



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} September 14, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Consolation" by Liszt	<i>Cyril Deaconoff</i>
	"Surely the Lord Is In This Place" by Herbert Colvin	<i>Karen Irwin & choir</i>
WELCOME & SILENCE		<i>Theresa Cho</i>
SING*	(*please stand as able) "A Mighty Fortress" vv. all	<i>blue book 260</i>
PRAY	<p>one: Liberating God, we worship you. We praise you for delivering your people of old from enslavement in Egypt by opening up a new and unexpected future before them. They experienced your grace and mercy in ways which must have been like impossible dreams coming true. Through these acts you showed your compassion for the weak and powerless of this world.</p> <p><i>all: We praise and adore you for opening up a new future for us with your love and compassion, your mercy and grace through Jesus Christ. We praise you for caring for us so deeply and so faithfully. (silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: God of mercy, God of grace, we acknowledge that yours is a love which freely gives without any strings attached. Your love and forgiveness has no limits. We confess that we hinder the gift of God's grace and forgiveness from entering our own lives when we forget to love and serve you as people made in your image and likeness. Touch hardened hearts with your goodness and remind us that forgiveness is one of the most precious gifts that we can offer one another.</p> <p><i>all: God of Life, you are as near to us as our breath. Touch our eyes that we may see you; open our ears that we may hear your voice; enter our hearts that we may know your love. Grace our souls and bodies with your presence, that we might feel your strength and your healing touch. Come, God of breath and wholeness, in the name of Jesus Christ. (silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p>	

one: We rejoice because of God's great gift of love to the world - Jesus Christ - who came not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned (based on 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!
Alleluia, alleluia!***

GREET*

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

COMMUNITY

CHOIR

"Sing Praises" by L. Stanley Glarum

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Exodus 14:19-31 (p. 109) Psalm 114 (p. 953)
Romans 14:1-12 (p. 1765) Matthew 18:21-35 (p. 1527)

ENGAGE

"Forgive and Forget?"

SING*

"Make Me a Channel" vv. all

red book 16

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.)
"Good friend, for Jesus' sake forbear" by Beethoven

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 come offering these gifts in response to your great gifts of grace and mercy. Bless us as we proclaim that grace and mercy through the service of our lives as disciples of Jesus Christ

our Lord, to whom every knee shall indeed bow. This we pray in his name. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

"Lift High the Cross" vv. 1,3,4

blue book 371

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

"Voluntary in B-flat major" by Wesley

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, 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, Oct. 2, 7-8^{30pm} 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!

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES - This is a hope and dream that could easily become a reality. Donations needed to the music fund.

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

ST. JOHN'S TOTS - Join us at the Bay Area Discovery Museum, "Tot Spot" area, Oct 4, 11.30-1.30. Cost: \$10 (adults), \$8 (kids), & free (under 1). For info, contact Laura Co (lauraco@sbcglobal.net).

more info @ stjohnssf.org

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