



ST. JOHN'S

St. John's exists as a new family to embody God's reality & hope in our world.

SEASON OF PENTECOST

10^{am} June 22, 2008

Welcome - You're invited to discover and experience God's presence as you desire.

CELEBRATION

OPEN	<p>"Death Is Like the Coolness of Night" by Brahms</p> <p>"Gentle Shepherd" by William Gaither</p>	<p>Cyril Deaconoff</p> <p>Choir Karen Irwin</p>
WELCOME & SILENCE		<p>John Anderson</p>
SING*	<p>(*please stand as able) "I Sing the Mighty Power" vv. all</p>	<p>blue book 288</p>
PRAY	<p>one: We praise and adore you, O God, for doing wondrous things in our lives - for loving and forgiving us. Even when distracted by events of our daily existence, we are aware of your divine activity in our lives, prompting us to deepen our trust in you. Your desire for us to live full and abundant lives has been realized in and through Jesus, your most wondrous gift of all.</p> <p>all: <i>He is the assurance that we are known intimately and valued by you in ways beyond our human understanding. May our praise and adoration for such goodness towards us be visible, as we respond to Jesus' appeal to take up our cross and follow him.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, you warn us today that you have not come to bring peace, but a sword. Forgive us for believing in 'peace at any price' forgetting that the cost of peace for you was a life spent challenging and defeating evil's power. Pierce our weakness with your strength. Give us courage to confront behavior which is contrary to all you teach us.</p> <p>all: <i>Strip away all that prevents us from exercising faith and courage in the face of injustice. Cut through our efforts to protect ourselves at the expense of the well being of others. Expose the fearfulness that shapes our decisions. Replace it with the courage of your convictions. Lord Jesus Christ, give us your strength, so that, we can follow wherever you lead.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. "Jesus died and rose again so we might experience "newness of life...so we can consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Jesus</p>	