

APOSTLES' CREED (In Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead 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 one holy Universal Christian Church. The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

COMMUNION PRAYER (Responsively)

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

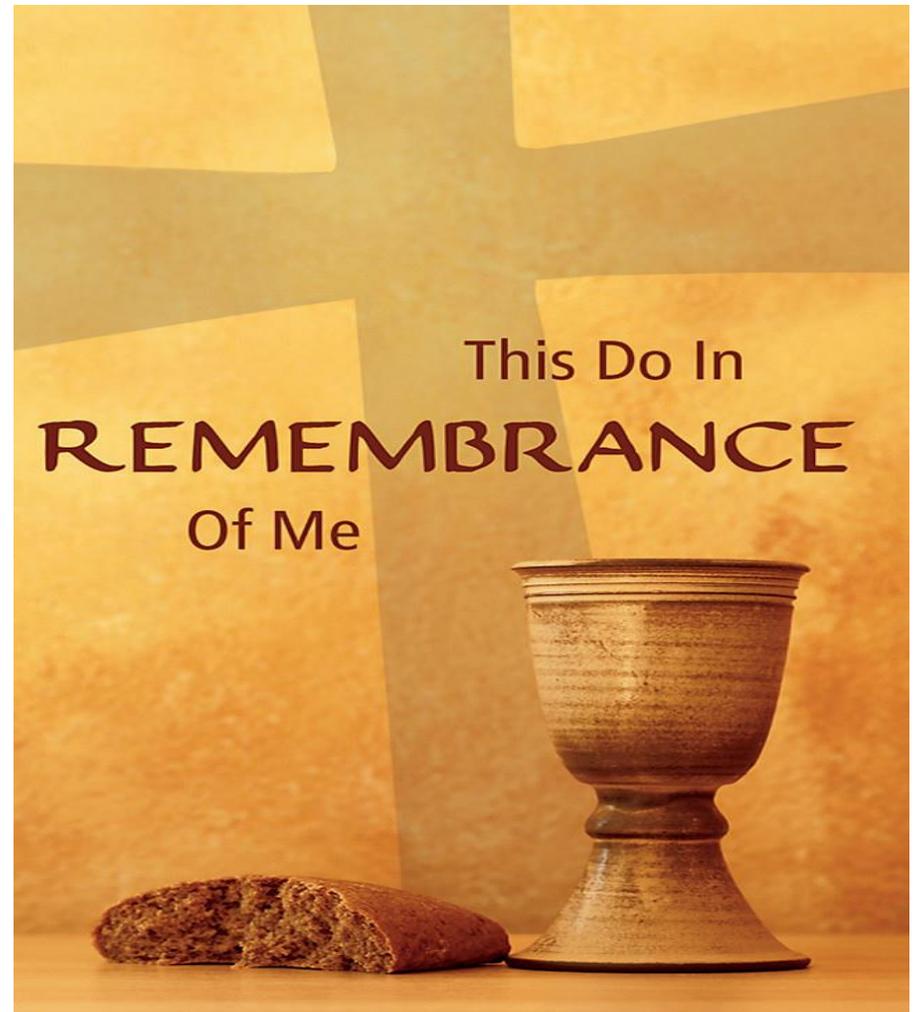
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ



*We are happy to welcome everyone attending
St. John's United Church of Christ. May
God Bless you with His abundant love.*

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

Spiritual Communion Sunday

January 7, 2024

10:15 am

PRELUDE "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING (Responsively)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: The power of the Holy Spirit moves among us!

People: Praise the Lord!

OPENING HYMN "*Baptized in Water*"

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: From the waters of Creation, the earth sprang forth.

People: From the waters of a womb, God's blessed Son was given to us.

Leader: From the waters of a river, people were baptized and marked as God's Children

People: Praise be to God, whose loving gifts and presence have called us together.

Leader: Let us shout our love to God for God's abundant love

People: AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

God who watches over us, offering us light and hope, Be with us this day as we hear the story of Jesus' baptism. Help us to remember your healing, cleansing, and claiming love for us. Remind us again of the many ways in which you reach out to us. May the image of the waters be for us an image of hope. Bring us closer to you, loving God. Embrace us again with your love. We open our hearts to you this day. **AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"GLORIA PATRI"

#623

Special Music By Laura Doty

"Your Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Genesis 1:1-5

Mark 1:4-11

Acts 19:1-7

TODAY'S MESSAGE "What is Your Bible Worth?"

Rev. Laura Doty

DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS

"Doxology"

#625

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers of the People – Kelly Harris

Pastoral, The Lord's Prayer (Debts, Debtors)