



# ST. JOHN'S

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**10<sup>am</sup> August 23, 2009**

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

**C E L E B R A T I O N**

OPEN	Invocation in B-flat by Guilmant	Cyril Dyachkov
	Be Joyful in the Lord	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & STILLNESS		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able)      O Lord You Are vv. all	blue book 252
PRAY	<p>one: We come, O God, believing that it is good to be in the company of one another worshipping you. We acknowledge that many of us come weighed down with burdens of one kind or another. Yet we can still praise you in the knowledge that as we seek you, we are found by you.</p> <p><b>all: <i>We praise you for enabling us to go not only from strength to strength, but from weakness to strength - the strength experienced through being fed and nourished with Jesus' life and Spirit. We are aware of Jesus' life-giving presence around us and within us.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: We admit our involvement with evil influences in today; influences which devalue people and damage their chances to live lives shaped by love, justice and mercy. We fail to stand against lawlessness and greed.</p> <p><b>all: <i>People suffer as their lives are dominated and restricted by others who exercise power in inappropriate ways - in families, society, politics and church structures. We fail to stand against unjust and oppressive actions.</i></b></p> <p>one: People suffer today when they believe that love must be earned or that their value rests solely in their ability to produce or what they do. Forgive us for failing to stand against the evil that people are worthless because they are unproductive or unemployed.</p> <p><b>all: <i>Merciful God, strengthen us with the Holy Spirit so we may stand up to spiritual and physical forces of evil which influence us and our community of faith and the larger communities in which we live.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p>	

one: Amen. Jesus spoke words of spirit and life, calling us to forgiveness and love, that w may stand firm in faith. Rejoice in the assurance that Jesus, our Lord and Savior, hears us and forgives us.

**all: *Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and renewed 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 Apple Tree, arr. by K. Lee Scott

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
1 King 8.(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43 (p. 533) Psalm 84 (p. 922)  
Ephesians 6.10-20 (p. 1824) John 6.56-69 (p. 1658)

ENGAGE

Stand By  
"Finally, be strong in the Lord & in God's mighty power." Ephesians 6.10

collide

command

conquer

continue

SING\*

Sing Our God vv. all

red book 7

### 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 & sign the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)

Reflective Interlude in E by Mawby

AFFIRM\*

Musical notation for 'Reflective Interlude in E by Mawby'. The piece is in E major and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The lyrics are: '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 God, you hold us firm through the power of your Spirit, and in Jesus you make clear that you withhold nothing from us. You offer us strength to withstand all that threatens to weaken our faith and our witness. Bless these gifts and our lives which we offer in response to your great gifts to us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

KIDS

## COMPASSION

SING\*

They'll Know We Are w. all

red book 17

SEND & BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

Firework Music by Handel

## 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** - Preschool, NO PROGRAM DURING SUMMER. RESUMES SEP 6.

**A.R.K.** (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, NO PROGRAM DURING SUMMER. RESUMES SEP 6.

**FAITH NAVIGATORS** - grades 6-8, NO PROGRAM DURING SUMMER. RESUMES OCT 4.

**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, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> @ 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, @ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) Oct. 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays), 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup>pm. 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, October 5, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup>pm, in Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10<sup>am</sup> of class day. Child care available by request.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST** - Each 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, 8-9<sup>am</sup>, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic, John Lenox 7521365.

**ALPHABET DINERS CLUB** - Eating our way thru the alphabet. Aug 27, 7<sup>pm</sup>, Indonesian – Borobudur, 700 Post (b/w Jones & Leavenworth) for good food & conversation. Contact pastor Theresa to RSVP. More - stjohssf.org

**GOSPEL BITES** - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) September 2 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays), 6<sup>45</sup>-7<sup>45</sup>pm. 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, November 2, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30</sup>pm, Library. Please confirm with pastor John by 10<sup>am</sup> of class day. Child care upon request.

**HARVEST** - Saturdays, 7<sup>30</sup>-9<sup>30am</sup> share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

**ST. JOHN'S CINEMA** - Thursday, Sept. 3, 7-8<sup>pm</sup>, Frontline: Inside the Meltdown What caused the economic crisis & may it have been prevented? Financial failures, \$700 billion bailouts & the roles of the Treasury & Federal Reserve try to repair the damage. Free. (Views aren't necessarily of St. John's or members.)

**OUR GIVING** - We strive to give away 10+% of our income. Some recipients shown on back bulletin board.

**What's New!**

**YOUTH** - Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 7-9<sup>am</sup>, share food at Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

**INTERACTIVE WORSHIP** - next: Aug. 30, sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys. To assist, see pastor John.

**WHOLENESS & HEALING** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays of the month in '09, 6-6<sup>30</sup>pm. As healing was an integral part of Jesus' ministry, so we, as a healing community, will offer worship enacting this ministry. More info, contact elder Doug Olds or pastor John.

**ST. JOHN'S AT THE GIANTS** - Join us next Sunday, August 30, 1<sup>05</sup>pm Giants vs. Rockies. Reserve \$14 outfield tickets: Evelyn Ho 422.0662 or eyho@usfca.edu - see our name on the scoreboard!

**END OF SUMMER RETREAT** - Please contact Susanne Dunnigan to join in the fun, icedunnigan@comcast.net or 682-4043. Sept. 18-20, \$125/adults, \$81/kids (6-11) under 6/free, (btw. Auburn & Tahoe). icedunnigan@comcast.net phone #415-682-4043

**BE A GREETER!** - Sundays 9<sup>40</sup>-10<sup>10am</sup>. Interested? Contact Keith: secondjune@gmail.com

**GO TO YELP.COM** - Let SF know if there's anything here to share.

more @ stjohssf.org

**ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (U.S.A.)**

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