



# 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> October 19, 2008

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

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	<p>"Bedeck Thyself, O My Soul, in Gladness" by Brahms</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Cyril Deaconoff</p>
WELCOME & SILENCE	<p style="text-align: center;">"The Lord is in His Holy Temple"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Karen Irwin &amp; choir</p> <p style="text-align: right;">John Anderson</p>
SING*	<p>(*please stand as able) "Guide Me" vv. all</p> <p style="text-align: right;">blue book 281</p>
PRAY	<p>one: Awesome, majestic God, your creative power, glory and holiness were experienced by your people of old. How blessed we are, for you have revealed your face to us in Jesus - the human face of your love.</p> <p><b><i>all: You equip us for our journey through life and beyond, by breathing new and everlasting life into our very beings, through the gift of the Holy Spirit. We praise you for choosing to share your life with us through Jesus. May our worship, and service of our lives reveal our thanksgiving and wonder that you should so care for us.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Merciful God, we know that the marks of Jesus' ministry were love, mercy and compassion. As we imitate Jesus, these marks will be seen in our lives. Forgive us then, when our lives are marked with values and attitudes falling short of Christ's. We admit we have not yet learned to love as Jesus did.</p> <p><b><i>all: Jesus demonstrated compassion as he entered into the pain of others and shared their suffering - even at cost to himself. We want to learn to care as Jesus did. Jesus looked on the faults of others and demonstrated forgiveness. We want to learn to forgive as Jesus did. Jesus spoke mercy; lived love; embodied compassion. O God, may these Jesus' qualities be impressed on our lives and witness so we do not just imitate, but live his life.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. The good news is: As we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just forgives us and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1.9)</p>

*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.)

CHOIR

"O Be Joyful" by L. Stanley Glarum

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Isaiah 45.1-7 (p. 1131) Psalm 99 (p. 936)  
1 Thessalonians 1.1-10 (p. 1837) Matthew 22.15-22 (p. 1535)

ENGAGE

None Other

*"from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting all may know there's none besides me. I'm the LORD, & there's no other." Isaiah 45.6*

understanding allegiance

valuing justice

exploiting systems

committing assets

### COMMITMENT

SING\*

"Sing Our God" vv. all

red book 7

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.)  
"Reflective Interlude in E minor" by Mawby

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, you stamped your love upon this world forever when you chose to enter it in Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving for such love, we offer these gifts and the witness of our lives as we dedicate ourselves anew to making your love visible through all we say and do in Jesus' name and in the power of your Spirit. Amen*

KIDS

### COMPASSION

SING\*

"How Clear Is Our Vocation" vv. 1, 2, 4

blue book 419

SEND & BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

"Short Prelude in C" by J. S. Bach

### 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 0-4 located in the chapel on left, front.

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

**A.R.K.** (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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** - Explore what it means to take a step in a journey of commitment to Christ & being a part of St. John's as your spiritual home. Indicate your interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know of the next 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) November 19 (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** - Thursdays, 7-8. <sup>30pm</sup>, studying Jonah & Micah, in the Library. For info: contact pastor Theresa.

**PASTORAL CARE** - Pastors are available for questions, care & short-term counseling. Feel free to contact them.

**FACEBOOK** - Check out the St. John's community through our website homepage, link up & be part of it.

**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** - Thurs., Nov. 6, 7-8<sup>45pm</sup>, 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 income is for others. Some recipients shown on back bulletin board.

**What's New!**

**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.

**CROP HUNGER WALK** - Today, 1<sup>30</sup>-4<sup>pm</sup>, Crissy Field W. Bluff Picnic Area. Help end hunger - just show up. Sponsor forms & info are in NE entry rack.

**LAY CARE MINISTRY TRAINING** - A Lay Care Minister is trained in Christian care to walk with others dealing with illness, transition, aging, disability or crisis. For participation info: contact pastor John.

**NEXT INTERACTIVE WORSHIP** - sanctuary stations invite our imaginations in self-guided faith journeys, Nov. 30, for Advent.

**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 a \$700k appeal for hurricanes Fay, Gustav, Hanna & Ike victims. To help: www.pcusa.org/pda

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** - Eric Guarisco will photograph members & friends at church ½ hr before/after worship, all Sundays in Nov. If alternative needed, contact Eric, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net

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

**ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PC (U.S.A.)**

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