St. John's at Worship 12th Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Paul Baloche

*Call to Worship

One: We've come to worship God,

All: who loved us before we were yet born,

One: who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

All: whose presence never leaves us,
One: and whose love for us never ceases.
All: Let us worship God together!

*Hymn # 4 (GREEN) "Come All You People"

*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

Creator God,

You created the world and everything in it and called it good.

You created us in your image, claimed us as you own, and called us good.

Yet we fail to see that image in ourselves or in others.

Forgive us for building walls and creating boundaries rather than opening our arms to our neighbor, embodying your grace.

Renew us O God, cleanse a right spirit with us.

Give us the courage to embrace ourselves and others as you see us:

More than Enough

Amen.

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

We believe that God is present even when we fail to recognize that presence.

We believe that God is present even when we fail to name that presence. We believe that we are created in the image of God and that nothing that was is and ever shall be can separate us from that love.

We believe that we are at our best when we rely on God.

We believe that God can make a way even through a seemingly impossible situation.

We believe that we are called to work for a just world, a world the way it should be in spite of the way it is.

We believe that the spirit is still moving. We believe in the power of community.

We believe that, with God and with one another,

There is enough We are enough We can do enough Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading Psalm 139 Lynne Hay

Blessing of the Backpacks

Rev. Joyner

INSERT LITURGY

Anthem "You Are Holy" Marc Imloden

& Tammi Rhoton

Sermon WE ARE MORE THAN ENOUGH Rev. Joyner

*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 (Insert) "Our Father" Dr. Tony McNeil

*Benediction

*Postlude "Shine, Jesus, Shine" Graham Kendrick

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Musicians Nancy Kimmons (organ)

Joy Messengers: John Senior, Nancy Kimmons,

Pam Schafer, Linda Duncan

Ushers Jen and Dan Lortz

Greeter Alice Bell

Flowers Given by Patrick, Jen, Brandon, Ryan, and Emily

Marshall in celebration of Pat Marshall's birthday

tomorrow.

Coffee Server Christa Fisher

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 is out of the office on vacation until 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.

MONTREAT SUNDAY

For the next two weeks we will be learning about and exploring the theme "More than Enough" from the Montreat Youth Conference that our Senior High youth attended earlier this month. Many parts of worship today are from our worship together at Montreat and we hope you will join us as we make a joyful noise to the Lord!

MINISTRY INTEREST FAIR

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall on **September 25**th during Coffee Hour for our Ministry Interest Fair! Come learn about how you can use your time and talents at St. John's! If you are interested in having a booth for your ministry, please contact Roseann Christian (admin@stjohnsdevon.com) by Sunday September 18th.

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!

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 Ginger 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, Kris Graham.

Upcoming Youth Events

Youth Advisory Council Retreat Today 11 am – 12:30 pm

Members of the Youth Advisory Council are invited to meet in Pastor Ridgley's office at 11 AM 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 28 9:30 am Worship

11:00 am Youth Advisory Council Retreat

Wed, August 31 9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)

Sun, Sept 4 9:30 am Worship & Communion Mon, Sept 5 Office Closed for Labor Day

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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