



ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10^{am} September 13, 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	Pastorale on Resignation from Walker's Southern Harmony O Come Let Us Sing Unto the Lord	Cyril Deaconoff Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) O Sing to the Lord vv. all	blue book 472
PRAY	one: Creator God, source of all wisdom, we pray that today our understanding of your wisdom may be deepened. May such wisdom flow into our lives so that we begin to see the world and everything in it through your eyes. <i>all: May we know what it is to be shaped by Jesus' wisdom: when the last will be first; where the meek rather than the mighty will inherit the earth; where those who lose their lives for the sake of Jesus will find them and taking up our cross to follow him will be the wisest thing we ever do.</i> (silent offering of gratitude) one: Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us when, we identify your power with prestige rather than servanthood, and falter in our understanding of what following you really means. <i>all: Forgive us when our common sense calls us to prefer the comfort of the familiar here and now, rather than responding to your call to follow you into the unknown and risky journey of discipleship.</i> one: Give us grace to listen and to trust in the midst of the unknowing nature of your call to each of us and the unknown direction which you call us to travel. You have traveled the road already so what are we to fear? <i>all: We do want to be your followers so that we can reveal through our lives, as you did, the shape of God's wisdom and unconditional love. Renew us with the power of your Spirit so that we can commit ourselves anew to the challenge of serving others in your name.</i> (silent accepting of God's grace) one: Amen. All of us are broken (James 3.2) but we are fortunate that God	

sent Jesus into the world to gather the broken - people like us. And so I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

How Brightly Beams the Morning Star, by Dirck Janszoon Sweelinck

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Proverbs 1:20-33 (p. 985) Psalm 19 (p. 858)
James 3:1-12 (p. 1883) Mark 8:27-38 (p. 1566)

ENGAGE

Personal Jesus

SING*

Jesu, Jesu 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 & sign the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
Reflective interlude in D minor 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 prayed that the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts would be acceptable to you, O God. We add the offering of these gifts and our lives in the hope that they are also acceptable to you. May they be evidence of our desire to follow Jesus and our turning away from all that hinders our discipleship. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

O for a World vv. all

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SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

Prelude and Fugue in F by J.S.Bach BWV 556

T O D A Y

PASTOR JOHN - is away for study and vacation until September 30.

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, offered every Sunday in the rear of the sanctuary.

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

FAITH NAVIGATORS - grades 6-8, 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, 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) Oct. 21 (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, October 5, 6³⁰-7³⁰pm, 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. Sept. 24, 6³⁰pm, at Little Baobab Restaurant (African) 338819th St. for good food & conversation. Contact pastor Theresa to RSVP. More - stjohssf.org

GOSPEL BITES - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5th/6th) October 7 (1st Wednesdays), 6⁴⁵-7⁴⁵pm. 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, 6³⁰-7³⁰pm, 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 - Thursday, Oct. 1, 7-8³⁰pm, Rivers and Tides Winner Best Documentary, '03 SF Intn'l Festival follows renowned sculptor Andy Goldsworthy creating with ice, driftwood, bracken, leaves, stone, dirt & snow in open fields, beaches, rivers, creeks & forests. 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. 3rd Sat. 7-9^{am}, share food at Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

BABY SHOWER - Our kids are collecting new & slightly used baby items for Sunday School. Give to pastor Theresa.

WHOLENESS & HEALING - 1st Wednesdays through December, 6-6³⁰pm. 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.

END OF SUMMER RETREAT - Join in the fun, September 18-20, \$125/adults, \$81/kids (6-11) under 6/free, near Auburn (n. Tahoe). Please contact Susanne Dunnigan for info & deposits, icedunnigan@comcast.net or 682-4043

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - next: Oct. 11, sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided faith journeys. To assist, see pastor John.

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

more @ stjohssf.org

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