



# 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 21, 2008

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

## CELEBRATION

OPEN		Cyril Deaconoff
	The Heavens are Telling, by Marty Haugen	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "God, Who Stretched" vv. all	blue book 268
PRAY	<p>one: O Singing Spirit of the Living God, resound upon the strings of our hearts. With joy we serenade you, our Creator. We sing praises to your name, O Most High, for you love us, your people.</p> <p><b><i>all: You crown the humble with salvation, so we dance with delight. We praise you with gladness as we are gathered here in your congregation. How pleasant to praise you and sing with might for your redeeming love, shown through Jesus.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent prayers of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: We admit to you, God of our life, that our celebrations are often more form than substance. You gift us with aliveness, yet we dance with death. You present us freedom of the soul, yet we choose slavery to stuff.</p> <p><b><i>all: You teach our hearts and voices to sing, we shout with rage, filling our hearts with noise. You invite us to make music with our neighbors and the stranger, we hum our little hum satisfying our own inner ear.</i></b></p> <p>one: Forgive us, O God, when we refuse the gift of the music of your Creation.</p> <p><b><i>all: Accept us as we sing of your presence and dance for joy of you. Give us strength and courage to go into the world with the song of your love for all to hear. Lord of every part of our lives, help us to let go of all that hinders our acceptance of your peace, your love and your very life through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. "God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in</p>	Theresa Cho

him are not condemned." (John 3.17,18a) We receive his peace, a peace such as the world cannot give.

***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

Blessed is He Who Cometh

LISTEN

*(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)*  
Exodus 16.2-15 (p. 112) Psalm 105.1-6,37-45 (p. 942)  
Philippians 1.21-30 (p. 1826) Matthew 20.1-16 (p. 1529)

ENGAGE

*"Worthy"*

*"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. ...without being frightened in any way." Philippians 1.27-8*

worth fighting for

worth dying for

worth living for

worth giving for

SING\*

*"We Are Marching" vv. all*

*red book 9*

### 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.)

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\*

*God of many blessings, we respond to your generosity with these gifts, praying that they, and the service of our lives, may be used to benefit those in need, and to share the gospel of Christ. Amen*

KIDS

### COMPASSION

SING\*

"O God of Blessings" vv. 1, 5, 6

red book 55

SEND & BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

### TODAY

**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) October 15 (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. 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<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, October 2, 7-8<sup>45pm</sup> White Light, Black Rain: The Destruction of Hiroshima & Nagasaki. 60 yrs after the nuclear attacks, this film explores the human side, with survivor interviews, shedding 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. Some recipients shown in back bulletin board.

**What's New!**

**ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES** - Share this dream with a donation to the music fund. Speak to Cyril or Karen.

**YOUTH** - 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, Harvest, 7<sup>45</sup>-9<sup>45am</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, September 28, 6<sup>30</sup> - 8<sup>pm</sup>. Let others, who may be interested, know of this special event.

**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.

**ST. JOHN'S TOTS** - Join us at the Bay Area Discovery Museum, "Tot Spot" area, Oct 4, 11<sup>30</sup>-1<sup>30</sup>. Cost: \$10 (adults), \$8 (kids) & free (under 1). For info, contact Laura Co (lauraco@sbcglobal.net).

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**- (PDA) is supporting relief efforts to help hurricane victims. To help: www.pcusa.org/pda

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

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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