



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 27, 2009

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

C E L E B R A T I O N

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| OPEN | Deep River arranged by Cyril Deaconoff | Cyril Deaconoff |
| | Surely the Presence of the Lord | Karen Irwin & Choir |
| WELCOME & CALM | | Theresa Cho |
| SING* | (*please stand as able) Bring Many Names vv. 1, 2, 3, 6 | red book 54 |
| PRAY | <p>one: Eternal God - you who possess all power in heaven and earth - care for us. The immensity of such blessing is almost too much for us to grasp. With all the breath and life within us, we come with praises before you, O God.</p> <p><i>all: The experience of your goodness and mercy gives us fresh confidence to face the present and the future, knowing that they, and we, are in your hands. Gladly, O God, we adore you and praise you forever.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: Today, O God, we ponder what you say to us through scripture and wonder what has changed. In the story of Esther, we hear about the abuse of power and the exploitation of women. We learn about the planned destruction of foreigners in the land. Each of these issues concern the use of power to take advantage of those who are powerless - major causes still of people being denied the possibility of experiencing lives of dignity and worth.</p> <p><i>all: Forgive us if our actions, or lack of action, have contributed to continuing powerlessness in people's lives and have contributed to whether people feel welcomed into, or excluded from, our fellowship.</i></p> <p>one: Jesus declares that those who are welcoming and caring and do not cause others to stumble, are indeed blessed. We are to be 'salted' with the purifying influence of the Holy Spirit, so that we shall not be contaminated by selfishness and self-seeking, by resentment and anger</p> | Deb McGuire |

and envy.

all: *Strengthen us all to witness to our faith with a freshness that attracts; a sincerity that convinces, and an integrity which confirms our allegiance to Christ.*

(silent accepting of God's grace)

one: Amen. James entreats us to "confess our sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that we may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." (James 5:16) We have confessed our sins to one another, and to God, and we believe that prayer is powerful and effective. In that belief, I declare to you, in Jesus Christ we are healed and 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

Standin' in the Need of Prayer, traditional

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Esther 7.1-6,9-10; 9.20-22 (p. 783) Psalm 124 (p. 966)
James 5.13-20 (p. 1885) Mark 9.38-50 (p. 1569)

ENGAGE

Hide and Seek

SING*

We Are Marching 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.)
Sweet Hour of Prayer arranged by Clark

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*

Bless these gifts, O God, for we offer them and our lives to be used to proclaim the good news of Jesus in ways that empower people's lives. May our faith be so evident through our deeds and our words that others are brought to faith and lives are transformed. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

KIDS

COMPASSION

SING*

We Are Called w. all

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SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

The Rejoicing by Handel

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. Oct. 22, 7^{pm}, at Taqueria Los Coyotes (Mexican) 3036 16th 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, 7³⁰-9^{30am} share food with our hungry neighbors. Info: dalewalker@aol.com

ST. JOHN'S CINEMA - Thursday, Oct. 1, 7-8^{30pm}, 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!

CHOIR - Join choir on Open Anthem Sunday, Oct 4. See Karen Irwin. On-line tutorial available at www.karenirwin.posterous.com.

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

WHOLENESS & HEALING - 1st Wednesdays through December, 6-6^{30pm}. 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.

HARVEST CELEBRATION - Celebrate & Honor our Harvest volunteers with a potluck on Oct 4 after worship TODAY.

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

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

KNITTERS - Beginning Tues, Oct 20, 7-8^{30pm}, come to a knitting/Bible study. New knitters welcomed. Info: Deb McGuire.

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