



ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN FRANCISCO

# ST. JOHN'S

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

SEASON OF LENT

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

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

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Arioso" by J.S. Bach	Cyril Deaconoff
	"Surely the Lord is in this Place"	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & SILENCE		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) "God, Who Stretched" vv. all	blue book 268
PRAY	<p>one: We acknowledge you, O God, as creator and liberator. You gave laws to shape how people were to relate to you, to each other and to all creation. You called all to worship only you, knowing that whatever was put in your place would become the priority of our lives.</p> <p><b>all: <i>In this time of worship, help us to focus on you, as the priority of our lives. Remind us of your steadfast love revealed so clearly in the new commandment of love which Jesus displayed in his life and death. Speak to us anew as we offer this prayer and our worship.</i></b> <i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Merciful God, we confess our bewilderment over such a dreadful act as the crucifixion of Jesus, your Son, our Lord. As we hear the story, we wonder - why did it have to happen? It seems evil triumphed. Yet, when we know its outcome, we realize its act of powerful, sacrificial love, and that in the end, life defeated death.</p> <p><b>all: <i>And so, forgive us, when we are so influenced by the world's wisdom that we seek intellectual certainty as proof of your existence.</i></b></p> <p>one: Forgive us when we get caught up in the quest for achievement and power, forgetting that Jesus' power was made perfect in weakness.</p> <p><b>all: <i>Forgive our reluctance, to proclaim with our lives that the crucified Christ is Lord of our lives and help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our sharing of our faith. Strengthen us to do your will.</i></b> <i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness</p>	

is stronger than human strength. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God. Jesus Christ became for us, righteousness, holiness and redemption. (1 Corinthians 1.18,25,30)

***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

"Psalm 67" by John Carter

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Exodus 20.1-17 (p. 118)                      Psalm 131.1-2 (p. 969)  
1 Corinthians 1.18-25 (p. 1772)              Matthew 6.25-34 (p. 1505)

ENGAGE

"Quieted Is My Soul"

Rev. Glenda  
Hope

SING\*

"Bring Forth the Kingdom" w. all

red book 44

### 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.)  
"Fugue in E-Flat" by Glinka

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\*

*Gracious and wise God, you give us the freedom to relate to you through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. You empower us with the wisdom of your Spirit to proclaim our deliverance from evil through the power of the cross. We offer these gifts and our lives as symbols of our thanksgiving, praying that you will bless them and use them to proclaim the wonders of your love. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen*

Theresa Cho

KIDS

### COMPASSION

"We Are Called" vv. all

red book 14

SING\*

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

SEND &amp; BLESS\*

"Tocatta in G Minor" by Pachelbel

CLOSE

### 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 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.

**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 (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

**ALPHABET DINERS CLUB** - Eating our way thru the alphabet. Meet at Oyaji (3212 Clement), 4/30 @7<sup>pm</sup>, for good food and conversation. Contact pastor Theresa for more info & to RSVP.

**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., April 2, 7-8<sup>30</sup>pm, 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!**

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> GRADE** - Let's go to the movies, today, after worship.

**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.<sup>40</sup>-10.<sup>10</sup>am. 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.

**PALESTINE REPORT** - John & Nancy Anderson share impressions & slides of their recent trip. Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 6-7<sup>pm</sup>, in Fireside Room.

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

**YOU!** - What ministry effort do you wish to initiate? Talk to a team.

more info @ stjohssf.org

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