



# Resurrect Love!

April 11, 2021

***“My children, our love must not be simply words or mere talk – it must be true love, which shows itself in action and truth.”***

*-1 John 3.18 (The Message)*

St. John United Church of Christ - Bellevue KY

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**Easter Introit** “Easter Song” -*Anne Herring, arr. Charlie Beale*

St. John Ensemble and Handbell Choir; Theo Baldwin & Steve Phillips, piano duet

**Greeting and Opening Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

**Solo**

Steve Milloy, vocalist; Brian Malone, percussion

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” -*arr. Doreen Potter*

**Mission Moment Video**

United Church of Christ – 3 Great Loves!

**Instrumental**

Theo Baldwin and Steve Phillips, piano duet

“Be Thou My Vision” -*Traditional Irish Folk Tune, arr. Mary K. Sallee*

**Generous Giving**

Rev. Jim Korpik

**Ministry of Music**

Steve Milloy, vocalist; Theo Baldwin, piano

“I Love You, Lord” -*Laurie Klein, arr. Lloyd Larson*

**1 John 1.1-2.2**

Cherie Draper

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, and seen with our eyes, and have looked at and touched with our hands: the Word, who is Life— this is the subject of our letter. That life came to be; we saw it and bear witness to it. We proclaim to you the eternal life which was with Abba God and was manifested to us. What we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you may be one with us— as we are one with Abba God and with the Only Begotten, Jesus Christ. We write this to fulfill our joy. This, then, is the message we heard from Jesus and declare to you: God is light, and in God there is no darkness at all. If we say we have intimacy with God while still living in darkness, we are liars and do not live in truth. But if we live in the light, as God is in the light, we are one with each other, and the blood of

Jesus, the Only Begotten, purifies us from all sin. If we say we are without sin, we lie, and the truth is not in us. But if we admit our sins, God, the faithful and just One, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all injustice. If we say we have not sinned, we call God a liar and show that God's Word is not in us. My little ones, I am writing this to keep you from sin. But if anyone should sin, we have an Advocate with God—Jesus Christ, who is just. Jesus is the full payment for our sins, and not for our sins only, but for those of the whole world.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Alleluia, Amen!**

## **Children's Couch Church**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode

### **Affirmation**

Cherie Draper

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

## Singing Together

Steve Milloy, vocalist; Theo Baldwin, piano

“Ancient Words” -Lynn Deshazo

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;  
They resound with God’s own heart, O, let the ancient words impart;  
Words of life, word of hope, give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus:

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice;  
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;  
They resound with God’s own heart; O, let the ancient words impart. (Chorus)

## Sermon

“EXPERIENCE, STRENGTH, AND HOPE”

Melissa Stephens

## Community Prayer

Rev. Paul Forrey

## Send Out

Rev. Mark Roeder

## Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” -Traditional Welsh Folk Tune, arr. unknown

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Today’s worship leaders: those listed above St. John Ensemble: Theo Baldwin, Stephanie Dalsfoist, Lonnie Fields, Mitch Leigh, Jennie Malone, Steve Milloy, Charmaine Moore-Kitsinis, Melissa Stephens; St. John Handbell Choir: Sue Jelinek, Jan Hoeweler, Stephanie Dalsfoist, Sarah Palm; Edward Goode, editing and production; Eric Knechtges, ensemble editing; Linda Schuster, administrative support.

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