



ST. JOHN'S

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

SEASON OF EASTER

10^{am} May 17, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	"Chorale Prelude on Eventide" by Parry	Cyril Deaconoff
	The Lord Is In His Holy Temple	Karen Irwin & choir
WELCOME & QUIET		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) Sing a New Song vv. all	red book 6
PRAY	<p>one: We, who take the wonders of creation for granted, make a joyful noise before you, O God. We come here to praise you, glad that we live in this country filled with such diverse examples of your creation. Yet, joyful noises are not easy for everyone to make, as we come from differing situations and lifestyles. Some are burdened down with the stresses of daily living or wearied from tasks of serving or worried over the state of our world.</p> <p>all: <i>Speak to us all, O God, in the stillness of this time and remind us of Jesus' willingness to take our burdens upon himself - to experience his gentleness and steadfast love for all. In him our joy is complete. Confident in these promises, we offer our worship, praying that it may reflect our thanksgiving for the gifts of creation and for all that Jesus has done for us.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent offering of gratitude)</p> <p>one: We give thanks that you, merciful God, overcame prejudice. We admit that at times we feel safer clinging to our prejudices rather than opening ourselves up to the possibility of you, O God, creating any dramatic change in our or other people's lives. We hear in scripture how once divisive barriers are wonderfully broken down by you over and over again.</p> <p>all: <i>So, forgive any reluctance on our part to testify to the love and power of Jesus - especially to those whom we might describe as 'outsiders'. With your Spirit, strengthen us to be willing and confident disciples of Jesus, following where he leads - loving as he loved, and living as he lived.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent accepting of God's grace)</p> <p>one: Amen. Jesus tells us that as we dwell in his love, so his joy will be forever in us. Surely this makes our joy complete. So, hear and believe the good</p>	

news that through Jesus who dwells in us, we are forgiven.

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

GREET*

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

CHOIR

The Lord's Prayer, West Indian Spiritual, arr. by Carl Strommen

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Acts 10.44-48 (p. 1710) Psalm 98 (p. 935)
1 John 5.1-6 (p. 1903) John 15.9-17 (p. 1677)

ENGAGE

"Companions"
"You didn't choose me, but I chose you & appointed you to go & bear fruit - This is my command: Love each other." John 15.16-7

disparate spaces

daunting agendas

dramatic accord

distinct yields

SING*

I Danced In the Morning vv. all

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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

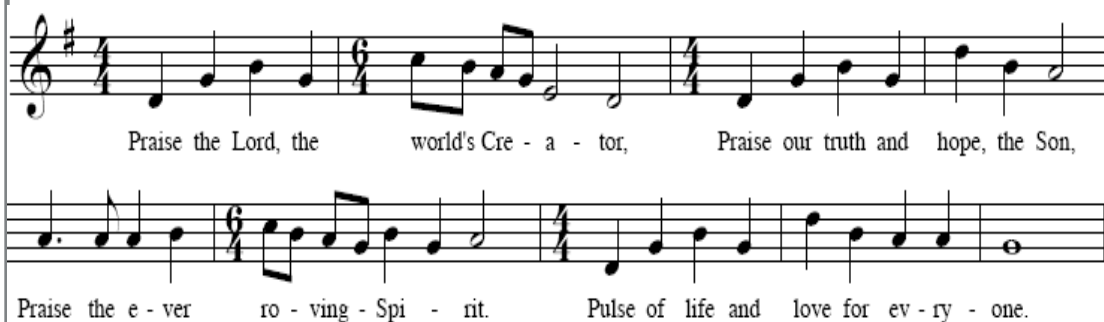
SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

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

Theresa Cho

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*

We pray your blessing, O God, on these gifts - may they be used to bear fruit as the gospel is proclaimed far and near. We pray your blessing on us, that our lives may be authentic signs of Jesus' love and visible expressions of his joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

Love Divine vv. 1, 2, 4

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SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

"The Majesty and Power of His Name" by Leatherman

TODAY

COFFEE/TEA - You're welcome to have it before, during & after worship. Feel free to bring & share snacks.

GUESTS - We welcome you to this family of faith. As your hosts we love your questions & comments.

WE LOVE KIDS - They can wander or color at front table at left. Animals & books in back 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 - Available for hearing impaired, or parents with kids in The Lighthouse - to hear worship.

NAME TAGS - Help others remember your name. Indicate on the clipboard if you wish one made for you.

PARKING - Guests: double-park on Lake St. (DPT ticket when cars blocked). Free @ St Anne's, 3rd/4th @ Lake.

RESTROOMS - On both levels (upper level is fully accessible with changing table).

THE EAGLE - Receive our Eagle (newsletter). Find it in back, on website or request it on clipboard.

WELCOME - Please indicate your wishes on clipboard as it's passed & please place page in the offering basket.

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, @ 5th & 6th) May 20 (3rd Wednesdays), 6³⁰-7³⁰pm. A safe place to talk faith, ask questions & maintain your integrity - no faith required. 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, July 6, 7-8^{pm}, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care available by request.

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Each 1st Saturdays, 8-9^{am}, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic, John Lenox 7521365.

ALPHABET DINERS CLUB - Eating our way thru the alphabet. May 28 @7^{pm}, Singapore Malaysian Restaurant, 836 Clement (b/w 9th & 10th), for good food & conversation. Contact pastor Theresa to RSVP.

GOSPEL BITES - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5th/6th) June 3 (1st Weds), 6³⁰-7³⁰pm. See pastor John or just show up. We look at the gospel of John - images and imagination for our lives.

FACEBOOK - Check the St. John's community thru 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, June 1, 7-8^{pm}, Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10^{am} of class day. Child care upon request.

HARVEST - Saturdays, 7³⁰-9³⁰am share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA - Thurs., June 4, 7-8⁴⁵pm, Religulous - Politically provocative talk show host Bill Maher skewers current religion in this documentary. Maher talk to believers from a variety of faiths to find out why their religion is so right & others are so wrong. Free. (Views aren't necessarily of St. John's or members.)

OUR GIFTS - We strive to give 10+% of our income for others. Some recipients shown on back bulletin board.

What's New!

YOUTH - 1st Sat. Harvest, 7-9^{am}, come give out food, then donuts with Evelyn & Iain.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION - June 7, we will be recognizing the wonderful work of our Sunday School teachers.

ST. JOHN'S TOTS - Pool party re-scheduled on June 7, 1-5^{pm} at Santa Venetia Pool in Marin. Contact pastor Theresa for info and directions.

JR. HIGH OUTING - June 14, after worship, summer kick-off party at the Kwoks, 162 28th Ave. Parents welcome. Bring a dish to share. Contact pastor Theresa for more info.

BE A GREETER! - Sundays, 9⁴⁰-10¹⁰am. Interested? Talk to Stacy: stacybrubaker@hotmail.com or Keith: secondjune@gmail.com

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - next on May 31, Pentecost Sunday - sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys.

AIDS WALK - July 19, meet at 10^{am}, Sharon Meadows, GG Park. Go to www.aidswalk.net/sanfran to "Register", then "Join a Team", choose "Join an Existing Team", find our team name "Presbyterians".

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