



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 17, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Chorale" by Duboius	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Sing Praises" by L. Stanley Glarum	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "To God Compose" vv. all	blue book 219
PRAY	<p>one: God of all creation, your blessings are visible not only in our urban landscape and rolling hills, but also wherever people gather to worship you. We gather in this time and place grateful for your blessings towards us, for linking our lives with yours through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.</p> <p>all: <i>In and through him we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring your dreams of a just and peaceful world to reality. A world where the barriers which separate people from you and from one another are peacefully and willingly broken down forever.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Lord Jesus Christ, you swept away all prejudice and legalism when you reached out and accepted people as they were - as loved fellow human beings. We admit our failure to reflect your inclusivity.</p> <p>all: <i>Forgive us, if people feel excluded here because of their appearance, their scarcity, abundance, lack of power or low self-image.</i></p> <p>one: Forgive us, if people feel excluded here because of their sexuality, age, addiction or lack of a job.</p> <p>all: <i>Forgive us, if people feel excluded here because of their culture, pain from church experience or anxiety over rigid Christianity.</i></p> <p>one: Empower us to resist the lure of a culture obsessed with wealth, power and uniformity. We know that following you demands a new way of seeing people, as you did, and being with them unconditionally, as you were.</p> <p>all: <i>We seek forgiveness as we fail. As people who have received your mercy over and over. May we show that same mercy and compassion as you did, in all we say and do in your name.</i></p>	

(silent accepting of God's grace)

one: Amen. We rejoice in the good news that God sent Jesus into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned. (John 3.17-18).

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

SING*

(song requests)

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Genesis 45.1-15 (p. 75) Psalm 133 (p. 970)
Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32 (p. 1761) Matthew 15.1-28 (p. 1521)

ENGAGE

"Trashing Tradition"
"'Lord, help me!' she said.' ... Jesus answered, 'Woman, you've great faith!'"
Matthew 15.25,28

mixing with outsiders

clarifying my wholeness

recognizing our blessing

healing the divisions

SING*

(song requests)

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.)
"Pastorale" by Burney

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, we offer these gifts and our lives as signs
that our faith is expressed not in words alone, but in deeds - deeds
performed in the name and for the sake of Jesus, our Lord. Amen*

KIDS

ORDAIN &
INSTALL

Questions to Elders, Deacons and Congregation
Laying on of Hands and Prayer

COMPASSION

SING*

"Dear Lord and Father" vv. 1, 2, 4, 5

blue book 345

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

"Short Voluntary" by Worgan

T O D A Y

PASTOR THERESA - we welcome back Theresa after her baby-leave following Isabella SooYun Kim's birth.

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, November 10, 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 - Thursday, Sept. 4, 7-8^{30pm} The Business of Being Born: Controversial documentary looks at U.S. maternity care, hospital childbirths & the popularity of at-home births. This compelling exposé reveals many unanswered questions. 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 - October 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

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 on Oct. 5, to share in the '08 U.S. Congregational Life Survey, to discover what congregations value & do best. Results will be nationally published. Come ready to opine.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - This morning, 9.45^{am}, to elect new officers & any other business.

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

**ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PC (U.S.A.)**

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