



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 8, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Prelude in Memory of Alexander Pirumov" by Cyril Deaconoff	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Unto Thee Will I Cry"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "Earth and All Stars" vv. 1, 2, 4	blue book 458
PRAY	<p>one: We pray, O God, that here and now we truly may hear you and that our hearts will not be consumed with the tasks and wisdom of this world. May our hearts be opened, and our lives energized by your Wisdom so we may worship you with our whole being. Amaze us anew with your faithfulness.</p> <p>all: <i>We worship you, O God, with awe, knowing that you care so much for us - through the bringing into being of a new covenant through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ who became wisdom for us.</i> <i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Gracious God, you reach into our lives and ask us to dream the impossible - that you can transform our barren and lifeless situations into ones flowing with promise and hope. through faith, we desire to believe your promises.</p> <p>all: <i>Forgive us, if we never get beyond comparing ourselves to others and thinking of your call on our lives as an unwelcome interruption.</i></p> <p>one: Faithful God, we desire to trust and faith in your promises and to grow ever stronger in faith, fully convinced of your ability to fulfill what you promise.</p> <p>all: <i>Forgive us, when we find it hard even to hear your promises above commercial assurances of transformation - promises tempting us to trust the newest and trendiest product to realize our dreams.</i> <i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. "Faith was reckoned as righteousness...to us who believe in the One who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death because of our sins and was raised for the sake of our righteousness." (Romans 4.20-25). Hear these words of God's amazing grace, experienced through Jesus' sacrificial love as forgiveness.</p>	

all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and empowered to begin again.

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

"On My Heart Imprint Thine Image" by Paul Manz

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16 (p. 22) Psalm 22.23-31 (p. 861)
1 Corinthians 1.26-31 (p. 1773) Mark 8.31-38 (p. 1567)

ENGAGE

"Gain"
"What good is it to gain the whole world, yet forfeit one's soul?" Mark 8.36

the isolation of ideals

the despair of pain

the passion of priority

the pleasure of gain

SING*

"You Are Mine" vv. 1, 2, 4

red book 46

COMMITMENT

PRAY

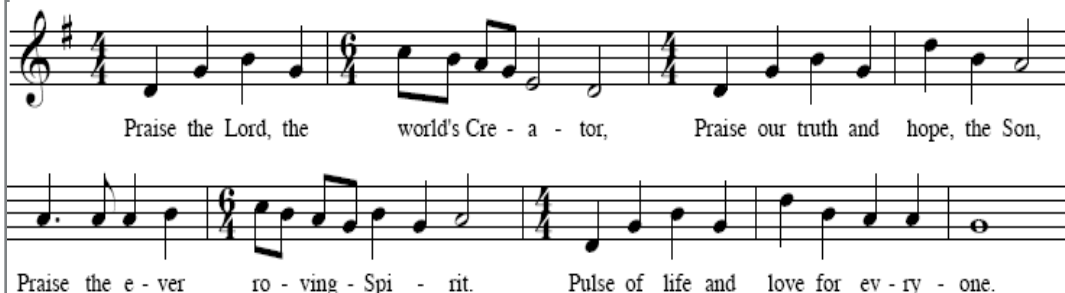
(ecumenical version - or use a version or language you prefer)
Our Father in heaven, holy is your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Cindy Harris

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
"Forever" by Spindler

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, we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude for your faith in us; as signs also of our unashamed love for Jesus, and of our belief in the Holy Spirit's power to give us the strength we need to take up our crosses and to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen

Theresa Cho

KIDS

BAPTIZE

WELCOME*

We commit ourselves to these parents as they lead this child in the way of Jesus Christ. We offer ourselves for support and encouragement, with our prayers and lives of service, striving to build a community, nurtured by God's Spirit. We promise to do this with God's strength.

COMPASSION

SING*

"Bring Forth" vv. all

red book 44

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 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), 6³⁰-7³⁰pm. 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, 7-8³⁰pm, 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, 2-2⁴⁵pm, 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., April 2, 7-8³⁰pm, Forgiving Dr. Mengele Enduring horrific genetic experiments at Auschwitz, Eva Kor returns with forgiveness. 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!

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.

EASTER LILIES - to order lilies (a donation of \$15 each) by April 5, use an offering envelope, indicate in whose memory or honor it is given & place in offering basket. You may pick it up on Easter.

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.

more info @ stjohssf.org

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PC (U.S.A.)**

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