

## St. John's at Worship Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Every Valley Shall be Exalted" *G.F. Handel*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: On the first day, God created...

**People: On the first day of existence, God created the heavens and the earth and made life possible!**

Leader: On the first day, God created...

**People: On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the dead and made life possible!**

Leader: We gather to worship on Sunday because it is the day of resurrection...the *first* day!

**People: May *this* be a day of creation and resurrection, Lord! Make new life possible, in the world and in us!**

\*Hymn **610** "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

\*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

**Through Jesus's life, death, and resurrection,  
you have claimed victory over the power of sin and death.**

**Life belongs to you, O Lord.**

**And yet in so many ways, we act as if it belongs to us.**

**We treat the world as if it belongs to *us* and not to *you*.**

**We treat other people as if they belong to *us* and not to *you*.**

**We think and speak and act as if our lives belong to *us* and not to *you*.**

**Forgive us for the ways that we fail to forgive.**

**Have mercy on us for the ways that we fail to have mercy.**

**Love us for the ways that we fail to love.**

**You who raised up Christ from the dead, raise *us* up to live new lives,  
redeemed by your love,  
and set free from the power of sin and death.**

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 Genesis 1:1 – 13 (p. 1)

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Anthem "If With All Your Hearts" *F. Mendelssohn*

Scripture Reading Romans 6:2b – 14 (p. 156)

Sermon BACK TO THE BEGINNING Rev. Marshall  
Summer Sermon Series: *Living Worship*

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.  
He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Offertory "Give me a Clean Heart" *M. Douroux*

\*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 **492 (INSERT)** "Baptized in Water"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Debbie Ealer*

**Ushers** *Sue Hardin and Pat Churchill*

**Coffee Service** *Sharlene Cirillo*

**Flowers** *In celebration of God's gift of our granddaughter  
Greta on her 3rd birthday.*

**Guest Musician** *Maximiliano Marques*

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, Debbie Ealer, 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!

3 WEEKS TO ALPHA - SEPTEMBER 21ST

Alpha is built around Food, Talk, and Discussion. **Food** – As always, dinner at St. Johns begins with a delicious "church cooked meal" at 6:00 pm. Not only is it a great meal you don't have to cook, but it is time to slow down after a hectic day and enjoy your church family. Be sure to sign up at coffee hour or by responding to our e-vite.

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? Throughout August we have been studying 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 the final three chapters. Even if you haven't come before, you can still join the conversation today, and we would love to have you!

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 coleslaw. 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! Invite a friend using the postcard in this bulletin!

**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
8/28	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 28** 9:30 am Worship  
11:00 am APNC Meeting (Kean Room)  
11:00 am Book Study
- Mon, Aug 29** 10:00 am Baby Bundles Sewing Group
- Sun, Sept 4** 9:30 am Worship & Communion
- Mon, Sept 5** Office Closed for Labor Day
- Sun, Sept 11** 8:00 am Deacons Meeting  
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**

Patrick is out of the office on Friday 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

"I honestly never thought I'd get baptized. I didn't think I'd ever be good enough. I put [it] off because I felt like I was in a state of sin, like I wasn't good enough or fit enough to be baptized. But then I realized that baptism is done at the beginning of your faith journey, not the middle or the end. You don't have to have everything together to be baptized... You just have to grasp God's grace. God's grace is enough."

- A 19-year-old named Andrew, quoted in Rachel Held Evans' book *Searching for Sunday*

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