



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 24, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Kleines Harmonisches Labyrinth" by J.S.Bach	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Hail and Hosanna"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "From All That Dwell" vv. all	blue book 229
PRAY	<p>one: God our Help and Redeemer, if you had not chosen to become a part of our lives, through the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, where and who would we be? Helpless without you. So we offer our heartfelt thanks for the reality of your care for us. In Jesus, we are deeply aware of your goodness.</p> <p><i>all: As your presence enabled Jesus to live courageously, so you strengthen us to live boldly through the gift of the Spirit - your empowering presence in us. May our worship and our living resonate praise for your presence with us, and all your gracious gifts to us.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Merciful God, we rejoice that our lives are forever linked with Jesus. In him, our lives - our minds and our hearts - are transformed and renewed so that we may discern in your will for the world, all that is good and acceptable and perfect. Yet, we admit there are times when our actions and our words seem to be conformed more to the world's values than to doing your will.</p> <p><i>all: Forgive us when we think our faith experience is superior to others and so fail to recognize and share the humility our life in Christ possesses. Transform us and renew us in Christ's image, so his grace, compassion and humility will be clearly visible in and through our lives; so as his body, we may delight in sharing the gifts you graciously give us, for building up this faith community and the communities in which we live and work and play.</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</p>	

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).

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*

"Now to Praise the Name of Jesus"

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Exodus 1.8-2.10 (p. 88) Psalm 124 (p. 966)
Romans 12.1-8 (p. 1763) Matthew 16.13-20 (p. 1524)

ENGAGE

"Let Each Belong"

"in Christ we who are many form one body, & each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12.5

I am part

I do fit

I am enough

I have my task

SING*

"Canticle of the Turning" vv. all

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COMMITMENT

PRAY

(ecumenical version - or use a language or version 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.)
"Canon in D" by Pachelbel

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*

Loving God, receive and bless these gifts which we offer in response to the many gifts you graciously bestow upon us. Strengthen us with the Holy Spirit that we may as graciously serve others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and our Savior. Amen

KIDS

BAPTIZE
WELCOME*

We commit ourselves to these parents as they lead these children in the way of Jesus Christ. We offer ourselves for support and encouragement, with our prayers and lives of service, striving to build a community, nurtured by God's Spirit. We promise to do this with God's strength.

COMPASSION

SING*

"Love Divine" vv. 1, 2, 4

blue book 376

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

"The Fifers" by Dandrieu

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 clip-board 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) September 17 (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. stjohssf.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. A 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.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE- (PDA) is supporting humanitarian relief efforts to help refugees & those displaced by fighting in the embattled former Soviet republic of Georgia. To help: www.pcusa.org/pda

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER - Rev. Yousif Kodi of Sudan will speak on Darfur at St. John's, Sunday, September 28, 6³⁰ - 8^{pm}. Let others, who may be interested, know of this special event. More @ Presbyterian Peacemaking Program: www.pcusa.org/peacemaking.

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.

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 @ stjohssf.org

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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