

# Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost

October 11, 2020

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Our God  
has made -  
Let us  
celebrate  
with joy!*



**St. John United Church of Christ**

Bellevue, Kentucky

# Order of Service

## Gathering Music and Lighting the Candles

Mark Behnken, organ

Improvisation on MARION

## Welcome and Call to Worship

Keith M. Haithcock

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## Opening Song

“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”

*Tune: MARION*

Melissa Stephens, vocal leader; Mark Behnken, 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.**

**Yes, on through life’s long path, still chanting as you go,  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe:  
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 for evermore!  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.**

## The Prayer of Jesus

Keith M. Haithcock

Using Jesus’ prayer as our model, we pray together:

**Loving God, in whom is heaven,  
may your name be honored everywhere.**

**May your kin-dom come.**

**May the desire of your heart for the world be done,  
in us, by us and through us.**

**Give us the bread we need for each day.**

**Forgive us.**

**Enable us to forgive others.**

**Keep us from all anxiety and fear.**

**For you reign in the power that comes from love  
which is your glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Scripture

Philippians 4.1-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

Richard Robbins

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## A Word for Kids

Sarah & Anthony Palm

## Sermon

*"Keep On!"*

Keith M. Haithcock

Keep on doing the things you've learned, seen, and heard...the God of peace will be with you. -vs. 9

## Song of Response

*"Grateful" -Tom Tomaszek*

Theo Baldwin

Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy One,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.

Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

## Mission Moment

*Generosity Campaign*

Jeff Draper

October 1 through November 1

## Offerings to God

“Oh, Happy Day” –*Edwin Hawkins*  
The St. John Ensemble; Saba Smith

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## Prayers of the People

Keith M. Haithcock

## Closing Song

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

Stephanie Dalsfoist, vocal leader; Steve Milloy, piano

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;  
And although the way be cheerless, we will follow, calm and fearless;  
Guide us by your hand to the promise land.**

**When we seek relief from a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring;  
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, still lead on, till our rest be won;  
Heavenly Leader still direct us, still support, console, protect us,  
Guide us by your hand to the promised land.**

## Send Out

Keith M. Haithcock

## Parting Music

“I Must Tell Jesus” –*arr. Mark Hayes*  
Steve Milloy, piano

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