

**St. John's United Church of Christ**

201 West Market Street Germantown, OH 45327

**February 18, 2024, 10:30AM**

**First Sunday in Lent**

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*Liturgist: Elaine Pottenger*

*Organist: Decker Jones*

*Pastor: Mark Anthony*

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**Announcements**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Welcome**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude**

*Have Regard For Thy Covenant*

**Franklin Ritter**

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us draw near to our God, who would make of us a new creation.

**People: Be with us, God, in our troubled and violent world.**

Leader: In Christ, we find our model and our strength.

**People: Grant us the joy and hope that comes from your Spirit. Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*My Life Flows On*

**Red No. 619**

**Verses 1 & 3**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Loving and Patient God, Jesus our brother and teacher knew what it is to be tempted, but he knew too the power of your Life-giving Spirit. Teach us to discern what you would have us be, and to open our hearts to the rising of your Reign in our world. May we be gentle with those who need hope and healing; may we be steadfast in the face of all that would demean and oppress. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

*Joy Joy Joy Joy Down In My Heart*

**Youth Choir**

**Children's Moment**

**Scripture**

**Psalm 74: 18-23 &  
Mark 1: 9-13**

**Message**

**"Stand"**

**\*Hymn**

*God of Freedom, God of Justice*

**Red No. 656**

**Verses 1-3**

**\*The Offering**

**\*Doxology**

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

**Red No. 65**

**Verses 1-2**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Repent and Believe*

**David Paxton**

*\*All join us in standing as able*

