



Resurrect Love!

April 18, 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

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

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

Solo

Steve Milloy, vocalist; Theo Baldwin, piano

“You're Worthy of My Praise (with O Worship the King)” -*David Ruis, arr. Lloyd Larson*

Mission Moment Video

The Southern Asia Initiative, Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ

Instrumental

Theo Baldwin & Stephen Phillips, piano duet

“He Leadeth Me” -*Joseph Henry Gilmore, arr. Mary K. Sallee*

Generous Giving

Sue Jelinek

In the book of Genesis chapter 1, verse 28, it says,

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

God has blessed you and me with gifts to be used for the common good. As we think about the ministry of St. John Church, let us find ways to share our blessings and multiply our gifts. As you share the abundance that God has given you to support the ministries of St. John Church, we give thanks for each gift of time, talent, and/or financial treasure. May God continue to bless you as you give generously.

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Ministry of Music

Steve Milloy, vocalist; Theo Baldwin, piano

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us" -*Stuart Townsend, arr. Larry Shackley*

1 John 3.1-7

Sue Jelinek

See what love Abba God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that in fact is what we are. The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God. My dear friends, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is. All who keep this hope keep themselves pure, just as Christ is pure. Anyone who sins at all breaks the Law, because to sin is to break the Law. Now, you know that Christ, who is sinless, appeared to abolish sin. So everyone who lives in union with Christ does not continue to sin, but whoever continues to sin has never seen or known Christ. Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray; to live a holy life is to be holy, just as Christ is holy.

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

Sarah, Anthony, Adeline and Eliza Palm

Affirmation

Keith M. Haithcock

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

The Rev. Sharon Mack Temple, guest preacher

Community Prayer

Sue Jelinek

Send Out

Keith M. Haithcock

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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