


12 March 2023

Third Sunday of Lent

**St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ**



He came
to set the captives
FREE!

Luke 4:18

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Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements

Silent Prelude/Prayer Habakkuk 2:20

The Lord is in His holy temple,
Let all the earth keep silence before Him...
Keep silence before Him.

Hear our prayer O Lord,
Hear our prayer O Lord,
Incline Thine ear to us,
And grant us Thy peace.

***Hymn #90** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

***Call to Worship**

Isaiah 61:1-2

L: The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,

C: because the Lord has anointed me

L: to bring good news to the poor;

C: He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

L: to proclaim liberty to the captives,

C: and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

L: to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;

C: to comfort all who mourn.

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Kyana Gray – Dayton, OH

Mission of the Month: Child Evangelism Fellowship

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

Children's Message

God's Promises Fulfilled

Luke 4:20b-21

Special Music- Favorite Hymns

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

Luke 4:16-30

Mark 6:1-6

Sermon

Easily Offended

***Hymn #223**

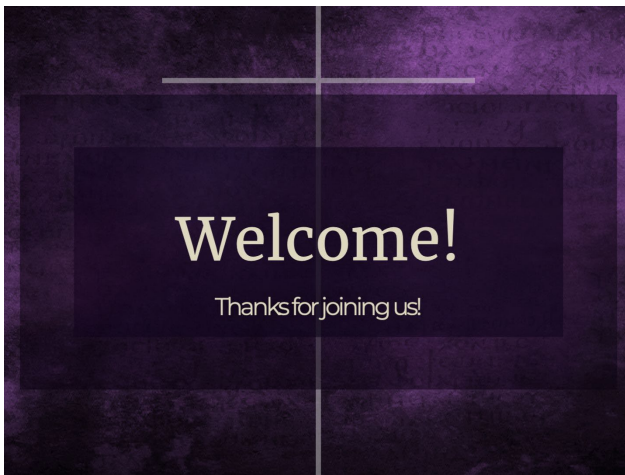
God Hath Spoken by His Prophets

***Benediction**

Postlude

Amazing Grace

*— Those who are able, please stand



Scripture Readings (ESV):

Luke 4:16-30:

¹⁶ And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to Him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰ And He rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² And all spoke well of Him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from His mouth. And they said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ And He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb, “Physician, heal yourself.” What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.” ²⁴ And He said, “Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove Him out of the town and brought Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw Him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, He went away.

Mark 6:1-6:

¹ He went away from there and came to His hometown, and His disciples followed Him. ² And on the Sabbath He began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard Him were astonished, saying, “Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to Him? How are such mighty works done by His hands? ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not His sisters here with us?” And they took offense at Him. ⁴ And Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor, except in His hometown and among His relatives and in His own household.” ⁵ And He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed them. ⁶ And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about among the villages teaching.

Sermon Notes

12 March 2023

Scripture: **Luke 4:16-30; Mark 6:1-6**

Sermon: **Easily Offended**

1. Answer honestly: what causes you to be offended? Are you easily offended? Is there anything in the church or the Christian faith that offends you? How do you address that lovingly and constructively?

2. What brought offense into the lives of the people of Jesus' hometown of Nazareth? Did it come from God or from within their sinful, human nature? How did they express that?

3. What in Jesus' message caused offense? Was His message almost entirely scriptural? How, to you, would that cause someone to be offended?

4. The focus of ministry and worship and the Christian life is to be to pursue God first and to love (and serve) our neighbor next; biblical Christianity is outward focused first and foremost. Why do you suppose that causes such offense in the world but even within believers (as it did in Nazareth)? How can we move ourselves and our congregation to a posture that is less offended by others and more towards loving/serving God first and loving/serving our neighbor second? What needs to change within us to accomplish this?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Kyana Gray missing from Dayton, OH.

Easter Flowers: Easter flowers available: lilies, daffodils, Hyacinths, tulips, or pansy bowl for \$15 each. If interested please complete an order form and return with your payment no later than March 19. Any questions, please see Michele Sherman or contact the church office.

Pastor Randall Spaghetti Benefit Dinner: March 26 from 11 am – 1 pm in the church fellowship hall. More information to come.

Maundy Thursday Meal & Informal Service: April 6 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship we will share a soup and bread meal followed by an informal service with communion. All are welcome and food is provided.



Community Sunrise Service: April 9 at 7 am at the small pavilion at Boy Scout Lake. You may want to bring your own chair. We will try to Facebook Live the service that morning.

Easter Festival Service: Traditional Festival Service on April 9 at 10 am. The younger kids will have an Egg Hunt at 9:30 am and Jr. Church after the children's sermon.

Carl Lotz Scholarship Applications: Purpose: To provide a scholarship to a Hardin County student or church member who plans to further their education and/or training for their career. Application, eligibility requirements, and procedure list is available online at <https://forms.gle/BxSY59hvCfpdEM2J6>. A copy of the application can also be found on the church website at www.stjohnskenton.org. Deadline to apply is April 28 (Must complete All 3 steps).

Jr. Church Volunteers: Everything is prepared for you. Please see Michele with questions and to volunteer.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30-10:30 & 12:30 – 2:30. Hours will change if a delay/closing. Please call if any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Celebrate Recovery Meal Sign Up: St. John's supplies a meal for Celebrate Recovery twice a month. The meals is the second and Fourth Tuesday of each month for approximately 10-15 people. If you are able to provide food, please sign-up in the back of the sanctuary. Please have the food at the church at 6 pm in the kitchenette across from the chapel. Any questions, please see Anna LaWarre or Jerry Pfister.

Mending for Missions: If you have something that needs to be mended, shortened, or taken in, Jane is sharing her gift. When the garment is finished, Jane will give you a "Mended for Missions" envelope to donate to the church. You can decide the amount you'd care to give. Jane Wyndham, 419-767-9160

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.

Maundy Thursday
April 6 - 6:30 pm

Soup & Bread Meal followed by an
informal service in the fellowship hall



*Please join us for the First Annual Blessing of
Bikes hosted by St. John's Evangelical Church
and God's Thunder.*



May 21, 2023

211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH

11:30 - Coffee and Donuts served

12:00 - Blessing of the Bikes

*Open invitation to all to attend worship
service beginning at 10am.*

Sponsored by:

*St. John's Evangelical Church
and Christian Motorcycle
Association, God's Thunder*



Week at a Glance

Today, 3/12:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Tuesday, 3/14:	6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 3/15:	5-7 PM Kid's Night 5-7 PM Youth Group 7:30 PM Bible Study – Chapel
Friday, 3/17:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends Beer Barrel Pizza (Lima) 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Saturday, 3/18:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (3/5): 79

Envelopes: \$4992

Loose Ones:

Mission (CEF): \$340

Ushers:

3/12: Shawn & Natasha Dyer

3/19: Carol Wilcox & Mary Ralston

