

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

201 West Market Street Germantown, OH 45327

**March 16, 2025, 10:30AM**

**Second Sunday of 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**

*Stand Firm*

**\*Call to Worship:**

Leader: Let us set aside our fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

**People: We will respond with joy to the Holy One's call.**

Leader: There are no barriers to God's love.

**People: In God's presence, we find life and hope.**

**\*Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**R 595  
Verses 1-3**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray

**People: God, holy and blessed above all, you call us to risk-taking loyalty and commitment. Yet we too often place our comfort and security before you and before our neighbors in need. Show us how to become fully engaged as disciples of Jesus and align our priorities with your will. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

*Standing In the Need of Prayer/Be Still*

**Youth Choir**

**Children's Moment**

**Scripture**

**Philippians 3:17- 4:1**

**Luke 14: 15-24**

**Message**

**God's Not Playing**

**Mark Anthony**

**\*Hymn**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

**B 369  
Verses 1-2**

**\*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 & the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Rise Up, O Saints of God*

**R 611  
Verses 1,3-4**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

*The Invited*

**\*All join us in standing as able**

## Calendar of Events:

Tuesday (03/18):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday (03/20):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Tuesday (03/25):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday (03/27)	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

### Staff:

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### Worship Team:

**Liturgist:** Elaine Pottenger

**Special Music Group:** Youth Choir

**Tech:** Kendall Peters, Rich Miletic, DJ Truax,  
Grace Gregor, Tom Weaver



*St. John's United Church of Christ is an  
inclusive congregation where God's love  
is felt by all, for all, and in all we do  
through worship, mission and community.*

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