

# *Twelfth Sunday of Pentecost*

August 23, 2020



## **Common Worship shared by:**

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY  
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY  
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY

## **Today's Worship Leaders:**

Rev. Dr. Edward Goode, Christ Church Ft. Thomas  
Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, St. John Church Bellevue  
Anthony Palm, St. John Church Bellevue  
Sarah Palm, St. John Church Bellevue  
Adeline Palm, St. John Church Bellevue  
Eliza Palm, St. John Church Bellevue  
Steve Milloy, St. John Church Bellevue  
Jennie Malone, St. John Church Bellevue  
Theo Baldwin, St. John Church Bellevue  
Melissa Stephens, St. John Church Bellevue  
Talia Broering Zoll, Christ Church Ft. Thomas  
Toni Sheffer, Christ Church Ft. Thomas  
Dobin Park, St. John's Church Newport  
Michael Sullivan, St. John's Church Newport  
Dave Zeng, First Presbyterian Church Ft. Thomas  
Steve Phillips, St. John Church Bellevue

# Order of Service

## Prelude

"Sing the Mighty Power of God" Tune: ELLACOMBE  
Anthony Palm and Adeline Palm, guitar and arrangement

## Welcome

Keith M. Haithcock

## Call to Worship

Adeline Palm and Eliza Palm

Rejoice, for God is among us.  
Give thanks, for in Christ we are a new people.  
Sing praise, for we come to worship God.

## Opening Hymn

*"Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"*

Tune: MARION

Dobin Park, vocal leader; Michael Sullivan, organ

Rejoice, you pure in heart; Lift praises to the sky;  
Your festal banner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Bright youth and seasoned age, Strong souls and spirits meek,  
Raise high your free, exulting song, God's wondrous praises speak.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Praise God, who rules all worlds, the risen Christ adore:  
Praise God the Spirit, Holy fire, one God forevermore.  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

## Scripture

Matthew 16.13-20 (New Revised Standard Version)

Sarah Palm

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

## Children's Time

Melissa Stephens

## Sermon

"Who Are You?"

Keith M. Haithcock

## Offertory

"Could He Be the Messiah" -*Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith, arr. Cliff Duren*

The St. John Ensemble: Jennie Malone; Melissa Stephens; Steve Milloy; Theo Baldwin, soloist

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## Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Edward Goode

**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.**

## Closing Song

"Lead On, Eternal Sovereign"

Talia Broering Zoll, vocal leader; Toni Sheffer, organ

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;  
loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:  
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,  
to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,  
for in each human conflict, your words of strength we hear:  
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,  
our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;  
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,  
to love and serve each other for all eternity.

## Benediction

Keith M. Haithcock

## Postlude

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord” -*Dwight Liles & Niles Borop, arr. Jack Schrader*  
Dave Zeng, trumpet; Steve Phillips, piano

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