

## St. John's at Worship Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prelude "Morning Has Broken"

Welcome and Announcements (*Please fill out the fellowship roll*)

Introit "Simple Gifts" *arr. Sondra K. Tucker*

\*Call to Worship From Psalm 103

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all God's benefits.**

One: God forgives all our iniquity,  
God heals all our diseases,  
God redeems our life from the Pit,  
God crowns us with steadfast love and mercy  
and satisfies us with good as long as we live.

**All: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

One: God does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**All: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 62 (vss. 1, 5, 7) "All Creatures of Our God and King"

\*Prayer of Invocation & 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 *From the Book of Common Prayer*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Anthem "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Scripture Reading Romans 8:31–39 (pg. 158)

Sermon COMING TOGETHER Rev. Marshall

\*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.**

\*Presentation of Offering & Doxology

**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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

\*Hymn 383 (vss. 1–4) "This Is a Day of New Beginnings"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "How Great Thou Art"

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

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

**Ushers** *Pete Crawford, Kathy Johnson*

**Flowers** *Given by Iris Blanco-Urgelles in honor of her  
grandmother, Iluminada Aurora Castillo – always in our  
hearts and minds. We love you so.*

**Guest Musicians** *Patricia Turse (harp)*

**Bell Choir** *Betsy Miller (Director), Susan Bain, Christina Fish,  
Jim Tiede*

### WELCOME (BACK) TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning! We hope that you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ here with us today. 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 the sanctuary doors. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

### COVID PRECAUTIONS

If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask, although you are absolutely welcome to do so based on your comfort level. If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you please wear a mask as an act of care for your church family.

Initially, we will be using every other pew for seating (although there are no restrictions on capacity). If the number of worshippers exceeds our ability to do that, we will begin filling in the open pews as necessary.

We will not be passing offering plates at first. Instead, offering baskets are located at each of the entrances to the sanctuary, and you can place your offering there on your way in or out.

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Lara Kennedy is recovering from another surgery on her leg on Tuesday. Cards can be sent to:

From Lee Holt: "St. John's has certainly lived up to its reputation as a close, caring church. Your calls, cards, and flowers have brought great joy and comfort to me and Virginia. Although I had the best medical care, the personal offers of help, comfort and personal care from fellow parishioners were overwhelming and we are so grateful. Thank you, thank you."

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING UPDATE

Last Sunday the congregation voted to sell the church's manse and place the proceeds in a restricted fund that will be used solely for the housing of St. John's pastors, both current and future. A question was raised as to whether we should increase the threshold to use the funds for any other purpose from a 2/3 vote of the congregation to a 3/4 vote of the congregation. That question is being referred back to Session and will be discussed at their August 16 meeting.

For now, the next step is for the Trustees to approach the current tenants to gauge their interest in buying the manse. If they are interested, the Manse Task Force will determine an appropriate asking price, based on evaluations they have received from three different realtors. If the current tenants are not interested in buying, we will engage one of those three realtors and list the house with them.

The Administrative Committee of Donegal Presbytery still needs to formally approve our policy at their September 7 meeting (although they have already reviewed the policy and given us the "go ahead" to proceed). Presbytery as a whole will approve the sale at their September 28 meeting, but again, we have their blessing to proceed in advance of those votes. We will keep you informed as this situation progresses.



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at [rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto:rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com).

**An end-of-summer event for all ages**

**Wednesday, August 25 – Slip & Slide Out of Summer!**

All children, youth, and families are invited to join us at Bear Creek Mountain Resort from Noon to 5 PM, where they have turned their ski slopes into massive slip and slides! The cost is \$30/person, \$100/family max. Please RSVP with Ridgley by Friday, August 20.

**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

All rising 4<sup>th</sup> graders and under are invited!

**God & Me Story Hour – Every Tuesday (9:30–10:30 AM)**

All children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and under are invited to join us in the Memorial Garden on Tuesdays from 9:30–10:30 AM for a story and (to-go) snack. If you are not fully vaccinated, please bring a mask to wear.

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

|                     |         |                               |
|---------------------|---------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Sun, Aug 15</b>  | 9:30 am | Worship                       |
| <b>Mon, Aug 16</b>  | 7:00 pm | Session Meeting (virtual)     |
| <b>Wed, Aug 18</b>  | 9:00 am | Prayer Group (Kean Room)      |
| <b>Thur, Aug 19</b> | 5:30 pm | Early-Potts Wedding Rehearsal |
| <b>Fri, Aug 20</b>  | 2:30 pm | Early-Potts Wedding           |
| <b>Sun, Aug 22</b>  | 9:30 am | Worship                       |

Patrick and Ridgley are off on Friday and Saturday. Lara is off 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. **If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

**ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP**

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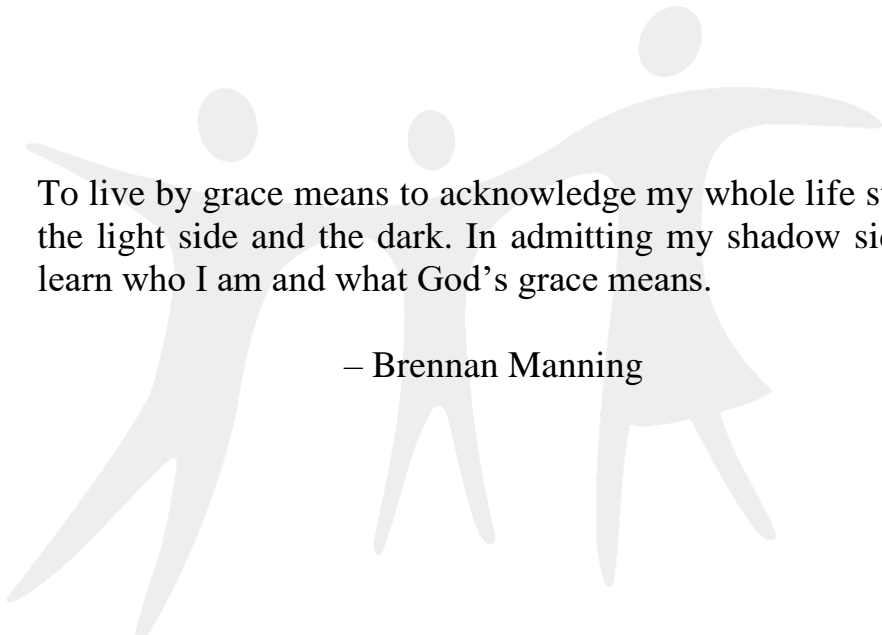
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



To live by grace means to acknowledge my whole life story, the light side and the dark. In admitting my shadow side, I learn who I am and what God's grace means.

– Brennan Manning

August 15, 2021

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