



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES



April 13, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday in Lent
Palm Sunday



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

As the gates of the city swung open to welcome the humble king, O God, so may our hearts be opened to your Spirit among us. As Christ wept for his people, so may we weep for those who suffer at the hands of any who have forgotten how to love. Let our Worship express the joy and the sorrow, the laughing and the weeping of that first Palm Sunday long ago. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *“What Wondrous Love Is This”* (Gordon Young)

Tower Bell

Introit

If you will trust in God to guide you,
and hope in God through all your ways.
God will give strength what-e'er betide you,
and bear you through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that will not move.

*Call to Worship

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna! The crowds of Jerusalem sang.

Blessed is the Exalted One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven.

For God highly exalted Jesus, with a name above every name.

**That at the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth,
and under the earth.**

O give thanks to God, for God is good: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hosanna in the highest!

Let us praise and Worship the God of our salvation!



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PROGRAM

Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Closed
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Thursday Closed
 Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Vickie Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Laura Haas & Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, April 13: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Palm Sunday

Monday, April 14: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, April 15: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting

Wednesday, April 16: 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 17: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

Saturday, April 19: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Pause for Lent

Sunday, April 20: 8:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Easter Sunday

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

***Hymn**

“The Palms”

(Faure)

1. O’er all the way, green palms and blossoms gay
Are strewn this day in festal preparation.
Where Jesus comes to wipe our tears away,
E’en now the throng to welcome him prepare.

Refrain:
Join all and sing, his name declare,
Let every voice resound with acclamation.
Hosanna! Praise to the Lord,
Bless him who cometh to bring us salvation.

2. His word goes forth and people by its might,
Once more regain freedom from degradation;
Humanity doth give to each his right
While those in darkness are restored to light.

Refrain:

3. Sing and rejoice, O blest Jerusalem,
Of all thy sons sing the emancipation.
Through boundless love, the Christ of Bethlehem,
Brings forth the hope to thee for-ever-more.

Refrain:

***Hymn #267**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

(Ellacombe)



***Prayer of Adoration and Confession: (done responsively)**

O Lord, You came to call sinners to repentance.

Call us still that we may answer.

You who did meet the hardness of the thief:

Soften the hearts of all who are impenitent.

You who called Zacchaeus from the sycamore tree:

Arouse the careless and arrest the curious.

You who did speak words of the spirit and of life:

Enlighten the ignorant and teach the unlearned.

Dispel all prejudice and correct all error:

Establish Your people in the truth of your gospel.

You who did pray for the murderers:

Pity those who persecute your servants.

You who did call out many devils:

Set free by the power of Your grace the many who are victims of pride and anger, greed and selfishness.

You who did satisfy the doubts of Thomas:

Deal gently with those who can scarcely believe.

You who did uplift the sinking Peter:

Support all who are weak and unstable.

You who did proclaim deliverance to the captives:

Pity all prisoners and loose the bonds of their sin.

You who did raise the dead to life:

Quicken us all to life in your righteousness.

You who came to save Your people from their sin:

Save us, O Lord, who put their trust in You.

Save us, O Lord:

Deliver us, and purge away our sin, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Sisters and brothers, in the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

(Greateorex)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Judy Adams, Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Yvonne Daniels, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Donna Hoffman, Gayle McAtee, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Wendy Watts & Marty Westermeyer

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

St. John UCC, Bellevue
Allen Fluent, Interim

St. John's UCC; Newport
Martin Westermeyer, Interim

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.

Those in assisted living and nursing homes.

Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Pastor of Visitation John Robson

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Carol Strong Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Carol as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Carol Strong

Highland Spring of Ft. Thomas

960 Highland Avenue Room 2312

Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

Children's Activity Bags

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

Online Video Worship Services

You can view our online video Sunday worship services through our church website: www.stjohnsuccnewport.org, our Church's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel (just search our church's name on Facebook/YouTube) and through the Constant Contact weekly email, (just click the online worship button at the bottom of the page). Hope you enjoy the services!



SANEE JUNG

and

DOBIN PARK

REQUEST THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY
AT THEIR WEDDING CELEBRATION

AT 3PM, SUNDAY, 27TH APRIL 2025

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
415 PARK AVENUE, NEWPORT, KY 41071

Reception to Follow

We kindly request no gifts, just your presence

From the Prophets of the Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me
a trained tongue,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens,
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand in court together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
All of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

From the Letters of Paul: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Anthem

“The Holy City”

(Stephen Adams)

Last night I lay a sleeping, There came a dream so fair:
I stood in old Jerusalem, Beside the temple there;
I heard the children singing; And ever as they sang,
Me thought the voice of angels, From heav’n in answer rang;
“Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to your King!”

And once again the scene was chang’d, New earth there seemed to be,
I saw the Holy City Beside the tideless sea;
The light of God was on its streets, The gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter And no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, Or sun to shine by day,
It was the new Jerusalem That would not pass away.

Jerusalem! Jerusalem! Sing, for the night is o’er!
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna forever more!

From the Gospels: Luke 19:28-40

After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!”

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

Sermon

“Everything Is Of Use”

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

Thursday, April 17th
7:00 p.m. Worship Service/Communion

PAUSE FOR LENT

Saturday, April 19th
Discussion Group will meet from 10-11am in the church parlor

EASTER BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHN’S

The Leadership Team will be coming together to serve an Easter Breakfast to all of our members and friends. Please join us on **Sunday, April 20th** beginning at **8:15 a.m.- 9:45 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall for a breakfast of pastries, coffee cakes, different breakfast casseroles, and drinks. All we need you to do is just show up as the Leadership Team is providing this to thank everyone for all that you do for St. John’s. We hope you can join us for a delicious meal and fellowship before we join together in the celebration of our Easter Service.

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 20th
8:15 a.m.-9:45 a.m. Easter Breakfast-Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion and Special Music

MARTY’S MONDAY MINDSET

Join us every Monday at 10:00 a.m. or any time/day thereafter on Facebook for our new weekly series, Marty's Monday Mindset. Each week Pastor Marty will be delivering a casual message to get you thinking on a topic as you work through the week. We hope to see you on Facebook each Monday for the new mindset message.

WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!
We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are in honor and celebration of
Jan Knepshield's birthday on Wednesday, April 16, 2025.
Happy Birthday Jan!



Love, Darlene, Kelli, Scott, Kelsey, Kyle, Elise, Shelby, Tanner,
Jannah, Leah & Camryn

Open flower dates are April 27th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 13TH

April 15th: Brenda Scharber

April 16th: Jan Knepshield



ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

For online giving, please scan the QR code.

***Affirmation of Faith:** Colossians 1:15-20 (adapted)

**Christ is the image of the invisible God, the first born of all creation;
for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth,
visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities
- all things were created through Christ and for Christ.**

**Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together.
Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything Christ might be preeminent.**

**For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through Christ all things are reconciled to God,
whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of Christ's cross. Amen.**

***Hymn #278**

"To Mock Your Reign"

(Kingsfold)

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys and Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Response

Sing Twice



Reception of New Members: Baptism and Affirmation of Baptism
Judy Adams, Wendy Bauer & Janice Keeney

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed
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
power of 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 living 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.

Welcome and Reception of Members
Let us, the members and friends of St. John’s United Church of Christ, express our
welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.
We welcome you with joy into the common ministry of this church. We promise you
our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus
Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's
knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Offertory Invitation
The Bearer of Sorrows gave life itself, in total dedication to God’s way of love. We too
have the privilege of investing our lives for others. The tithes and offerings we dedicate
here are symbols of our willingness to answer God’s call with all our time and talents.

Offertory	<i>“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”</i>	<i>(Gilbert Martin)</i>
	When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.	
	Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood,	
	See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?	
	Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love, so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life my all! Amen!	

*Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise Him all creatures here below Praise Him above ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen	<i>(Old 100th)</i>
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***Prayer of Dedication**
Accept, we pray, these gifts of our wealth, our energy, our prayers, our service, and
our praise. May we, through our offerings demonstrate to the world and to ourselves
that a life of the cross is a life that is blessed, so that in ministry together we may
bring closer the day that you praised the world over as Lord. These things we pray in
your name. Amen.

*Hymn #284	<i>“O Sacred Head,, Now Wounded”</i>	<i>(Passion Chorale)</i>
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***Benediction**

***Choral Response (All Sing)**
Jesus to Calv’ry did go, his love for sinners to show,
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how he loves you, O how he loves me, O how he loves you and me!

Postlude	<i>“Rigaudon”</i>	<i>(Andre’ Campra)</i>
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