

March 26, 2023 | 5th Sunday of Lent | 8:00am & 10:30am

ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Church on the Corner whose Cornerstone is Christ



Come Hear the Reason we're Inspired to Serve Together

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a refreshing way. Please let one of our ushers know you're new (*they may have already noticed your new face!*) so they can give you a welcome bag filled with helpful information about our church. We also invite you fill out a quick survey so we can get to know you a little better - simply scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera while you're waiting for worship to start!



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

Nursery Care is offered during the 10:30AM service and we are always looking for new volunteers to help with this ministry! People interested in helping can contact the church office. We also have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young infants and toddlers. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and the Nursery. An usher will gladly direct you if needed!

Children's Busy Bags are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need - you just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

Large Print Bulletins are available at a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Let's Connect!



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles	
Prelude	“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Welcome and Announcements	
†Passing the Peace of Christ	
Opening Scripture & Prayer	Ezekiel 37:1-13 (pg. 857)
†Opening Praise	#29, “Glorify Thy Name” #30, “How Majestic Is Your Name” #31, “Great Is the Lord”
Children’s Message	
A Lenten Reading	John 11:17, 24-27, 38-44 (pg. 1063)
Time of Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (<i>debts/debtors</i>)	
Scripture	1 John 4:7-11 (pg. 1209)
Sermon	“Reflecting God’s Love and Grace”
Sharing of Our Tithes and Offerings and Prayer of Dedication	
Offertory	“The Bond of Love”
Second Offering	
Considering the Faith:	
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth...	
<i>That He has created me in His image</i>	
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord...	
<i>That salvation is found in Him alone</i>	
<i>That He has redeemed and restored me</i>	
<i>That He will come again on the Last Day and that I will be with Him forever</i>	
I believe in the Holy Spirit...	
<i>That He has inspired the very words of Scripture</i>	
<i>That He has called His Church into fellowship</i>	
<i>That He gives the church gifts to strengthen our faith</i>	
†Responsive Hymns	#225, v.1-3 & 5, “Worship Christ the Risen King” #543, “When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder”
†Spoken Benediction	
†Benediction in Song	“Sanctuary”
†Postlude	“Teach Me, Lord”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:1-13 – The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD !' ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.' " ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. ¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.

John 11:17, 24-27, 38-44 - On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days... ²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world"... ³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

1 John 4:7-11 - ⁷ Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Lord, Thank You that You are a loving, gracious God. Thank You that You've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in You. Thank You that Your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from Your love. Help us to love as You love. Fill us with Your Spirit so that we can choose what is best. We are weak Lord, but we know also, that even when we are weak, You are strong within us. Thank You that it's not all up to us. Thank You that You equip us to face each day with the power of Your love, Your forgiveness, and Your grace. Amen.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song/Worship Leader	(Both) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Madison Bowers	(10:30) Jesse Meyer
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nofziger	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
8:00 Usher	Jim Grieser	
Head Usher	Brad Roth	
10:30 Ushers	Dave & Paige Miller, Aimee Roth, Avery Roth	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Rev. David Voll's 35th Anniversary of Ordination** - On behalf of St. John's United Church of Christ, 1-946 State Route 108, Holgate, Ohio 43527, we share the following announcement: We are pleased to announce that we will be celebrating the 35th Anniversary of Ordination of Rev. David Voll, our Interim Pastor, on Sunday, April 16, 2023. Rev. Dan Busch, Association Minister, will make a presentation during our 10:15AM worship service. There will be an informal reception after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Since Pastor Dave served your congregation, we hope that you will join us in spirit in celebrating the faithful service of Rev. Voll.
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday Dinner** - All are invited to a Maundy Thursday Soup and Sandwich Dinner hosted by the Fellowship Committee on April 6th, with dinner beginning at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall. Please come for a great time of food and fellowship ahead of Maundy Thursday service. Please sign up on the bulletin board by Thursday, March 30th.
- ◆ **College Scholarships** - Students in the congregation who will be attending college this upcoming 2023 -2024 school year are invited to submit a Scholarship Application, which will be reviewed by the SJCC Scholarship Committee prior to the new school year. The application and requirements can be found at www.stjohnsarchbold.org under the "Resources" tab. Applications are due by April 1st to the church office either via hard copy or emailed to office@stjohnsarchbold.org.
- ◆ **Pettisville Man Cave Ministries with Hank Parker** - On April 30th, Pettisville Man Cave is bringing in the bass fishing legend, Hank Parker, for their annual men's event. It will be held at Pettisville Missionary with doors opening at 5:00PM and dinner starting around 5:30PM. Tickets are free but required for planning purposes and can be reserved online at givebutter.com/HankParkerPMCM.
- ◆ **Lenten Jesse Tree** - Don't forget to visit the Lenten Jesse Tree, which is on display in the Sanctuary narthex! Donations will help support the Aroles and Back Bay Mission. It's simple: pick an offering denomination card from the tree's branches once or more throughout the season of Lent and drop your donation into the Tree's offering box!

MISSION-A-MONTH: THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

The Friendship House is an Archbold ministry supported by area churches and coordinated by Cecily Rohrs. This two-story home located near downtown Archbold is designed to provide shelter for one or two individual or family units at a time until they are able to become self-sufficient. This month, we ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this community ministry that strives to care for those in need of a place to stay and have a fresh start in life. You can designate your offering to this local ministry on Line 8 of your offering envelope or by writing "MAM" on Line 11.

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

Mar 26 Homeward Bound ----- Psalm 39
Mar 27 Hostility and Love ----- Matthew 26:1-16
Mar 28 Passover Preparations ----- Matthew 26:17-25
Mar 29 Bread, Wine, and Bravado ----- Matthew 26:26-35
Mar 30 Jesus Alone ----- Matthew 26:36-46
Mar 31 "It Must Happen this Way" ----- Matthew 26:47-56
Apr 1 Are *You* the Messiah?----- Matthew 26:57-68

WEEK OF MARCH 26TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon		<i>Pastor Ryan on Vacation through Friday</i>
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - Central Mennonite Church (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	5:50PM	LOGOS (Parish Hall)
	6:00PM	Second Year Confirmation (Confirmation Room)
	6:45PM	JYF (Parish Hall)/LOGOS (Classrooms)
	7:00PM	Midweek Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
	7:00PM	SYF (Youth Room)
	8:00PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thu	6:30PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Faith Village/Confirmation/Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023 - PALM SUNDAY

Scripture: Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-44 | Sermon: "The Lord Needs It"
(10:30) Children's Palm Processional; Praise Team & All for Him Quartet

PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Carol DeVries, who is recovering well at home from a hospital stay and a broken vertebrae.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, as he recovers from ankle surgery performed on Thursday.
- ◆ Bob Vos, as he has returned home from rehab.
- ◆ Blake Grime, who is recovering from ACL surgery.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she continues in therapy.
- ◆ Larry and Melva Woolace, who have been facing some health concerns with Larry still receiving treatment for cancer and Melva recovering from frequent falls. Prayers are also requested for their son, Monte, who was recently diagnosed with cancer
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, who is awaiting an open biopsy to get a better diagnosis of the new cancer so the doctors can determine a plan of treatment.
- ◆ Bev Beaverson, who lives in Fulton Suites in Wauseon, and has some health concerns.
- ◆ Janet Franks, who is back home, recovering well from shoulder replacement surgery.
- ◆ Lynne Christman, as she recovers from surgery in treatment of the cancer.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Deployed, Jordan (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Destin, FL (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, San Antonio, TX (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, South Korea (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Dayton, OH (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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