

## 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



## Spiritual Communion

*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

*Second Sunday of Easter*

Spiritual Communion Sunday

April 07, 2024

10:15 am

**PRELUDE**      *"Crown Him Many Crowns"*

## **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** *"Trust and Obey"*      *Vs 1-3*      **#349**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: What great joy we have!

**People:** Our Lord is risen!

Leader: Believe with your whole heart in the miracle of resurrection.

**People:** We open our hearts to the good news of God's faithfulness to us.

Leader: Hallelujah!.

**People:** Hallelujah!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In Unison)

Patient Lord, you wait for us to understand. You wait

for us to remove the blinders of prejudice, fear, unbelief, confusion. You have offered to us the greatest miracle of all time, the resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ. We sang and celebrated last Sunday, but a week has passed and we have slid back into our old ways of perceiving your presence and love. Shake us up, Lord! Shake us up and cause us to look with new eyes on our Savior, who came that we might have life, abundantly serving all who are in need. Forgive our stubbornness and our complacency. Reach out to us so that we may reach out with healing love to others, for we pray this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*"GLORIA PATRI"*      **#623**

Special Music by Pastor Laura Doty  
*"Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone"*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**      **Psalm 133**  
**John 20:19-31    1 John 1:1-2:2**

## **TODAY'S MESSAGE**

*"The Unopened Gift"*      Reverend 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)