



ST. JOHN'S

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

SEASON OF LENT

10^{am} March 1, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Virgin Mary and child" by Olivier Messiaen	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Unto Thee Will I Cry"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Tell Out My Soul" vv. all	red book 41
PRAY	<p>one: God of storms and rainbows, God of rain and sunshine, God of all creation, we worship and adore you. We gaze in wonder at the beauty of your creation and marvel at stormy skies transformed by rainbows.</p> <p>all: <i>Your Spirit empowers each of us. For the assurance of your love for us and for all creation, we praise and worship you, O God, in the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Gracious God, as we begin our Lenten journey, we do want to follow Jesus, but we admit our reluctance to face the stress and temptation that the journey might hold for us. Sometimes we are tempted to wish for miracles which would make life easier rather than more challenging.</p> <p>all: <i>We admire Jesus' difficult and risky journey, challenging systems which put conditions on your love, and admit we want our faith journey to be comfortable, not daring. We cherish Jesus' faithfulness and humility, yet we admit our fear of treading his way of obedience - the way of the cross. Strengthen us to follow wherever you take us.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. Hear the good news. "For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." (1 Peter 3.18) And so I declare to you: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.</p> <p>all: <i>Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and empowered to begin again.</i></p>	Cindy Harris

AFFIRM*

*Jesus, your grace is moving among us.
Let not my doubts & my darkness speak to me.
Jesus, your grace is moving among us.
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

GREET*

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

CHOIR

"How Amiable" R. Vaughan Williams

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Genesis 9.8-17 (p. 13) Psalm 25.1-10 (p. 863)
1 Peter 3.18-22 (p. 1890) Mark 1.9-15 (p. 1552)

ENGAGE

"Just Deserts"
"At once the Spirit sent him out into the desert," Mark 1.12
called
stripped
centered
released

COMMITMENT

SHARING
CHRIST'S MEAL

(You're invited to share, regardless of background, as you seek to follow
Jesus. Taking bread, dip it in the cup.)

INTERACTIVE
PRAYER
STATIONS

- sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys - (15")
right rear - search ways to find release
right front - recall times of being exposed at my core
left rear - discover my desire for the cross at my center
pews - sing these repeated, meditative prayers or reflect upon your heart's
yearning in this desert season.

Surely God is in this place, holy ground.
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Lord, draw near. Lord, draw near.
DRAW NEAR, DRAW NEAR AND STAY.

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

PRAYER

Most gracious God, source of all blessing, thank you for inviting us to share this meal as your family. Strengthen us to be a blessing to one another and to all people, as we together make our journey, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)

"Reflective Interlude in F" by Mawby

AFFIRM*



Praise the Lord, the world's Cre - a - tor, Praise our truth and hope, the Son,
Praise the e - ver ro - ving - Spi - rit. Pulse of life and love for ev - ry - one.

DEDICATE*

Living God, as we embark once more on this journey through Lent, we give thanks for the assurance of your presence with us in Jesus Christ, Savior, Redeemer and Friend. We offer our gifts and lives to be used to proclaim your story of love in word and deed. In Jesus' name, Amen

KIDS

C O M P A S S I O N

SING*

"Let Us Talents" vv. all

blue book 514

SEND & BLESS*

(You're invited for lunch in the Fireside Room—through the door to your left.)

CLOSE

"The Rejoicing" by Handel

T O D A Y

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 1st & 2nd Sundays of month, downstairs.

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

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8 in 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 - 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 5th & 6th Av) March 18, 3rd Wednesdays, 6³⁰-7^{30pm}. 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^{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 - Thursdays, 7-8^{30pm}, 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^{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, 7³⁰-10^{am}. Come share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA - Thurs., Mar. 5, 7-8^{30pm}, 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!

139th ANNIVERSARY - Today all welcome to join us for lunch.

4th-8th GRADE - Let's go to the movies, March 15, after worship.

Contact pastor Theresa for more info.

A.R.K KIDS PARENTS - In March our kids learn how Jesus feeds 5k.

For mission, help your kid raise money in their fish banks to buy flocks of ducks for Heifer (\$20/flock). Return banks to pastor Theresa.

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

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

BE A GREETER! - Sundays, 9.⁴⁰-10.^{10am}. Interested? Talk to Stacy:

stacybrubaker@hotmail.com or Keith: secondjune@gmail.com

COMMITMENT CARDS - for '09 commitments, are in the back.

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

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - next on April 19, Easter season - sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys.

GO TO YELP.COM - To share what's here at St. John's, w/ SF?

more info @ stjohssf.org

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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