



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} October 5, 2008

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	Invocation in B-flat, by Guilmant	Cyril Deaconoff
	Sanctuary	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) Lord of Creation vv. 2, 3, 4	red book 29
PRAY	<p>one: God, our life sustainer, all worship and praise are yours. May your Holy Spirit shine upon us. We thank you for all you have bestowed upon us.</p> <p>all: <i>You showered us with blessings by revealing in Jesus just how precious we are to you and through him you delivered us into a new and living relationship with you and with one another - with a new commandment - a commandment of love. May we reveal the depth of our love as we praise and adore you, O God, in Jesus' name.</i> <i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: We know that we need not perform in order to earn your love, only accept your gracious and unconditional love. Grant us compassion that we may be your heart today. Where there are wounds to bind and hunger to fill, grant us courage and strength. Where there is hate to confront, where there are yokes to release, grant us courage and strength.</p> <p>all: <i>Loving God, grant us compassion that we may be your heart today. Where there are captives to free and anger to appease, grant us courage and strength. And when we have done all that we could, still there are hearts we cannot move, Lord, grant us hope.</i> <i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Our righteousness comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. (Philippians 3.9)</p> <p>all: <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!
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GREET*

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

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
 Exodus 20.1-4,7-9,12-20 (p. 118) Psalm 19 (p. 858)
 Philippians 3.4b-14 (p. 1828) Matthew 21.33-46 (p. 1533)

ENGAGE

Fruit
 "the kingdom of God'll be...given to a people who'll produce its fruit."
 Matthew 21.43

assuming

amassing

assembling

accepting

COMMITMENT

INTERACTIVE
 PRAYER
 STATIONS

You're invited to individually experience the sanctuary stations for 25 minutes.

right rear - Dedicate your completed survey in an act of prayerful commitment.

left rear - Prayerfully recognize that you are a significant part of Christ's body.

center front - All seeking to follow Jesus are invited, at any time, to share in communion, regardless of background. Taking bread, dip it in the cup.

left front - Kids color St. John's from their perspective.

pews - Pray with these repeating, sung prayers.

Come & fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come & fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!

Jesus, your light is shining within us.

Let not my doubts & my darkness speak to me.

Jesus, your light is shining within us. Let my heart always welcome your love.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me & never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me & you will not thirst.

*In the Lord rejoicing!
Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia*

PRAY *Thank you Lord, for sharing with us the bread of heaven. With one another, we eat, and your heaven dwells within us. This gift of bread, is an experience and a sign of the fellowship we share in our Savior, Jesus Christ. May our celebration be a reminder that your Great Feast is shared every Sabbath day by all your children on earth. Amen*

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
Andante Grazioso, by Smart

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 God, we respond to your many gifts to us by offering these gifts to you; our wealth, talents, time and lives. May they proclaim our obedience to the command to love one another as Christ loved us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

COMPASSION

SING*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness vv. 1, 2

blue book 276

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

Joyful Interlude in A, by Mawby

T O D A Y

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 0-3 located in the chapel on left, front.

LITTLE MARINERS - is Sunday School class for ages 2-4, offered 1st Sun of the month, downstairs.

A.R.K. - (All Remarkable Kids) Program - K - 5th grade, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8 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 double-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) October 15 (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 study 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^{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, Nov. 6, 7-8^{45pm}, Deliver Us from Evil Unsettling, Oscar-nominated documentary examines a pedophile priest & Church corruption allowing abuse of countless children. 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, 7⁴⁵-9^{45am}, help give out food - invite friends, join us for cocoa & donuts. See Evelyn, Eric & Iain.

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - Today - Sanctuary stations engage our imagination in hands-on, self-guided faith journeys. Next one is November 30, as Advent begins.

NAT'L SURVEY - Today, we ask all to share in a confidential US Congregational Survey; what we value & do best. Results will be nationally published. Please use a pen. It will take 15" to fill out.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC - Today, 11.45^{am}. Bring family & friends for BBQ (provided) & kid-friendly activities: bouncy-house, pumpkin carving, cookie decorating & games. Just show up! All welcome. Julius Kahn Park (in Presidio) is walking distance.

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

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE- (PDA) issued an appeal for hurricane victims. Fay, Gustav, Hanna & Ike have created an immediate need of \$700k. To help: www.pcusa.org/pda

more info @ stjohnssf.org

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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