

St. John's at Worship

11th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Peace Like a River"

*Call to Worship

One: Children of God, welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God!

*Hymn 430 (Insert) "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy"

*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

**Gracious and compassionate God,
your love for us is unflinching and unailing,
but we confess that our love for you is uneven.**

**We ask for your help,
but act as though we saved ourselves.**

**We ask for your forgiveness,
but repeat the same mistakes.**

**We ask for your grace,
but live as though it wasn't present.**

Renew us once again, O Lord.

**Set us free from a past we cannot change,
open us to a future in which we can be changed,
and guide us, through the gift of your Holy Spirit,
in Jesus' name.**

Silent Confession

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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.**

*Affirmation of Faith

One: Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:

**All: We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth.**

Amen.

A Modern Affirmation

Scripture Reading Luke 13:10–17 (pg. 76, N.T.) Nancy Arico

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Anthem "Comfort My People" *Handel*
*Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God."
– Isaiah 40:1–3*

Sermon CHRIST THE HEALER Rev. Marshall

*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 and Prayers of the People

*Hymn 545, vss. 1, 2, 4, 5 "The Church's One Foundation"

*Benediction

*Postlude "There Is a Balm in Gilead" *arr. D. Burton*
*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Pianist Patricia Turse
Ushers Barb Beucler, Peter Crawford
Greeter Alice Bell
Flowers Given by Iris and Sirelda Urgelles in loving memory of Iuminada Aurora Castillo. We miss you so, Abu; always in our hearts.
Coffee Server Nancy & Joe Arico

WELCOME 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 would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

COVID PROTOCOL

Masks remain optional but welcome. We do ask that if you are not feeling well or experiencing any symptoms such as a sore, scratchy throat or cough (even if you think it is just allergies or a cold), please worship from home via the livestream to ensure the wellbeing of your church family. If you find that you test positive for Covid within 2–3 days after attending worship or a church event, please contact the church office, so that we can notify the congregation about a possible exposure. Your privacy will be maintained.

PASTORAL UPDATE

Pastor Patrick will be out of the office on vacation starting tomorrow, returning Tuesday, September 6. During that time, he will not be available by email or phone. Pastor Ridgley will be available for any pastoral care needs. If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

Pastor Patrick's study of Brian Zahnd's book *When Everything's on Fire: Faith Forged from the Ashes* concludes today at 11:00 in the Carriage House.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's Book Group is taking a break for the summer and will be resuming on Sunday, September 11 at 8:00 AM. We will also be offering a **second Book Study Group on Monday's, starting September 12 at 11:30 AM** (you are welcome to bring your lunch). These groups are open to all women of the church. Please see the weekly email for more details.

MEN'S MINISTRY

If you are interested in being part of a new men's ministry at St. John's, you are invited to an informational meeting after worship on Sunday, September 11. You are not committing to anything...just come hear more about it! Our hope is to gather a group of men who, through conversation and study, can support one another and grow in faith and friendship. More information will be coming soon!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – THANK YOU!

We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make our *Compassion Camp* possible this past week: **Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Sue Chudy, Sophie Coradi, Linda Duncan, Susanne Engheta, Lynne Hay, Kathy Johnson, Jeanne Lynam, Emily Marshall, Patrick Marshall, Ryan Marshall, Marianne McClennen, Judy Mileto, Jenn Roberts, Katherine Short, and Lee & Andy Walsh.** We are also grateful to **Pastor Ridgley** and the **Christian Education Committee** for their leadership in organizing the week. Thank you all for providing a welcoming, loving environment in which our youngest members can grow in their love for God, their neighbors, and themselves!

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S RETURNS!

After more than two years, Supper at St. John's will resume on Wednesday, September 14 and run through November 16. This is a wonderful time of food, fellowship, and education. It is a great chance to slow down in the middle of the week, enjoy a delicious meal that you do not have to cook, and catch up with your church family!

We begin each week at 6:00 p.m. with dinner, followed by a class starting at 7:00 p.m., concluding promptly at 8:00 p.m. You can still come to eat, even if you do not stay for the class. We are also looking for volunteers to help clean up each week. Look for sign-ups during coffee fellowship after worship, or email Virginia Black. Childcare is available with one week's notice.

We will be offering one class this fall, and you can participate in person or by Zoom – although we encourage you to join us in person!

What We Believe: Foundations (featuring Timothy Keller)

The Apostles' Creed is one of the oldest summaries of the basic beliefs of Christianity. This course is a video-based program of lectures by Timothy Keller on What We Believe Foundation. The first lecture is an introduction to the Creed followed by video lectures on what Christians believe about sin and salvation, resurrection and eternal life, the Church, the Holy Spirit, the incarnation, and God. There will be a discussion after each video, moderated by Carla Chieffo, Chris Graham, and Nancy Arico.

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Advisory Council Retreat
Sunday, August 28 11 am – 12:30 pm

Members of the Youth Advisory Council are invited to meet in Pastor Ridgley's office next Sunday for a planning retreat for this coming year's youth group. Please let her know if you are not able to attend.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, August 21	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Summer Book Study (Carriage House)
Wed, August 24	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Sun, August 28	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Youth Advisory Council Retreat

Reminder

Friday is both Patrick and Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office.

Our Church Administrator Roseann Christian is in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts.

You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart.

Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

– From the song, “Healer of Our Every Ill”
by Marty Haugen

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