



# ST. JOHN'S

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

SEASON OF PENTECOST

10<sup>am</sup> July 27, 2008

*We welcome you and invite you to discover and experience God's presence as you wish.*

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	<p>"Sonata in f minor, op. 120, no. 1" by Brahms Movement 2, Andante poco adagio</p>	<p>Michael Jordin clarinet</p>
WELCOME & SILENCE	<p>"Sweet Hour of Prayer"</p>	<p>Choir</p> <p>John Anderson</p>
SING*	<p>(*please stand as able) "O God the Creator" vv. all</p>	<p>blue book 273</p>
PRAY	<p>one: Eternal, living God, we come, young and old, from different places and diverse backgrounds to offer this time of worship to you.</p> <p><b>all: <i>Help us focus our thoughts on you so we experience anew your grace, mercy and love as fresh gifts in our lives. We praise you for blessing us this way and revealing your love in Jesus Christ. With his endless love flowing through us and the Holy Spirit guiding us, may our love for you and all you created, never cease.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Gracious gift-giving God, you call us to live out our faith in ways which honor you and bless our neighbors, and we recognise that worship is an essential part of our faith journey. We believe that what we do here in worship does shape our daily witness to Jesus, as his disciples.</p> <p><b>all: <i>Our faith is visible when we live your kingdom values of justice, love, and peace. Yet it is hard to resist being absorbed with world values - values dominated by profit, power and production. Forgive us as we fail to understand that planting seeds of faith and love point to your kingdom treasures. We pray our hearts will be shaped by the unfailing treasures of your kingdom, and that our discipleship will be real in worship, witness and service.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. Through the power of the Holy Spirit within us, God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3.20)</p> <p><b>all: <i>Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ</i></b></p>	

*we are forgiven, reconciled and empowered to begin again.*

AFFIRM\*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*

GREET\*

(Share a greeting of peace, comfortable for you.)

### COMMUNITY

CHOIR

"Shall We Gather at the River" arr. by Linda Spevacek

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Genesis 29.15-28 (p. 45) Psalm 105.1-11, 45b (p. 942)  
Romans 8.26-39 (p. 1757) Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52 (p. 1518)

ENGAGE

"Real Momentum"  
"We don't know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." Romans 8.17

Provides support

Prohibits condemnation

Promotes advocacy

Promises love

INTERACTIVE  
PRAYER  
STATIONS

You're invited to individually experience prayer at stations,  
in the sanctuary, for about 12 minutes, centering on our lessons:

right rear station – Letting God search your heart.  
left rear station - Letting go of what separates us from God's love.  
pew stations - Pray with these repeated, sung prayers.

*Come & fill our hearts with your peace.*  
*You alone, O Lord, are holy.*  
*Come & fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!*

*Bless the Lord, my soul, & bless God's holy name.*  
*Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.*

*In the Lord rejoicing!  
Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia!*

### COMMITMENT

SHARE LIVES  
& GIFTS

*(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)  
"Of Foreign Lands and People, op. 15, no. 1" by Schumann*

AFFIRM\*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen*

DEDICATE\*

*Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us with the treasures of your kingdom and we offer our response through these gifts of money and the service of our lives - may they be used to sow the seeds of your kingdom values of love, justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

KIDS

### COMPASSION

SING\*

*"Here I Am" vv. all*

*blue book 525*

SEND & BLESS\*

*(You're invited for conversation & caffeine in the back.)*

CLOSE

*"Sonata in f minor, op. 120, no. 1" by Brahms  
Movement 3, Allegretto grazioso*

*Michael Jordin  
clarinet*

### TODAY

**PASTOR THERESA** - is on baby-leave following Isabella SooYun Kim's birth on June 14. All are doing well.

**COFFEE/TEA** - You may indulge before, during & after worship. You're also welcome to bring/share snacks.

**GUESTS** - We welcome you to this family of faith. As your hosts we love your questions & comments.

**OUR KIDS** - May wander or color at the table at left front. Animals & books in back are for restless parents.

Worship activity bags are in the back for kids to use each summer Sunday.

**LIGHTHOUSE** - is our nursery for kids 0-4 located in the chapel on left, front.

**LITTLE MARINERS** - is Sunday School class for ages 2-4, class will resume in September.

**A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) Program** - kids K-5 breaks for summer until Sept. 7, Jr. Hi will begin also.

**LISTENING DEVICES** - Are for hearing impaired, or for parents with kids in *The Lighthouse*, to listen to worship.

**NAME TAGS** - Help others remember your name. Indicate on the clipboard if you wish one made for you.

**PARKING** - Guests may dble-park on Lake St. (DPT ticket if cars blocked). Free @ St Anne's Home, 3<sup>rd</sup> & Lake.

**RESTROOMS** - Behind the sanctuary on both levels (upper level is fully accessible & has changing table).

**THE EAGLE** - Getting the Eagle (newsletter)? It's in back & on our website. Request to get it, on the clipboard.

**WELCOME** - If you'd like to help welcome others, bring snacks or tidy after fellowship, any Sunday, please indicate that on the clipboard as it's passed. Please place clipboard pages in the offering basket. Thanks.

## LIVING OUR VISION

**OUR COMMITMENT is to passionately follow Jesus.**

**COMMITMENT CLASS** - Come explore what it means to take a 1<sup>st</sup> step in a journey of commitment to Christ & consider making St. John's your spiritual home, being a committed part of it, indicate your interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know about an upcoming class. Childcare available upon request.

**FAITH on TAP** - At The Bitter End pub (441 Clement, btw 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Av) August 20 (each 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30pm</sup>) No faith required, but curiosity to explore with your own integrity. See pastor John or just show up.

**GIVING** - '08 envelope boxes for all, are in back of sanctuary, or use our secure eGive on our home page. stjohnssf.org Questions: Treasurer, David Miller, 673 4810 / millerd2@prodigy.net.

**OUR COMMUNITY is empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

**COMMUNITY CLASS** - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, October 6, 7-8<sup>pm</sup>, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10<sup>am</sup> of class day. Child care available by request.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8-9<sup>am</sup>, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic Call: John Lenox 752 1365.

**STUDY GROUP** - We will be taking a break during the summer. For info: contact pastor Theresa.

**PASTORAL CARE** - Pastors are available for questions, care & short-term counseling. Feel free to contact them.

**OUR COMPASSION is embodied in the peace & justice of God.**

**COMPASSION CLASS** - Discover gifts, talents & passions - your compassion. Monday, August 4, 7-8<sup>pm</sup>, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10<sup>am</sup> of class day. Child care available upon request.

**HAYES HOME** - Worship with residents, 2-2<sup>45pm</sup>, 1250 Hayes St. (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays). Info: David Miller, 673 4810.

**HARVEST** - Saturdays, 7<sup>45</sup>-9<sup>45am</sup>. Come share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

**ST. JOHN'S CINEMA** - August 7, 7-8<sup>15pm</sup> War Made Easy: How Presidents & Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death('07). Government & media led us into war after war. Archival film reveal parallels between the Vietnam & Iraq wars. Bring friends - free. (Views expressed aren't necessarily of St. John's or members.)

**OUR GIFTS** - 10+% of our budget is for our community & world. Some recipients shown in back bulletin board.

**What's New!**

**YOUTH** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, Harvest, 7.45-9.45<sup>am</sup>, help give out food - invite friends, join us for cocoa & donuts. See Evelyn, Eric & Iain.

**NEXT INTERACTIVE WORSHIP** - Today - Sanctuary stations engage our imagination in hands-on, self-guided faith journeys.

**MYANMAR & CHINA**- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) appeals for long term assistance. Help support: www.pcusa.org/pda

**FREE & CLEAR** - Singles gathering w/ St. James Episcopal, Aug. 10, for lunch, 11.45<sup>am</sup> at B-Star, on Clement St., between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**PRAYER CHAIN** - Pray for concerns & joys of our community. Take part w/ your email (or phone) & pray in a way meaningful to you. Are you willing? Email, call, talk to Evelyn Ho eyho@usfca.edu, 422 0662 or Jackie Autry sanfranjackie@comcast.net, 668 0541.

**NAT'L SURVEY** - We're chosen to share in the '08 U.S. Congregational Life Survey, to discover what congregations value & do best & be nationally published. Come ready to opine on Oct. 5.

**YOU!** - What ministry effort do you wish to initiate? Talk to a team member or pastor & let's do it!

**GO TO YELP.COM** - Is there something here at St. John's worth sharing with others in SF?

more info @ [stjohnssf.org](http://stjohnssf.org)

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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