



# 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> September 7, 2008

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

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Chorale Prelude on Eventide" by Parry	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Now the Silence" by Carl Schalk	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Bring Many Names" vv. 1,2,3,6	red book 54
PRAY	<p>one: As worshippers over the centuries have done, we offer you, O God, our thanksgiving, because our lives are graced by your faithfulness. Just as you loved the Israelites, delivering them from enslavement and death, you love us and deliver us from enslavement to sin and death through Jesus Christ's love.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>As the Passover marked a new stage in the history of the Hebrew people, so the death and resurrection of Jesus marked our new relationship with you. Eternal God, your acts of grace astound and fill us with unending praise. Our worship and our lives honor you.</i> <i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Gracious God, we confess that there are times when our words and actions, our weak or unconvincing lives, deny the existence of your love stitched deep within the fabric of our being.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>When we believe that we have to gather up the loose ends and tangled threads of our lives and our families and communities on our own, forgive us and weave your Spirit anew within us. Merciful God, take the frayed strands of our lives and weave them into something beautiful.</i> <i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. Hear the good news: where two or three are gathered, as we are, in Jesus' name, he is here among us, renewing, loving and forgiving us.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>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!*  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*

GREET\*

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

### COMMUNITY

CHOIR

"O Taste and See" by Ralph Vaughn Williams

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Exodus 12.1-14 (p. 104) Psalm 149 (p. 982)  
Romans 13.8-14 (p. 1765) Matthew 18.15-20 (p. 1527)

ENGAGE

"For Future Generations"

SING\*

"One Bread, One Body" vv. all

red book 18

### 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 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\*

***Your love, O God, binds us together in ways we could never achieve on our own. We give thanks for all your gracious activities in people's lives over the centuries and we offer these gifts and the service of our lives as signs of our gratitude and willingness to make your love known through our witness to, and love for, neighbors nearby and far away. In Jesus' 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 *Gracious God, we give you thanks, for refreshing and renewing us  
in this meal, remembering the life of Jesus, your Son, our  
Lord. Strengthened by his life - the food of eternal life - we go from  
here to be eager bearers of his word and willing followers of his  
way. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*

### COMPASSION

SING\* "When We Are Living" vv. all blue book 400

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

CLOSE "Short Prelude in G minor" by J.S.Bach

### 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.

**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, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

**A.R.K. (All Remarkable Kids) Program** - kids K-5, 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, 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) September 17 (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** - 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<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** - Thursday, Oct. 2, 7-8<sup>30pm</sup> White Light, Black Rain: this documentary features interviews with atomic bomb survivors, who help shed light on the tragic events. 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** - 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** - 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, 6<sup>30</sup> - 8<sup>pm</sup>. Let others, who may be interested, know of this special event. More @

Presbyterian Peacemaking Program: [www.pcusa.org/peacemaking](http://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](mailto:lauraco@sbcglobal.net) for more info or to be added to our e-mail distribution list.

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

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