

St. John's at Worship
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "Fanfare Grandioso"

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Ode to Joy" *Beethoven*

*Answering God's Call to Worship 1 Kings 19:11-13
The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind.

And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.

And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire.

And after the fire, a sound of sheer silence.

When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

*Hymn "Beyond the Beauty and the Awe"

1. Be - yond the beau-ty and the awe, be - yond the fear and dread,
 2. Oh, teach us how to hear your voice and help us to lis - ten;
 3. In sound or si - lence may we sense, may we some to - ken find
 4. Then help us live as Je - sus taught, with guid - ance from a - bove,

we long, O God, to hear your Word and by you to be led.
 to keep the noise a - round us out and let your Spir - it in.
 that makes your liv - ing pre - sence known to bo - dy, soul, and mind.
 that in our voi - ces oth - ers might hear your re - sound - ing love.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession (ending with 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.

The Promise of Forgiveness

*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

*Affirming Our Faith The Apostle's 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.

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (pg. 247, O.T.) Brian Bouvier

Children's Time

*Hymn "Be Still and Know"

1. Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that
 2. I am the Lord that heal - eth thee. I am the Lord that
 5. In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust. In Thee, O Lord, I
 I am God. Be still and know that I am God.
 heal - eth thee. I am the Lord that heal - eth thee.
 put my trust. In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:5-8 (pg. 5, N.T.)

Sermon LEARNING TO LISTEN Rev. Dr. Marshall
 SERMON SERIES: "TEACH US TO PRAY..." (LUKE 11:1)

Musical Reflection "Abide with Me"

*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

*Hymn (Insert) "Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Cannon" *Mozart*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist Nancy Kimmons
Greeter Barbara McConnell
Ushers Chrissy & Brian Bouvier
Flowers Given by Nancy Kimmons & John Senior in loving memory of Leroy & Phyllis Kimmons, married August of 1947. They were role models for a beautiful marriage and adventurous lives!
Coffee Server Kathy Johnson
Devon Brass Mark Ator (French horn), Jeff Estabrook (euphonium), Frank Mercurio (trumpet)

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!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the summer, our children and youth will stay in worship for the full service as we worship as a church family. This will give our wonderful teachers some well-deserved rest during the summer months. We will still have a children's sermon for our kids (Grades 4 and under) to connect and learn about God. We have activity bags with children's materials, located in the coat closet in the back of the sanctuary. If you have trouble finding them, an usher will be happy to help you!

CAN YOU HELP IN THE NURSERY THIS SUMMER?

Courtney Cato is providing nursery care this summer, in order to give our wonderful volunteers a break. We still need another adult to help each week. If you can help, please sign up using the link in the weekly email or contact Pastor Ridgley.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet **this Wednesday, August 21 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 10 of Romans. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

Sunday Morning Group is taking the summer off and will begin with a new book in September. Please contact Nancy Wolfe if you have any questions (nj.wolfe@verizon.net).

The Monday group will resume with a new book on September 16. But they have also decided to meet periodically throughout the summer to explore various forms of prayer. Their final meeting of the summer will be a Zoom gathering on **August 19 at 10:00 a.m.** If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net).

CHURCH TREASURER UPDATE

Nancy Arico will be away from Friday, August 23 through Wednesday, September 11. If you have any needs for reimbursement or bill payments during this time, please email Nancy (Treasurer@stjohnsdevon.com) and attach copy of the reimbursement form with a copy of any receipts or invoices. The reimbursement form will be available in this afternoon's weekly email update, or you can pick up a paper copy from the church office.

AROUND THE CHURCH...

The book of Ecclesiastes says, "There is a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted." This week was the time for *both* at St. John's! Landscapers were hard at work this past week, plucking up the overgrown plants in front of the building, pruning the ones that will stay, and planting new ones. You can actually *see* the front of the church building again! This is all part of a project that the Trustees have been working on, using money from Ruth Lieberman's memorial fund. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!

OFFERING & PRAYER CARDS

During the summer months, we will not be passing the offering trays. Instead, trays will be located at each door in the sanctuary, if you would like to give an offering. You can also give electronically through our website (just click the "Donate" button at the top right), or through the Church Center app.

If you would like to give a prayer card, you can place it in one of the offering trays before worship or during the greeting time.

THE SUMMER BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook has some new books in it...recommended by you! Check it out when you're in the Fellowship Hall and see if something catches your interest. All of the books are available for purchase on Amazon and are also likely available through your local library. You can borrow the copies that are in our Book Nook, but we ask that you please sign them out and return them as soon as possible, so that others can enjoy them, too!

SUMMER SUNDAYS OF SERVICE

August 25 – Packing Hygiene Kits

There continues to be great need in communities devastated by natural disasters, poverty, and ongoing conflicts. To support these communities, the Outreach Committee will be packing hygiene kits for disaster relief during coffee time on Sunday, August 25.

The Hygiene assembly project will support the Church World Service's national and global community service efforts. These kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families displaced from their homes. We will be assembling 300 hygiene kits, and with lots of helpers the project takes less than an hour to complete. Please contact Lisa Pool at lisa.pool@verizon.net if you have any questions.

NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 18	9:30 am	Worship
Mon, Aug 19	6:00 pm	Transformation Team (Kean Room)
Tues, Aug 20	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, Aug 21	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carriage House)
Thurs, Aug 22	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Aug 24	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Aug 25	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Packing Hygiene Kits (Fell. Hall)

This Week in the Church Office

Our Church Administrator Roseann Christian is out of the office for the next two weeks on her annual family summer vacation. There will be volunteers in the office each day to answer the phone and greet anyone who comes. Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email can still be sent to Roseann's email (admin@stjohnsdevon.com) by Noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor 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.

If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation 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

In the silence of the heart God speaks.
If you face God in prayer and silence,
God will speak to you.
Then you will know that you are nothing.
It is only when you realize your nothingness,
your emptiness,
that God can fill you with Himself.
Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.

– Mother Teresa

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