



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} August 3, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Arioso" by J.S.Bach	Cyril Deaconoff
WELCOME & SILENCE	"Come Away" by Ken Medema	Choir
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Praise Ye the Lord" vv. all	John Anderson
PRAY	<p>one: Gracious and loving God, you enable us to turn to you in the confident assurance that our cries and prayers are heard and answered by you, and in the belief that your steadfast love will not permit despair and desolation to have the last word.</p> <p><i>all: Our confidence lies in the wonderful evidence of your love revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior, in whom we seek refuge time and time again. Through him, our burdens are lightened and we are forgiven. In his sacrificial love, our lives are blessed with the gift of the Spirit. For these great gifts, we offer our thanksgiving.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Merciful God, you willingly enter into the messiness of our human struggles - fractured relationships, family differences, unreconciled situations with people we care about. You would think that we would welcome you with open arms, yet we admit that too often our fists are clenched because we do not want to loosen our grip on possessions and selfish desires.</p> <p><i>all: We fear that our lives will be dislocated by the steady impress upon them of your kingdom values of justice, mercy and peace. Help us to wrestle with the conflicting values, desires and pressures that daily confront us so we can unclench our hands and open ourselves to the Spirit's transforming power. Only then can we fully embrace others in their pain - and be embraced - in the name of Christ.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God, to whom we have been reconciled through Christ...(2 Corinthians 5.17,18a)</p>	
		blue book 482

in whom we are blessed and forgiven.

all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled and empowered to begin again.

AFFIRM*

***Alleluia, alleluia!
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GREET*

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

COMMUNITY

CHOIR

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"
traditional hymn-tune arranged by Virgil Thomson

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

"Be Not Afraid, Be Not Anxious"
1 Corinthians 4. 1-5 Matthew 6. 24-35

Doug Olds

SING*

"Jesu, Jesu" vv. all

blue book 367

COMMITMENT

PRAY

(ecumenical version - or use a version or language you prefer)
Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
"Andante" by Rheinberger

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*

We offer these gifts to you O God, in response to your many gracious gifts to us. Bless and use all that we offer, both these gifts and our lives, as we seek to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

KIDS

CHRIST'S MEAL *(All seeking to follow Jesus, are welcome to share, regardless of background.
Take bread, dip it in the cup.)*

PRAY *Lord Jesus Christ, fed and renewed by your life in us - we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to spread the message of your love and compassion to all whom we meet. Amen*

COMPASSION

SING* "God of Grace and God of Glory" vv. 1,3,5 blue book 420

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

CLOSE "Festival March" by Handel

TODAY

DOUG OLDS - Our preacher today is a member & elder of St. John's, & is one of our seminarians who is a candidate for the ministry.

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, 3rd & 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 1st 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 5th & 6th Av) August 20 (each 3rd Wednesday, 6³⁰-7^{30pm}) 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^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available by request.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Every 1st Saturday, 8-9^{am}, @ 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^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available upon request.

HAYES HOME - Worship with residents, 2-2^{45pm}, 1250 Hayes St. (3rd Sundays). Info: David Miller, 673 4810.

HARVEST - Saturdays, 7⁴⁵-9^{45am}. Come share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA - August 7, 7-8^{15pm} 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 - 1st Saturdays, Harvest, 7.45-9.45^{am}, help give out food - invite friends, join us for cocoa & donuts. See Evelyn, Eric & Iain.

NEXT INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - Oct. 5 - 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^{am} at B-Star, on Clement St., between 2nd & 3rd.

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

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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