



ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10^{am} October 11, 2009

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

CELEBRATION

OPEN	Virgin Mary and the Child by Messiah	Cyril Deaconoff
	Be Joyful in the Lord	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) God You Spin vv. all	blue book 285
PRAY	<p>one: Holy God, there are times when we identify with the rejection and fear experienced even by Jesus himself. We forget that you hear and respond to our cries and we believe that we must cope with life on our own.</p> <p><i>all: In Jesus you have identified with our pain. Through his suffering, death and resurrection, we have been gifted with his Spirit, so we may rise above our fears and know we are embraced by your love. May our worship and service reveal the depth of our thanks.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent offering of gratitude)</p> <p>one: Living God, you have bless our lives with many gifts, yet we find it difficult to share what we have with others? We forget those who don't have the choices we have, whose economic landscape is shaped by circumstances beyond their control - no job, no skills, chronic illness, no hope.</p> <p><i>all: Forgive us for believing that we are Jesus' presence in this place, yet fail to love as he loved, care as he did; fail to empty ourselves and be filled with a desire to meet others' needs. We do desire to follow Jesus, so help us discern how our success, career, possessions or diversions hinder our following. What is impossible for us is possible with you.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent accepting of God's grace)</p> <p>one: Amen. God's mercy and grace and love far outweighs what we think possible, for as we admit our sins, God forgives us and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1.9)</p> <p><i>all: Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and renewed to begin again.</i></p>	

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

Sikuyo (We Are Walking), by Emily Crocker

COMMUNITY

LISTEN

*(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)
Job 23.1-9, 16-17 (p. 816) Psalm 22.1-15 (p. 860)
Hebrews 4.12-16 (p.1866) Mark 10.17-31 (p.1570)*

ENGAGE

Start Again

*"Go, sell everything you have & give to the poor, & you'll have treasure in heaven.
Then come, follow me." Mark 10.21*

hindered

uncovered

offered

acquired

COMMITMENT

INTERACTIVE
STATIONS

*(Experience self-guided faith journeys at stations for about 12")
left rear - uncover what hinders my following
right rear - offer what I need to give up
right front - acquire my real treasures
left front - 2-4 yr olds discover sharing
pews - sing these repeated, meditative prayers*

*Surely God is in this place, holy ground.
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*Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words; you are holy Lord.*

*In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid,
lift up your voices, the lord is near; lift up your voices, the lord is near.*

Bless the Lord, my soul, & bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

SHARE LIVES
& GIFTS

(Please pass & sign the clipboard. Guests may share as well.)
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 offer these gifts, O God, and the service of our lives as evidence of the enrichment of our lives in Jesus Christ. Bless and strengthen us in our commitment to follow Jesus and to enrich others as he did. Amen

NEW MEMBERS

God calls us all to commit ourselves to live in community, empowered by the Spirit. Our desire is to be united in faith, growing into the likeness of Jesus Christ, faithful in every good work, and increasing in his knowledge, faithfulness and compassion.

COMPASSION

SING*

Live Into Hope v. all

blue book 332

SEND & BLESS*

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

CLOSE

Sonata by Lidon

T O D A Y

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 in the 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) 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, stjohnessf.org

OUR COMMUNITY is empowered by the Holy Spirit.

COMMUNITY CLASS - Explore growth in study, prayer, giving & fellowship. Monday, December 7, 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 - stjohnessf.org

GOSPEL BITES - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5th/6th) November 4 (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, Nov. 5, 7-8^{30pm}, The Times of Harvey Milk - a staunch fighter for gay rights, Milk helped forge a presence for the city's gay community in city hall, becoming the first openly gay member of San Francisco's combative city council. 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 - Nov. 7 Sat. 7-9^{am}, share food @ Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

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

WHOLENESS & HEALING - 1st Weds thru Dec, 6-6^{30pm}. 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.

CHOIR - Join choir on Open Anthem Sunday, Nov 1. See Karen Irwin. On-line tutorial available at www.karenirwin.posterous.com.

CHURCH PICNIC - Oct 18, 11.45 on, Julius Kahn Park. Provided: burgers, hot dogs, drinks, games & activities. Bring a dish to share!

INTERACTIVE WORSHIP - next: Nov. 29, sanctuary stations invite our imagination in self-guided journeys. To assist, see pastor John.

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

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - music program donations are requested for our concert. For \$60 or more you get a new CD! See Cyril.

CLOCKS BACK - November 1 - don't forget to gain an hour!

more @ stjohnessf.org

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