you,***

***Guest and master friend and Lord;***

***Now, as once at Cana’s wedding,***

***Speak, and let us hear your word:***

***Lead us through our need or doubting,***

***Hope be born and joy restored.***

***Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures,***

***Guide us into paths unknown;***

***Bring your gifts, command your servants,***

***Let us trust in you alone:***

***Though your hand may work in secret,***

***All shall see what you have done.***

***Jesus, come in new creation,***

***Heaven brought near by power divine;***

***Give your unexpected glory,***

***Changing water into wine:***

***Rouse the faith of your disciples***

***Come, our first and greatest Sign!***

***Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness;***

***Make us willing to receive***

***More than we can yet imagine,***

***All the best you have to give:***

***Let us find your hidden riches,***

***Taste your love, believe, and live!***

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***We all are one in mission,***

***We all are one in call,***

***Our varied gifts united***

***By Christ, the Lord of all.***

***A single, great commission***

***Compels us from above***

***To plan and work together***

***That all may know Christ’s love.***

***We all are called for service***

***To witness in God’s name.***

***Our ministries are different,***

***Our purpose is the same:***

***To touch the lives of others***

***By God’s surprising grace,***

***So ev’ry folk and nation***

***May feel God’s warm embrace.***

***We all behold one vision,***

***A stark reality:***

***The author of salvation***

***Was nailed upon a tree.***

***Yet resurrected Justice***

***Gives rise that we may share***

***Free reconciliation***

***And hope amid despair.***

***Now let us be united***

***And let our song be heard.***

***Now let us be a vessel***

***For God’s redeeming Word.***

***We all are one in mission,***

***We all are one in call,***

***Our varied gifts united***

***By Christ, the Lord of all.***