



# 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> September 20, 2009

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

## CELEBRATION

OPEN	Chorale by Dubois	Cyril Deaconoff
	Sweet Hour of Prayer	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		Theresa Cho
SING*	(*please stand as able) Shout for Joy vv. 1, 2, 4, 6	red book 3
PRAY	<p>one: God of all time and space, of all wisdom and knowledge - we worship and adore you. You could have remained far beyond our understanding yet you chose to reveal yourself in the person of Jesus, your Son, our Savior.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>You empower us with your Holy Spirit so that we can apply your wisdom to all our words and actions, making them gentle, compassionate and humble. Gracious and wise God, accept our praise and adoration in response to all your gifts to us, especially the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Lord Jesus Christ, there are times when we all feel like victims - pawns in the power plays which are so much a part of life these days. As usual, however, you look into our hearts and question what part we play in these power games. We know that in your eyes it is not social status, or wealth or reputation that count.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>You risked personal comfort and security when you reached out to those on the edge of your society. Forgive us when we fail to meet your challenge to identify with those whom society would call worthless.</i></p> <p>one: You showed us that the journey of discipleship is a journey into servanthood and powerlessness. Forgive us for being tempted to pursue power and to favor competition over compassion.</p> <p><b>all:</b> <i>"Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Imprint these words on our hearts and put your living Spirit within</i></p>	

*us, we pray, so that we serve others and you with wisdom, understanding, love and compassion.*

*(silent accepting of God's grace)*

one: Amen. When we submit ourselves to God, we are drawn into the heart of divine love and forgiveness. Out of that deep love for us God sent Jesus into the world to save sinners - and to make all things new. 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

He Restoreth My Soul by Margot Zilch

## COMMUNITY

LISTEN

*(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Jeremiah 11.18-20 (p. 1192) Psalm 1 (p. 843)  
James 3.13-4.3,7-8a (p. 1883) Mark 9.30-37 (p. 1569)*

ENGAGE

Would You Like Cheese with that Whine?

SING\*

Make Me a Channel vv. all

red book 16

## 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.)  
Interlude on Dunlap's Creek*

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 God, in your great wisdom you revealed your human face of love in Jesus and he gave further expression to your wisdom by putting no limits or conditions on his love. We show our gratitude by offering these gifts and our lives to be used to love and serve others as Jesus has loved and served us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

KIDS

### COMPASSION

SING\*

O God of Blessings vv. 1, 5, 6

red book 55

SEND &amp; BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

Toccata by Cyril Deaconoff

### 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, stjohnessf.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. Sept. 24, 6<sup>30</sup>pm, at Little Baobab Restaurant (African) 3388 19th St. for good food & conversation. Contact pastor Theresa to RSVP. More - stjohnessf.org

**GOSPEL BITES** - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>) October 7 (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>30</sup>am share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

**ST. JOHN'S CINEMA** - Thursday, Oct. 1, 7-8<sup>30</sup>pm, 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. 7-9<sup>am</sup>, 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 by Sep 27.

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

**HARVEST CELEBRATION** - Celebrate & Honor our Harvest volunteers with a potluck on Oct 4 after worship. Please bring a dish to share.

**CHURCH PICNIC** - Oct 18 after worship at Julius Kahn Park. Provided: burgers, hot dogs, drinks, games & activities. Bring a dish to share!

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

more @ stjohnessf.org

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

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