



FAITH • LOVE • SERVICE
ST. JOHN'S
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Worship Notes

There are offering trays located at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like to give, you can put your offering there before worship. You can also give online using this QR code.



If you have a prayer request, there are blue prayer cards in your pew racks that can be put in the trays, as well.

This morning's Call to Worship comes from the song, "I'm Calling Out" by Mark Altrogge.

The ^ symbol indicates that you are invited to stand, as you are able.

The hymns can be found on pages 3 and 4 of the bulletin.

Please note: This service is being live-streamed and archived through our social media channels. While the video focuses on the worship leaders, participants may also appear in the recordings.

Welcome to St. John's!

No matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, or what you are wearing, you are welcome here! No matter where you are in your faith, you belong here. All we want is to help you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the greeters located at the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We are so glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

"Amazing Grace"

arr. Mercurio

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: When this world is filled with change, and so much we can't explain, from the peaks of joy to the valleys of pain, Your faithfulness remains.

All: When our strength is dry and drained, and our hope begins to wane, You are always near to lift us again. Your faithfulness remains.

One: So we're calling out to you who calls us.

All: We're holding on to you who holds us.

One: We're seeking you, who came and sought us in our sin.

All: You've been faithful again and again.

One: Let us call out to God in hope and in praise as we worship.

^ Hymn

"God, You Call Us to This Place "

Prayer of Invocation & 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.

Promise of Forgiveness

^ Gloria Patri (#71 in the red hymnal)

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

**We believe in an inventive God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ as God's salvation;
that when he calls us to follow, Christ also gives us the power
to become, both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.**

**We believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience which is true liberty
and to a humble service which is the fruit of holy friendship.**

**We believe that the church is the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to love and support one another through joys and tribulations,
as we travel the road towards the "promised land" of God's future.**

Because Christ has called us, in this we truly believe.

The scripture readings can be found on the back of the bulletin.

Scripture Reading

Exodus 2:23-3:12

Nancy Arico

Children's Time

Anthem

"Prelude to *Te Deum*"

Charpentier, arr. Smith

Sermon

"Called to Serve"

Rev. Dr. Marshall

Summer Sermon Series: "Anything but Ordinary"

^ 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 & Prayers of the People

^ Hymn

"Here I Am, Lord"

^ Benediction

Postlude

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God"

Marcello, arr. Smith

After the sermon, there will be a brief musical interlude, offering time for reflection.

After the Postlude, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship. If you see someone standing alone, go talk to them!

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director Janet Kaido

Greeter Chrissy Bouvier

Coffee Servers Andria & Michael Kaskey

God, You Call Us to This Place

D Bm D G A D A D Em D Em7 A D

1 God, you call us to this place, where we know your love and grace.
 2 Now as - sem - bled in Christ's name, all your mer - cies to pro - claim—
 3 In the wa - ter we were born of the Spir - it in the Son.

D Bm D G A D A D Em D Em7 A D

Here your hos - pi - tal - i - ty makes of us one fam - i - ly,
 in the hear - ing of your word, in our prayer through Christ the Lord,
 Now a priest - ly, roy - al race rich in ev - ery gift of grace—

A D E A Em Bm F# Bm

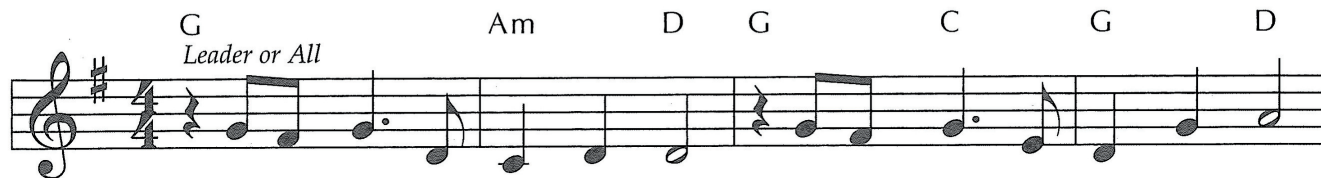
makes our rich di - ver - si - ty rich - er still in u - ni - ty,
 in the min - is - tries we share, learn - ing how to serve with care—
 called, for - giv - en, loved, and freed, for the world we in - ter - cede:

D G A Bm7 E A G D Em D/F# Em A D

makes our man - y voic - es one, joined in praise with Christ your Son.
 in the Spir - it let us be one in faith and u - ni - ty.
 gath - er in - to u - ni - ty all the hu - man fam - i - ly.

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

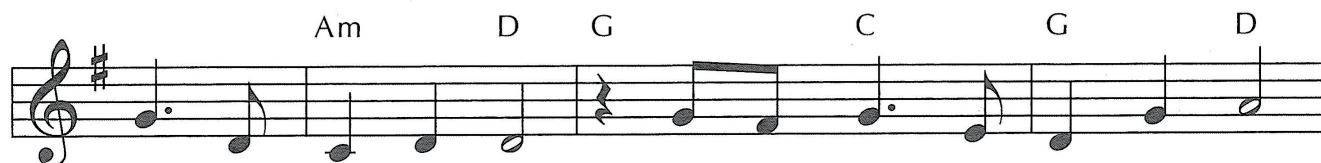
Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

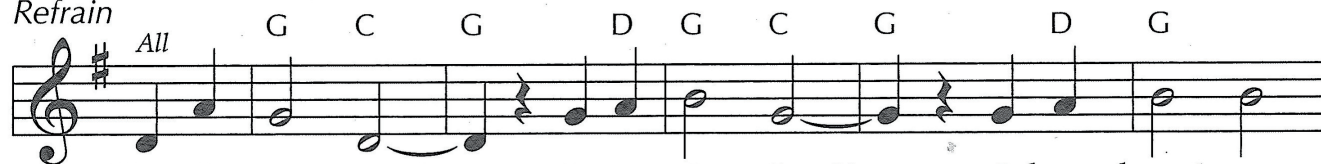


made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

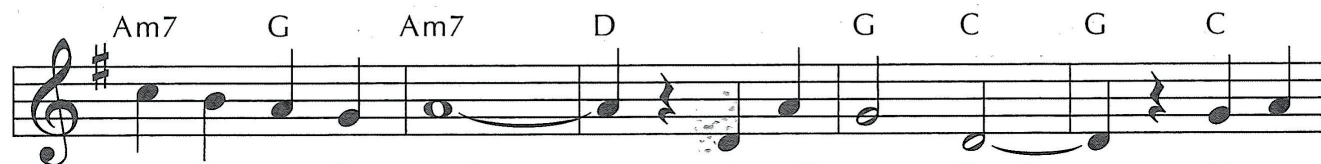


Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

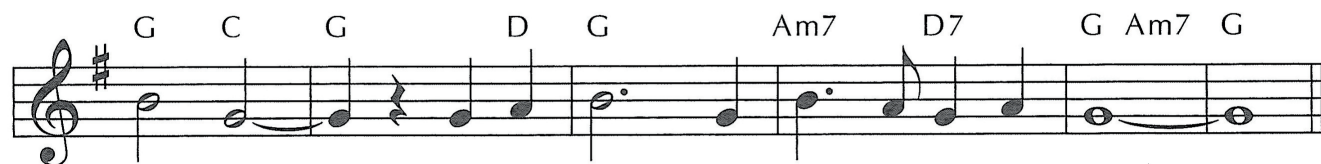
Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Announcements

Congregational Life

August Birthdays

Happy birthday to everyone in our church family who is celebrating a birthday this month! Please wish them a happy birthday in person at church or send them birthday wishes by text, email, or a card in the mail. If you would like to be included in our birthday lists, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com).

August 3 Jean Converse

August 6 Megan Hillier

August 10 Nancy Coradi

August 11 James Adams

August 11 Teagan Bullock

August 11 Connor Loftus

August 15 Michael Kaskey

August 17 Claire Hangen

August 17 Kate Little

August 17 Betsy Miller

August 18 Brian Binkley

August 18 Gavin Kerr

August 18 Brandon Marshall

August 18 Mark Ntow

August 19 Caroline Hillier

August 19 Ann Roberts

August 22 Emily Marshall

August 29 Brian Bouvier

August 29 Patricia Marshall

Wednesday Men's Day Lunch

Our next men's lunch will be **this Wednesday, Sept. 2 at Noon**. Men of all ages are invited to bring their lunch to the church and eat together in Fellowship Hall! No RSVP needed, and there's no agenda; just an informal time of food and fellowship together. Come a little late or leave early if you need to. If you have any questions, just ask Pastor Patrick.

Outreach

Rise Against Hunger

Join us on **Sunday, September 13** as we work together to pack 10,000 meals through Rise Against Hunger to feed hungry people around the world. There are roles for all ages and abilities. Please feel free to invite your friends to join us in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm (we will be finished well before the Eagles kick off at 4:25 pm). You can register by contacting Kate Johnson (kate.johnson02@gmail.com) or use the signup sheet by the Outreach bulletin board in Fellowship Hall after worship.

Children & Youth

Scan the QR code to subscribe to our Children & Youth Newsletter:



Sunday School for grades 1-7 begins September 20.

The Youth Fall Kick Off is on Sunday, September 27 at Covenant Pres. in Frazer.

Faith Formation

Camino de Santiago Interest Meeting

Last year Pastor Ridgley shared about her pilgrimage experience on the Camino de Santiago in Spain. Since then, other church members have expressed an interest in walking the Camino. So we decided to see if there is interest in putting together a church-wide trip open to anyone who wants to go! Join us on **Sunday, Sept. 27 at 11:00 a.m.** for an informational meeting with *Progressive Pilgrimages* to learn more about walking the Camino de Santiago with your St. John's family!

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

The Sunday book group is taking the summer off and will resume with a new book study in September. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) for more information.

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person and on Zoom (use the church Zoom link found on the website under Resources). They are reading *From Widows to Warriors: Women's Stories from the Old Testament* by Lynn Japinga. Copies are available in the church office. If you would like to find out more, Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net) for more info.

Men's Group

The Wednesday morning men's group will resume on September 23 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. Until then, come to one of our Wednesday Men's Day lunches!

Interested in Joining St. John's?

We would love for you to become a part of our church family! You can indicate your interest on the Fellowship Pad or contact one of our pastors. They will get in touch with you to set up time for coffee to discuss your interest.

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley is out of the office on vacation until Tuesday, September 8. During this time she is unavailable by email or phone.

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by Noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick'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, please call 484-604-0499

Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 20

Fall Kickoff! We will gather for our first Sunday School class of the year followed by a meal together as a church family after worship.

Wednesday, September 23

Supper at St. John's returns!
Fall Class Starts
Youth Bible Study Begins

Sunday, September 27

Middle & High School Youth Kickoff at Skyzone (Exton)

Nursery Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help our nursery worker on Sundays this Summer. We already have people in the nursery who can pick up kids and handle any physical parts of the role, but we need another adult to sit in the rocking chair and engage with our kids to help fulfill our child protection policy requirements. If we cannot have two adults in the nursery, then we cannot provide nursery care, which is one of the most hospitable things we can do for our young families (and visitors!) Please contact Pastor Ridgley or click the link in the weekly newsletter if you can help!

Giving

If you would like to support the life and ministry of St. John's, you can scan this QR code to give online.



Financial Update

As of July 31, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled \$471,015, above budget by \$56,690, due largely to some people already giving their full pledges for the year. That always slightly inflates the financial picture in the first part of the year, but averages out as the year progresses.

Expenses year-to-date are \$431,314, under budget by \$16,741.

Income minus Expenses yielded a surplus of \$39,700. Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, August 30

9:30 am Worship

Monday, August 31

10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

Tuesday, September 1

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, September 3

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, September 5

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Worship & Communion

Monday, September 7

The church office will be closed for Labor Day

St. John's Mission Statement

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

Core Values

Faith

We seek to grow in our faith and to recognize God's presence in our lives through scripture, worship, music, fellowship, study, and prayer.

Love

All people are welcome here. We are a caring, inclusive, intergenerational community, following Jesus Christ's example to love everyone, to be with one another in difficult times, and to share in each other's joys.

Service

We are passionate about helping those in need within our church family, in our local communities, across the country, and throughout the world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are generous with our time, talents, and resources to bring hope to others in tangible, transformative ways.

Vision Statement

A spiritual home for the community where...

- everyone is welcomed with open hearts, showing each other grace in a complicated world
- people find belonging as they are known, valued, and loved
- together, we grow in our knowledge and love of God
- Jesus inspires us to serve others with compassion

Exodus 2:23–3:12

²³After a long time the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery, and cried out. Out of the slavery their cry for help rose up to God. ²⁴God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ²⁵God looked upon the Israelites, and God took notice of them.

¹Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up."

“When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" ¹²He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

Notes

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