

## St. John's at Worship First Sunday in Lent

Welcome and Announcements *(please pass the fellowship roll)*

Introit "His Love Reaching" *Gaither*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: The season of Lent is a journey toward the cross of Christ and the death of our savior.

**People: God walks with us, giving us hope in times of despair, life in times of death!**

Leader: We are journeying toward the day when Christ died so that we would live, and rose again so that we would never die.

**People: The journey of Lent is a journey of new life! God is making all things new!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

\*Hymn 269 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

### \*Prayer of Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession from Psalm 51

**All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

Leader: Where, in your life, do you need mercy?  
What sin needs to be washed away?  
Where do you need to be cleansed?  
What aspect of your life can you work on this week that will help you take a single step toward the new life of resurrection?

(Silent Confession)

**All: May our confession be more than words and thoughts. May it bring about real transformation in us, so that we might truly live new lives in Christ. Amen.**

### Assurance of Pardon

### \*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Luke 10:25 – 37 (pg. 71)

Children's Time Rev. Marshall  
(Children and youth may go to Sunday School after the Children's Time.  
**Sunday School ends at 10:45.**)

Anthem "Upon This Rock" *Choplin*

Sermon THE GOOD SAMARITAN Rev.

Marshall *Lenten Series: The Parables of Jesus*

### Call to Offering

(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "The Garden of Love"

*Rodney*

\*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 560 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

### \*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Father, Give Thy Benediction"

*Moore*

Postlude "Where the River Meets the Sea"

*Williams*

\*All who are able, please stand

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco*  
**Greeter** *Mary K DaRin-Park*  
**Ushers** *Dave Dalrymple, David Sheep*

**Flowers** *Given by Bob and Betsy Miller in memory of loved ones*

**Coffee Service** *Jim and Carol Netter*

**Guest Musicians** *Susan Weinman (Alto), Miyuki Hashimoto (Soprano), Cassia Harvey (cello), Nancy Kimmons (Congas), John Senior (Shakers)*

**Women's Choir** *Miyuki Hashimoto, Pam Schafer, Pat Churchill, Betsy Miller, Nancy Kimmons, Nancy Higgins, Brenda Rose Simkin, Susan Weinman*

### WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we hope that you experience the love of Jesus Christ here with us! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs immediately following worship. Our greeter, Mary K DaRin-Park, will be available in the back of the sanctuary after worship to answer any questions you might have about St. John's. We are glad that you are here, and hope that you will worship with us again soon!

### SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S – WEDNESDAYS, 6 PM

Please join us on Wednesday nights at 6 PM through March 16 for a delicious dinner and your choice of classes:

- *Major Religions: So What Is the Difference?* (10 weeks)
- *Iran: An Interactive Discussion About the Past, Present, and Future* (5 weeks, Feb. 17 through March 16)

This week, both classes will be meeting together in the Carriage House to talk about Islam and Iran. Sign up with Carla Chieffo.

### BLANKET DRIVE

Please consider a contribution to the annual Women's Fellowship Blankets+drive for Church World Service. Donations will be taken in the envelope included in your bulletin during the offering or at coffee hour. All around the world, Church World Services helps impoverished communities with the basic tools they need to sustain their families. Your gifts provide warm blankets, hygiene kits, clean-up buckets, seeds and tools for farming, and food for those in need. Checks may be made payable to St. John's, with "Women's Fellowship" in the memo. Please give a gift of hope to those who have so little.

### CHERUB CHOIR

All children ages 4 through 3rd grade are invited to join the **Cherub Choir**, which meets every Wednesday from 5:15 – 5:45 PM. For those new to the program, the purpose of the Cherub Choir is to learn about God's amazing love for us by singing songs, talking about the Bible stories behind the songs, and playing with our friends. The Choir sings in worship on a monthly basis. It's not too late to join! As the seasons change we know your schedules do too, and we welcome all children as their schedules permit. If interested please contact Debbie Ealer.

### MEN'S RETREAT – "THE FOURTH QUARTER"

A men's retreat/workshop moderated by Howard Friend is being offered in the Wilson Carriage House on **Saturday, March 5 from 7:30 AM – Noon**. The workshop will focus on discernment for whatever stage in life one may be in. How is God *calling* me just now? What *gifts* is God inviting me to gather and claim? What *purpose* is God seeking to focus with me? Individuals are to think of the verse: "God is working all things together for good for those who love God and are called according to God's purposes." If you are interested, please contact Jim Little or call the church office.



**BEGINNING IN FEBRUARY YOUTH GROUP WILL BE SUNDAYS FROM 4:30 TO 6:00 PM.**

**February 14: ValenGROG!**

Love is in the air and that can only mean one thing: it's time to play GROG again!

**February 21: Faith Stories**

Marcy will share her testimony of faith!

**February 28: Faith Stories**

An adult or possibly a youth will be sharing personal faith stories!

**STOPPING HUNGER**

We've just been notified that St. John's Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event on November 1 has reached its final destination of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries in Swaziland, a small, landlocked country in southern Africa. Thank you to all who have reached across the globe with food for the hungry.

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

|                      |          |                               |
|----------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sun, Feb 14</b>   | 8:00 am  | APNC Meeting                  |
| <b>Wed, Feb 17</b>   | 5:15 pm  | Cherub Choir (ages 4-grade 3) |
|                      | 6:00 pm  | Supper at St. John's          |
| <b>Thurs, Feb 18</b> | 10:00 am | Women's Morning Bible Study   |
|                      | 7:00 pm  | Personnel Committee Meeting   |
| <b>Mon, Feb 22</b>   | 10:00 am | Baby Bundles Sewing Group     |

**A Reminder about Staff Days Off**

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.  
Eric is out on Saturdays and Tuesdays.  
Rody is out on Saturdays and Sundays.  
If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!

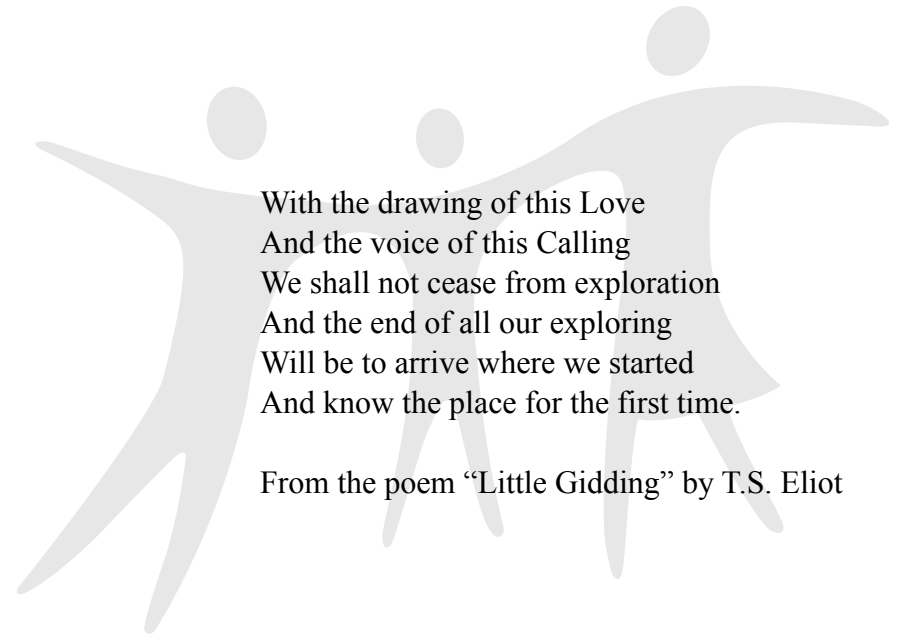


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



With the drawing of this Love  
And the voice of this Calling  
We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.

From the poem "Little Gidding" by T.S. Eliot

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