

**St. John's at Worship**  
**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

Introit

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Let us come before God with songs of praise.

**People: We lift up our voices, O Lord, to you!**

Leader: Let us come before God with ardent prayers.

**People: We lift up our hearts, O Lord, to you!**

Leader: Let us come before God with teachable spirits.

**People: We lift up our minds, O Lord, to you!**

Leader: With our praise and our prayers,  
 open hearts and open minds,  
 all that we are, and all that you would have us be...

**People: We lift up our lives, O Lord, to you in worship!**

\*Hymn 647 "Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here"

\*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.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Lord, in your great mercy, hear our prayers:**

**for the ways that we seek credit, praise, and glory for ourselves,  
 instead of giving it to you;**

**for the ways that we fail to recognize your presence in others,  
 and your claim over our lives;**

**for the ways that our words and actions hurt others,  
 or our silence and inaction does the same;**

**for the ways that we are unloving, unmerciful,  
 unfaithful, and unkind.**

**Heal the wounds that cause us to sin  
 and bring wholeness to our lives,  
 so that we may live *with* you and *for* you,  
 as we live with and for each other, in Christ.**

Silent Confession

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. Amen.**

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:13 – 16, 2:4 – 5, 9 – 10 (p. 232) Jim Little

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Anthem "With All I Am" Reuben Timothy Morgan

Scripture Reading 2 Chronicles 6:12 – 21; 7:1 – 3 (p. 391)

Sermon DEDICATED Rev. Marshall  
 Summer Sermon Series: *Living Worship*

\*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

**In life and in death we belong to God.  
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
 whom alone we worship and serve.  
 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
 and to live holy and joyful lives,  
 even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
 praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"  
 With believers in every time and place,  
 we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
 Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "Entrada" Pezel

\*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 701 "Lord, Prepare Me (Sanctuary)"

Lord, Prepare Me 701  
 Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
 ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,  
 I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Allegro" Pezel

\*All who are able, please stand

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Director of Music** Iris Blanco-Urgelles  
**Greeter** Jim Netter  
**Ushers** David and Christine Markle  
**Coffee Service** Linda Duncan  
**Flowers** Given by Linda Groves in memory of Michael Groves.  
**Joy Messengers** Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Cat Duncan, Linda Duncan  
**Devon Brass** Frank Mercurio and Jeff Estabrook (trumpets), Mark Ator (French horn) and Paul Steege (trombone)

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, Jim Netter, 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 you will worship with us again soon!

ALPHA IS COMING – WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, 6 PM

Alpha is a ten-week series exploring the Christian faith that will be the focus of Supper at St. John's this fall. Each week we will share a delicious meal, followed by a video presentation and small-group discussion that gives each of us the chance to share our thoughts and ideas on the topic presented. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective, learning and growing together in an honest, friendly, and safe environment.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY – 11 AM IN CARRIAGE HOUSE

There has been so much racial tension in our country lately. How can we, as Christians, engage these struggles and respond in ways that are faithful and loving? Last week we started a four-week study of the book *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* by Drew Hart (Professor of Theology at Messiah College). We will meet after worship (11 AM) in the Carriage House to discuss chapters 3 and 4. Even if you weren't with us last week, we would love for you to join the conversation today!

**ST. JOHN'S FALL FESTIVAL**

Join us on Sunday, September 11 from 5 – 7 PM as we kick off the program year with a fresh take on our Burger-Corn Roast...St. John's Fall Festival! The menu will include barbeque pork, baked beans, macaroni & cheese, and cole slaw. There will be ice cream, music from the Joy Messengers, and (as always) a bounce house for the kids. It's a chance for everyone to come back together after the summer for fellowship, food, and fun!

**TEACHERS NEEDED!**

The Christian Education committee is looking for Sunday School teachers, both for our summer Sunday School program, and our traditional program beginning again in September. If you are interested, please contact Jeff Ealer or Sam Hillier. This is a great opportunity to connect with our kids and help them grow in their faith.

**Summer Sunday School**

This summer we are trying a new format that involves all grades from pre-K to Senior High. Each Sunday we will break down into age groups to have a Bible study where we will read Scripture and discuss what it means to us, followed by a group activity (like Bible baseball outside, games, or a service project), and then some sort of snack (like ice cream), and finish with a devotional. Jeff Ealer is leading this project, and needs help with teaching and running the activities. Please contact Jeff if you are interested in helping. Also, if your child has food allergies please let Jeff know (snacks will mostly be sherbet, ice cream, and maybe an occasional donut). Here is the schedule that is subject to change based on teacher availability:

Date	Pre-k/1st	2nd-4th	5th/7th	Senior High
8/14	The Good Samaritan	Servanthood		
8/21	Zaccheus	Joseph		
8/28	The Sower and the Seed	Job		
9/4	Prodigal Son	Sermon on the Mount	Communion	

(Bible study classes for 2nd-4th, 5th-7th, and Senior High meet separately)

**DID YOU KNOW THAT ST. JOHN'S HAS ITS OWN CUB SCOUT PACK?**

Pack 111, chartered by St. John's for many years, is open to boys from 1st to 5th grade and their parents. Cub Scouting (the junior branch of Boy Scouting) promotes character development while having fun, learning, and building family memories. If you, friends, or neighbors are interested, all are invited to the Pack information night on Thursday, September 22 at 7:00 pm at Devon Elementary School. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Bellew.

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

- Sun, Aug 14** 9:30 am Worship  
11:00 am Book Study (Carriage House)  
3:00 pm Comegys-Clark Wedding
- Sun, Aug 21** 9:30 am Worship  
11:00 am Book Study (Carriage House)
- Mon, Aug 22** 10:00 am Baby Bundles Sewing Group
- Sun, Aug 28** 9:30 am Worship  
11:00 am Book Study
- Sun, Sept 4** 9:30 am Worship & Communion
- Mon, Sept 5** Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sun, Sept 11** 8:00 am Trustees Meeting  
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School Begins  
5:00 pm **St. John's Fall Festival!**

**A Reminder about Staff Days Off**

This week Patrick will be out of the office on Thursday and Saturday. Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday. 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

From the hymn "Take My Life"  
by Frances Havergal

Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At thy feet its treasure store  
Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee

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