



# 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> November 1, 2009

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

### CELEBRATION

OPEN	None But the Lonely Heart by Tchaikovsky	Cyril Deaconoff
	O Come Let us Worship	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) I Come With Joy vv. all	red book 28
PRAY	<p>one: We praise you, O God, for being not only God of history but God of our story. You gather us here to remind us that while you are the one to whom all power belongs, you tend to the weak and powerless.</p> <p><b>all: <i>We praise you for joining your story to ours through Jesus. He proved his great love for you and each person in the way he lived - releasing the captive, lifting the burdened, empowering the powerless. God, source of love and strength, Jesus, foundation of our faith, Holy Spirit, ground of our very being, we worship you.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent offering of gratitude)</p> <p>one: Jesus tells us to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves. We hear what you are saying, Lord, but it is challenging. Worshipping status, power and wealth is our priority. We reject the stranger, ignore our neighbors.</p> <p><b>all: <i>Lord, loosen the hold of striving for success and power has on our lives. Reconnect us to living out your commandments of love. May your love stir us into action so that our mercy, justice and peace enable our neighbors to realize your power actively at work.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(silent accepting of God's grace)</p> <p>one: Amen. Jesus truly demonstrated his love for all as he rescued us from lives dominated by evil and sin, by his acts of mercy and justice, his suffering and death. Hear the good news that in and through Jesus Christ we are forgiven.</p> <p><b>all: <i>Thank God! We hear and believe the good news that in Jesus Christ we are reconciled and renewed to begin again.</i></b></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

Amazing Grace, arr. by William D. Hall

Deb McGuire,  
flute

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Deuteronomy 6.1-9 (p. 284) Psalm 146 (p. 980)  
Hebrews 9.11-14 (p.1871) Mark 12.28-34 (p.1575)

ENGAGE

Close Enough

"(Jesus said to him,) You're not far from the kingdom of God." Mark 12.34

feeling far away

bothering to get close

finding I'm inside

releasing others to approach

SING\*

How Can I Keep From Singing vv. 1, 2, 5

red book 34

### 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.)  
Aria by Pinkham

Theresa Cho

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\*

*This offering of wealth and the service of our lives, express our love for you, O God. A love offered with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. May they reveal that love in all we do and say. In Jesus' name. Amen*

KIDS

SHARE  
CHRIST'S MEAL

(All are invited to share, regardless of background, as you seek to follow Jesus.  
Taking bread, dip it in the cup.)

SING

*Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.*

PRAY

*Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this meal shared in the Spirit with Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Refreshed and strengthened, we go to continue his work in the world through our faithful witness and loving service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### COMPASSION

SING\*

For All the Saints vv. all

red book 50

SEND &amp; BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

Joyful Interlude in A by Mawby

### 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 back of sanctuary. Help yourself to materials.

**A.R.K.** (All Remarkable Kids) - kids K - 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 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 the meaning of a journey following Christ & being part of St. John's as your spiritual home. Indicate interest on the clipboard or call/email a pastor & we'll let you know of the next class.

**FAITH on TAP** - at the Bitter End Pub (441 Clement, @ 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>) Nov. 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays), 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30pm</sup>. 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, Dec. 7, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30pm</sup>, 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> Saturday, 8-9<sup>am</sup>, @ Lucky Penny, Geary/Masonic, John Lenox 7521365.

**ALPHABET DINERS CLUB** - Eating our way thru the alphabet. January 28 Korean – Wooden Charcoal BBQ House @4611 Geary - 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>) Dec. 2 (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays), 6<sup>45</sup>-7<sup>45pm</sup>. 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, Nov. 2, 6<sup>30</sup>-7<sup>30pm</sup>, 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** - Thurs., Nov. 5, 7-8<sup>30pm</sup>, The Times of Harvey Milk - a staunch fighter for gay rights, Milk forged a presence for the city's gay community in city hall. Free. (Views not 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!**

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

**KNITTERS** - Tuesdays, 7-8<sup>30pm</sup>, come to a knitting/Bible study. New knitters welcomed. For more info, see Deb McGuire.

**WHOLENESS & HEALING** - 1<sup>st</sup> Weds thru Dec, 6-6<sup>30pm</sup>. As healing was an integral to Jesus' ministry, so we also offer healing worship.

**YOUTH** - Nov. 7 Sat. 7-9<sup>am</sup>, share food @ Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

**PRESBYTERY** - All welcome, Tuesday, Nov. 10, 6-9<sup>pm</sup>, to a lively, thoughtful & perhaps historical meeting as a "theological departure" is declared regarding gay ordination. 1<sup>st</sup> Presb., Berkeley 2407 Dana St (Channing Way) - 8 blks from Downtown Berkeley BART

**INTERFAITH SERVICE** - Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 10<sup>am</sup>, Calvary Presb. Ch, 2515 Fillmore St. SF, sponsored by SF Interfaith Council

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

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

**COMMUNITY MEALS** - at Old 1<sup>st</sup> Presb, help needed to feed up to 200 people in extreme poverty. Go to [www.welcomeministry.org](http://www.welcomeministry.org)

see in back @ stjohnessf.org

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