



# Leap of Faith

## March 2021

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Forever Relying On God



The whole month of March occurs during Lent this year. The beauty of Lent is that it is a time of personal reflection and examination of our relationship with Jesus Christ. We can find a deeper meaning in identifying with Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross through this spiritual discipline.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a time to share your faith? It can be. You can tell others why you are eating or not eating certain foods. You can share what you are learning about God, yourself, and others during a Bible study or special service. It can be an easy way to share your faith by sharing our faith traditions!

Lent occurs during a time of change in creation. We go from the dark, cold days of Winter into the glorious light and new life of Spring. This is a powerful reminder of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life He brings to each of us. In I John 3:2 it says "We shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is! As we look for the first buds of Spring, let us look to Christ for our own spiritual renewal!

Pastor Laura

COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON  
ZOOM!

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ.

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### IMPORTANT DATES FOR MARCH

- 03 – Caregiver Appreciation Day
- 05 – World Day of Prayer
- 14 – Daylight Savings Begins
- 15 – Ides of March
- 17 – Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 – First Day of spring
- 28 – Palm Sunday

### CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Courtney Papa (Pres)	Jean Quillin
Mary Ellen Harris (VP)	Edward Quillin
Kelly Harris (Sec)	Dennis Harris
George Adamson (Treas)	
Wayne Knudson	



## CHANGE FOR OTHERS



Change for Others" is our program where we collect spare change and donate it to different charities. We change charities every quarter. St. John's then matches the amount collected. We have suspended Change for others till we have in person worship service.

## Lenten Bible Study-Promises, Promises

Every Wednesday, during Lent Pastor Laura Doty will have a Lenten Bible Study at 6pm on Zoom. Everyone is welcome even if you can't join us every week, just drop in when you can. Let me know if you want to join by sending an email to [stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com) so I can send you the Zoom link.  
Mary Ellen Harris



*Daylight Savings time begins Sunday  
March 14, 2021*



## COMMUNION

Every first Sunday is  
Communion Sunday.

## MARCH WORSHIP LEADERS

**07** Laura Doty, Pastor  
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris  
**14** Laura Doty, Pastor  
Liturgist – Kelly Harris  
**21** Janelle Godlewski, Guest Speaker  
Liturgist – George Adamson  
**28** Laura Doty, Pastor  
Liturgist – Courtney Papa

*Thank you to everyone for helping out!*

## PRAYER WARRIORS

The Prayer Warriors are praying for any concerns or joys you may have. You can make a request on our website [stjohnsuccelkhart.com](http://stjohnsuccelkhart.com) or email [stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsuccofelkhart@gmail.com). You can also call Mary Ellen Harris, 293-7481

## CONSISTORY MEETING –

**Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:00 pm on Zoom. If you would  
like to join please contact  
Courtney Papa.**

## Things about Palm Sunday that Remind Us Christ is King

- God's Word tells us the people cut palm branches and waved them in the air, laid them out on the ground before Jesus as He rode into the city. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfill over death.

*"O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" [1 Corinthians 15:55](#)*

- Jesus chose to ride in on a donkey, which directly fulfilled Old Testament prophecy of [Zechariah 9:9](#). In Biblical times, it was common for kings or important people to arrive by a procession riding on a donkey. The donkey symbolized peace, so those who chose to ride them showed that they came with peaceful intentions. Jesus even then reminded us that He is the Prince of Peace.

*"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey." [Zechariah 9:9](#)*

- When the people shouted "Hosanna!" they were hailing Christ as King. That word actually means "save now," and though in their own minds they waited for an earthly king, God had a different way in mind of bringing true salvation to all who would trust in Him.

*"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!" [Palms 118:26](#)*

*"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." [Rom. 10:9](#)*

- The Bible says that Jesus wept for Jerusalem. In the midst of the praise of the moment, He knew in His heart that it wouldn't be long that these same people would turn their backs on Him, betray Him, and crucify Him. His heart broke with the reality of how much they needed a Savior.

*"As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it, and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace--but now it is hidden from your eyes." [Luke 19:41-42](#)*

- Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present-day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. This is the greatness of why we celebrate this week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death.

*"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies' [John 11:25](#)*



## FOOD FOR FOLKS

### Ongoing Food Pantry Needs For Church Community Services

- Canned meat and vegetables
- Hearty soups and ready-to-heat canned pasta meals
- Cereals (hot and cold)
- Crackers
- Rice
- Pasta
- Spaghetti sauce
- Hamburger Helper-like meal helpers
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Condiments
- Boxed potatoes
- Toilet paper
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers, wipes, baby shampoo and body wash
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Can openers



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 5, 2021

World Day of Prayer is celebrated in 170 countries every year on the first Friday in March. Despite it being a Christian initiative, it welcomes all religious and non-religious people around the world. World Prayer Day aims at bringing awareness to different cultures and traditions and spreading understanding and tolerance throughout the globe.

One way to celebrate this day is to light a candle (or use a battery candle) for a group of people going through hardship such as: refugees, orphans of war, people fighting illnesses, destitute groups.

<b>Lent Year B</b>	<b>First reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<u>Third Sunday in Lent</u> March 7, 2021 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Exodus 20:1-17</u>	<u>Psalm 19</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</u>	<u>John 2:13-22</u>
<u>Fourth Sunday in Lent</u> March 14, 2021 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Numbers 21:4-9</u>	<u>Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22</u>	<u>Ephesians 2:1-10</u>	<u>John 3:14-21</u>
<u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u> March 21, 2021 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Jeremiah 31:31-34</u>	<u>Psalm 51:1-12</u> or <u>Psalm 119:9-16</u>	<u>Hebrews 5:5-10</u>	<u>John 12:20-33</u>
<u>Annunciation of the Lord</u> March 25, 2021 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 7:10-14</u>	<u>Psalm 45</u> or <u>Psalm 40:5-10</u>	<u>Hebrews 10:4-10</u>	<u>Luke 1:26-38</u>
<u>Liturgy of the Palms</u> March 28, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Lent <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>		<u>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</u>		<u>Mark 11:1-11</u> or <u>John 12:12-16</u>
<u>Liturgy of the Passion</u> March 28, 2021 Sixth Sunday in Lent <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 31:9-16</u>	<u>Philippians 2:5-11</u>	<u>Mark 14:1-15:47</u> or <u>Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)</u>

<b>Holy Week Year B</b>	<b>First reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>	<b>Second reading</b>	<b>Gospel</b>
<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> March 29, 2021 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 42:1-9</u>	<u>Psalm 36:5-11</u>	<u>Hebrews 9:11-15</u>	<u>John 12:1-11</u>
<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> March 30, 2021 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 49:1-7</u>	<u>Psalm 71:1-14</u>	<u>1 Corinthians 1:18-31</u>	<u>John 12:20-36</u>
<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> March 31, 2021 <u>ART -- PRAYER</u>	<u>Isaiah 50:4-9a</u>	<u>Psalm 70</u>	<u>Hebrews 12:1-3</u>	<u>John 13:21-32</u>



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