



# ST. JOHN'S

*St. John's exists as a new family to embody God's reality & hope in our world.*

SEASON OF EPIPHANY

10<sup>am</sup> February 15, 2009

*Welcome - you're invited to experience God's presence as you choose.*

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	<p>"Kleines Harmonisches Labyrinth" by J.S.Bach</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Cyril Deaconoff</i></p>
WELCOME & SILENCE	<p style="text-align: center;">"Surely the Lord is in this place"</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Karen Irwin &amp; choir</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Theresa Cho</i></p>
SING*	<p>(*please stand as able) "O Praise the Gracious Power" vv. 1, 3, 5, 7</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>blue book 471</i></p>
PRAY	<p>one: God of healing and wholeness, we come with thanksgiving in our hearts for all the evidence of your goodness and mercy - found not only in stories of old, but in lives today.</p> <p><b><i>all: We praise and adore you for hearts and lives transformed by your grace and mercy, and we pray that our lives will reflect your great acts of kindness.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: God of grace and goodness, your mercy comes to us in ways that continually surprise us, for you appear to offer such mercy with no strings attached, which is so different from the way we so often act and live. Help us to see people with Jesus' eyes and to be moved by his compassion so that we become active and fearless bearers of healing and mercy.</p> <p><b><i>all: Empower us with your Spirit to be barrier-breakers rather than barrier-builders and remind us, if necessary over and over, that nothing can separate us, or others, from your love as we experience it in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our Savior.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen! As the man with leprosy, considered unclean by society, was made clean by a touch and a word from Jesus, so we are also cleansed from all unrighteousness through belief in him. Friends, believe and live the good news: In Jesus Christ we are loved, we are cleansed, we are forgiven!</p> <p><b><i>all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and empowered to begin again.</i></b></p>

AFFIRM\*

*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.*

GREET\*

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

CHOIR

"Rise and Shine!" by Todd Jolley

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
2 Kings 5.1-14 (p. 576) Psalm 30 (p. 867)  
1 Corinthians 9.24-27 (p. 1782) Mark 1.40-45 (p. 1553)

ENGAGE

"If You Are Willing . . ."

SING\*

"When We Are Living" vv. all

blue book 400

### 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.)  
Sweet Sorrow from "Transformations" by Cyril Deaconoff

INVITATION  
TO  
COMMITMENT

one: Why do we come?

*all: We come as response to God's invitation to us through the gift of Jesus Christ. We come, remembering that gift, to participate in Jesus' living presence among us, to continue the work of reconciliation, renewal, compassion and justice which God has given us to do as the Body of Christ.*

one: What do we bring?

*all: We bring our offerings and our commitments. Signs of our whole selves invested in the building up of the Body of Christ, in this community of the faithful.*

one: What is our history?

*all: Before God took compassion on us, before Jesus proclaimed us to be part of the Realm of God's love and justice, we were a drifting people, sometimes confused, seeking, without faith, hurting ourselves and others, but still we wanted to know God.*

one: What do we proclaim?

*all: We believe it is God's love that guides even our drifting; it is Christ's presence that brings us clarity; it is the Holy Spirit's movement that makes our faith vibrant and God's justice, concrete. We believe it is our prayer, our action, our community and our presence to one another that solidifies our identity as Christ's Body. We come with joy and expectation, seeking God's blessing, Christ's presence, and the Holy Spirit's empowerment.*

one: What is our commitment to God and one another?

*all: We come as a grateful people, thankful for our blessings and this community. We promise to God and to one another, to respect God's presence in this world. We will pray for guidance, we will stand with one another when suffering, confusion and challenge; we will share our witness and listen. We will follow Jesus and proclaim the gospel through word and deed, with our gifts and service of our lives as tangible signs of our commitment.*

KIDS

## COMPASSION

SING\*

"Today We All Are Called" vv. 1, 2, 3

blue book 434

SEND & BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past" arranged by Hovhaness

## TODAY

**PASTOR ANDERSON** along with Nancy & other clergy, is in Palestine until February 19.

**COFFEE/TEA** - You may indulge before, during & after worship. You're also welcome to share in the 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** - our nursery for kids 0-4 located in the chapel on left, front.

**LITTLE MARINERS** - for ages 2-4, offered 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of 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 Fireside Room. No program today.

**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 any 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) March 18 (except Feb.) 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup>pm. No faith required, but curiosity to explore with your own integrity. See pastor John or just show up.

**GIVING** - envelope boxes for all, in back of sanctuary, or use secure eGive @ our home page, stjohssf.org

**OUR COMMUNITY is empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

**COMMUNITY CLASS** - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, May 4, 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>30</sup>pm, in Library, studying Galatians. More info: See 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 embodies the peace & justice of God.**

**COMPASSION CLASS** - Discover gifts, talents & passions - your compassion. Monday, April 6, 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>45</sup>pm, 1250 Hayes St. (3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays). Info: David Miller, 673 4810.

**HARVEST** - Saturdays, 7<sup>30</sup>-10<sup>am</sup>. Come share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

**ST. JOHN'S CINEMA** - Thurs., Mar. 5, 7-8<sup>30</sup>pm, Citizen McCaw A billionaire buys the S. Barbara News-Press & ethics & ownership questions are raised. Invite friends - free. (Views 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!**

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY** - Today come share the celebration with food & your resources.

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE OUTING** - Feb 22, after worship, we go to the movies. Movie TBD. Contact pastor Theresa for more info.

**ST. JOHN'S TOTS** - Parents & kids 0-4 invited for potluck @ the Co's Sun. Feb 22, 3-6<sup>pm</sup>. Laura: lauraco@sbcglobal.net 771 3758

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - worship, Feb. 25, 7<sup>pm</sup>. A new faith journey.

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** - Eric Guarisco will photograph members & friends. Contact him, 931-9998 eric-sf@pacbell.net as needed .

**INTERACTIVE WORSHIP** - March 1, for Lent - sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys.

**MUSIC FUND** - Consider contributing to raise St. John's profile in the music community for our spring concert & more.

**139<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - March 1, join us for a potluck after church.

**YOU!** - What ministry effort do you wish to initiate? Talk to a team member or pastor & let's do it!

**BE A GREETER!** - Sun mornings, 9.40-10.10am. If interested, speak to Stacy Brubaker:stacybrubaker@hotmail.com or Keith Hwang:secondjune@gmail.com.

more info @ stjohssf.org

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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