

**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: Worship the God who gives and sustains life.

**People: There is no place we can go that God is not there.**

Leader: God will bring our greatest hopes to fulfillment.

**People: Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

**\*Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision*

**R 595  
Verses 1-3**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Leader: Let us pray

**People: Spirit above all spirits, revealed to us in the faithfulness of Jesus and in the testimonies of our ancestors in the faith, keep us from the temptations that silence our witness. Inspire us to share both bread and meaning without recognition or reward, so that your will may be done among us and through us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Musical Offering**

**Youth Choir**

**Children's Moment**

**Scripture**

**Romans 8: 18-24**

**Luke 4: 1-13**

**Message**

**Life Ain't Easy**

**Mark Anthony**

**\*Hymn**

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley*

**R 211  
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 & the Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn**

*I have Decided To Follow Jesus*

**R 344  
Verses 1-2,4**

**\*Dismissal with Blessing**

**Postlude**

*For It is Written*

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

## **Calendar of Events:**

Tuesday (03/11):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday (03/13):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Tuesday (03/18):	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room
Thursday (03/20)	12-2PM	Food Pantry	Brombaugh Room

### **Staff:**

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### **Worship Team:**

**Liturgist:** Brenda Williams

**Special Music Group:** Chancel 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.*

**March 9, 2025**



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