DEDICATION OF OUR GIFTS "Doxology"

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SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS Prayers of the People – Kelly Harris Pastoral, The Lord's Prayer (Debts, Debtors)

BENEDICTION

The Good Shepherd leads us forward, from this place, into the world to serve God's people, to witness to God's love in all that we do. Go in peace and God's peace will go with you. AMEN.

POSTLUDE "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jamelle Godlewski, Guest Speaker Kayden Harris, Liturgist

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Thank you to Jamelle Godlewski for serving as our Guest Speaker this morning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Welcome to St. John's United Church of Christ



We are happy to welcome everyone attending St. John's United Church of Christ. May God Bless you with His abundant love.

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023 10:15 am

PRELUDE "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)

Leader: The God of all shepherds has called us here.

People: We come today, celebrating God's love for

us.

Leader: The Good Shepherd has given his life for us.

People: We come today, thanking Jesus for his witness and his teaching.

Leader: The Shepherding Spirit moves through us, bringing us new hope.

People: We come today ready to celebrate and to praise God. AMEN.

OPENING HYMN

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" vs 1&3

MORNING PRAYER (In Unison)

Thank you, loving God, for bringing us to this time of worship. Refresh us and heal us again. Remind us of the many ways in which you have blessed our lives with your abundant love and your presence. Guide our hearts and our spirits that we may hear your words and our souls may be stirred into active service to your people. In the name of the Good Shepherd, who leads us to life, we pray. AMEN.

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord And we pray that our unity will one day be restored

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love

3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side

We will work with each other, we will work side by side

And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love

Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

SCRIPTURE READINGS Ephesians 2:1-10

HYMN
"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

TODAY'S MESSAGE
"What is Our Purpose as Christians? Part 1"
Jamelle Godlewski