



# Resurrect Love!

April 25, 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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## Introit

Craig West, guitar

“Improvisation on “Origin of Love” -*Stephen Trask*

## Greeting and Opening Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor and teacher

## Solo

Steve Milloy vocals & other instruments; Craig West, guitar & other instruments  
“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name” -*Oliver Holden, arr. Travis Cottrell*

## Mission Moment Video

Helping UCC people and congregations with investments.

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[www.CornerstoneFund.org](http://www.CornerstoneFund.org).

## Community Prayer

Richard Robbins

## Instrumental

Theo Baldwin & Steve Phillips, piano duet

“O Worship the King” -*William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, arr. by Mary K. Sallee*

## Generous Giving

Richard Robbins

In the book of 2 Corinthians chapter 9, verses 6 and 7, it says,  
“Keep this in mind: if you plant sparingly, you will reap sparingly, and if you plant bountifully, you will reap bountifully. You must give according to what you have inwardly decided – not sadly, not reluctantly, for God loves a giver who gives cheerfully.”

God has given all of us skills, talents, and abilities. Just think of the impact we can make through the ministry of St. John Church when we cheerfully use our gifts. Not only do we sustain this ministry, but we also change ourselves and our community with joy and effort. We give thanks for each moment of time, each talent expressed, and each dollar offered. May God continue to bless you as you give generously.

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## **Affirmation**

Keith M. Haithcock

**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.**

## **1 John 3.16-24**

Richard Robbins

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ died for us. And we, too, ought to lay down our lives for our sisters and brothers. If you have more than enough material possessions and see your neighbors in need yet close your hearts to them, how can the love of God be living in you? My children, our love must not be simply words or mere talk—it must be true love, which shows itself in action and truth. This, then, is how we'll know we belong to the truth; this is how we'll be confident in God's presence, even if our consciences condemn us. We know that God is greater than our consciences and that God knows everything. And if our consciences do not condemn us, my friends, then we have confidence before God, and we will receive whatever we ask from God's hand—because we keep the commandments and do what is pleasing in God's sight. The commandments are these: that we believe in the name of God's Own, Jesus Christ, and that we love one another as we were told

to do. Those who keep these commandments live in God and God lives in them.  
We know that God lives in us by the Spirit given to us.

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

## **Sermon**

"DON'T GIVE UP"

Keith M. Haithcock

## **Ministry of Music**

"I Won't Give Up" -*Jason Mraz*

Steve Milloy, vocals & piano; Craig West, guitar, vocals, & other instruments

## **Send Out**

Keith M. Haithcock

## **Going Forth Music**

Steve Milloy, piano

"We Welcome Glad Easter" -*Welsh melody, arr. Michael Cox*

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Today's worship leaders: those listed above; Edward Goode, editing and production;  
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