

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

201 West Market Street Germantown, OH 45327

**March 10, 2024, 10:30AM**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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*Liturgist: Brenda Williams*

*Organist: Decker Jones*

*Pastor: Mark Anthony*

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**Announcements**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Welcome**

**Passing of the Peace**

**Prelude**

*A House of Prayer for All People George Blake*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: God, you created us to be free. You call us out of complacency and self-imposed barriers to an openness born of your ever-renewing Spirit.

**People: Make us your free and freeing people, Holy One.**

Leader: Christ, you created us to serve others as you served. You call us to stand with the oppressed and outcast, the forgotten and the ignored.

**People: Make us your serving people, Merciful One.**

**\*Hymn**

*Jesus Firm Foundation*

(On Screen)

**\*Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: God our Sustainer and Healer, search our hearts and reveal to us our blind spots, all the ways we contribute to injustice and division. Give us the courage to follow in your way, to embrace with loving acceptance all who seek you with an open heart. May we be a bridge to you, God, not a wall keeping others out of your Reign. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

*10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)*

**Gilead's Grace**

**Children's Moment**

**Scripture**

**Isaiah 56: 3-8 &  
Mark 2: 13-17**

**Message**

**"Embrace"**

**\*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**

*Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race*

**Red No. 485  
Verses 1-2 & 4**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Not the Righteous but Sinners*

**Dorothy Wells**

*\*All join us in standing as able*

