



# 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 8, 2009

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

### CELEBRATION

OPEN	Bedeck Thyself, O My Soul, in Gladness, by Brahms	Cyril Deaconoff
	Come, Now Is the Time to Worship	Karen Irwin & Choir
WELCOME & CALM		John Anderson
SING*	(*please stand as able) Joyful, Joyful vv. all	blue book 464
PRAY	<p>one: Ever-present God, we know that without you, life can become a meaningless existence of work and worry. We become so absorbed in 'achieving' and 'doing' that we lose sight of simply 'being'. We praise you for taking the initiative to be there for us - in the person of Jesus - and through the power of the Holy Spirit.</p> <p><b><i>all: May our response to your gracious care for us be reflected in our worship here today and through the witness of our lives. We glorify you, O God, with our hearts, minds, souls - with our whole being.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent offering of gratitude)</i></p> <p>one: God of grace and truth, when we listen to Jesus criticism of manipulative behavior in the gospel today, we wonder what has changed. People still exploit others, still demand preferential treatment, still abuse positions of leadership. We are ashamed to admit that this happens in society at large and within the church.</p> <p><b><i>all: God of justice and peace, forgive any behavior of ours which is experienced or perceived as hypocritical - any actions which lack integrity and justice. Renew and refresh us with the gentle and selfless Spirit of Jesus, so that we know what it is to be his followers not only in name, but in reality.</i></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(silent accepting of God's grace)</i></p> <p>one: Amen. We read in Hebrews that Jesus "entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. He has appeared once for all...to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself." The good news is therefore, that in and through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.</p>	

*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

Now Is the Cool of the Day, by Jean Ritchie

### COMMUNITY

LISTEN

(The Lord of the language is also the Lord of our listening.)  
Ruth 3.1-5, 4:13-17 (p. 414) Psalm 127 (p. 968)  
Hebrews 9.24-28 (p. 1872) Mark 12.38-44 (p. 1576)

ENGAGE

Relativity

"They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty," Mark 12.44

blasting arrogance

honoring silence

answering needs

elevating status

SING\*

My Soul In Stillness Waits vv. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6

red book 33

### 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 b minor, by Mawby

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 - ery - one.

DEDICATE\*

*O God, we offer these gifts and our lives, not for show, but in gratitude for all you have given to us. Above all, we thank you for the great gift of Jesus, for his selflessness and sacrificial love. May our discipleship possess these same qualities. This we pray in Jesus' name.*  
*Amen*

KIDS

## C O M P A S S I O N

SING\*

How Clear Is Our Vocation vv. 1, 2, 4

blue book 419

SEND &amp; BLESS\*

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

CLOSE

The Majesty and Power of His Name, arranged by Leatherman

## 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>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, Dec. 7, 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> 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>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, Jan. 4, 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** - Thurs., Dec. 3, 7-8<sup>30</sup>pm, Dear America: Letters Home From Vietnam Veterans' emotions captured in conflict correspondence & news footage. 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!**

**KNITTERS** - Tuesdays, 7-8<sup>30</sup>pm, 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>30</sup>pm. As healing was an integral to Jesus' ministry, so we also offer healing

**GREEN THE CHURCH** - Come Nov. 28 to help green-up church.

**PRESBYTERY** - All welcome, Tuesday, Nov. 10, to a lively, thoughtful & perhaps historical meeting as a "theological departure" is declared regarding gay ordination. See an elder or pastor for more info.

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

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

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - donations for our December 19, 6-7.15<sup>pm</sup> concert are welcome. For \$60 or more you get a new CD! See Cyril.

**PALESTINE** - Olive tree planting trip Feb. 2-18, '10, hear voices of justice, pray, plant & reflect on peace. You may also honor someone by sponsoring a tree (\$20). Ask pastor John & see back display.

**CHOIR** - Join choir on Open Anthem Sunday, Dec 6. See Karen Irwin.

**YOUTH** - Dec. 5, Sat. 7-9<sup>am</sup>, share food @ Harvest, see Evelyn & Iain.

see in back @ stjohnessf.org

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

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