



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 31, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin" by J.S.Bach	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Hail and Hosanna"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Now Praise the Lord" vv. all	blue book 255
PRAY	<p>one: Awesome God, whose holiness is beyond our capacity even to imagine - we worship you. Your care for us is evident through your grace and mercy which we experience in Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. You love us so lavishly, and so empower, that we come to see the world as a place charged with blessing - your blessing.</p> <p><i>all: We stand on holy ground whenever we are in your presence O God, which is always and forever when we praise you as we ought. We offer our praise and this time of worship as our response to your extravagant initiative of entering our lives in the person of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Merciful God, you call us to live out our faith by loving one another with a love that is completely sincere - with no thought of gain for self, but love totally at the service of others.</p> <p><i>all: Forgive us when we find excuses not to open our hearts, our homes and our lives to others. Renew and strengthen us with your spirit, O God, so that as we deny ourselves and follow Jesus, we will not be overcome with evil, but will overcome evil with good.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. Hear the good news: God's love for us is truly revealed in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5.8) And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.</p> <p><i>all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled and empowered to begin again.</i></p>	

AFFIRM*

Alleluia, alleluia!
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GREET*

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

COMMUNITY

CHOIR

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation" by Dale Wood

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Exodus 3.1-15 (p. 90) Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c (p. 942)
Romans 12.9-21 (p. 1764) Matthew 16.21-28 (p. 1524)

ENGAGE

"I Am Who I Am"

SING*

"Halle Halle Halle" vv. all

red book 22

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.)
"Andante" by Volckmar

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*

Holy God, you bless our lives with gifts which enable us to live in harmony with you and with one another. In Jesus you have revealed the human face of your love and empowered us with the Holy Spirit to reveal that same love in all we do and say and are. These gifts we offer in response seem paltry in comparison, but we offer them and our lives confident that you will receive, bless and use them in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, and our Savior. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSIONSING* "O for a World" vv. all *blue book 386*SEND & BLESS* *(You're invited for conversation & caffeine in the back.)*

CLOSE "The Rejoicing" by Handel

TODAY**PASTOR JOHN** - is away on vacation until September 17.**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, offered 1st Sun of the month. Class will resume in September 7, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.**A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) Program** - kids K-5 begins Sept. 7, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.**FAITH NAVIGATORS** - grades 6-8 begins Sept. 21 in the Fireside Room.**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) 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. 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 - Beginning Oct 16, we will be studying Jonah & Micah every Thursday, 7-8.30pm in the Library. For info: contact pastor Theresa.

PASTORAL CARE - Pastors are available for questions, care & short-term counseling.

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. 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.

INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER - Rev. Yousif Kodi of Sudan will speak on Darfur at St. John's, Sunday, Sep 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.

HARVEST CELEBRATION - Sep 14 after worship come and thank the Harvest volunteers who hand out groceries in our community every Saturday morning. Bring a dish to share!

2 & UNDER - On Oct 4, come and meet other families with kids 2 & under. Older siblings, of course, are also welcome to join! Further details will be sent out soon. Please contact Laura Co at lauraco@sbcglobal.net for more info or to be added to our e-mail distribution list.

more info @ stjohnssf.org

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