

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

201 West Market Street Germantown, OH 45327

**April 21, 2024, 10:30AM**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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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**

*Deed and Truth*

Janelle Clark

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: Good Shepherd, lead us to the love of God.

**People: So that there we may love others more completely.**

Leader: Good Shepherd, lead us to the peace of God.

**People: So that there we may find safety and rest for our world.**

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*    Gilead's Grace

**\*Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Holy God, we have heard and seen your greatest gift in the person and life of Jesus Christ. Let Christ be known among us - in our words, in our actions, and in our prayers. May our thoughts be focused on the light of Christ's Resurrection and may every shadow be dispelled by the power of your Divine Love. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

*Rising Sun*

Gilead's Grace

**Children's Moment**

**Scripture**

**1 John 3: 17-24 &  
John 10: 11-16**

**Message**

**"Love, Actually"**

**\*Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

**Red No. 284  
Verses 1-2**

**\*The Offering**

**\*Doxology**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Christ, our Good Shepherd, draw us close to you and to one another, empowered by your grace to bring your message of forgiveness and reconciliation to a hurting world. Lead us past the fear of condemnation into the security of your truth that sets us free. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**Red No. 558  
Verses 1-3**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

*One Flock, One Shepherd*

George Blake

*\*All join us in standing as able*

