



# A NEW BEGINNING

*See, I am making all things new.*

-Revelation 21.5b

*St. John*  
**United Church**  
*of Christ*

## Welcome to St. John

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor

## Preparation Music

Steve Phillips, piano

*"You Are My All in All" -Dennis Jernigan, arr. Mark Hayes*

## Call to Worship

Richard Robbins, liturgist

We say that we 'gather' for worship, but we are not 'together'  
we're watching a screen.

Jesus always meets us in the flesh, no matter where we are,  
that's his thing; he touches us - in Spirit, emotion, and thought, and it's real.

We are physically distanced. It feels detached and disassociated.

The gospel is about wholeness, health, and well lives for all.

We have a new beginning. How will we bring wholeness to our separations?

## Singing Together

Theo Baldwin, vocalist

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

Creating, Calling, and Faithful God,  
we come to worship you and to learn from you.  
May our time together change us for good,  
inspire us to dream, renew us for service,  
and make us whole for a new beginning into your future  
as we respond to your call. **Amen.**

## Song of Encounter

"Baptism Song"

Theo Baldwin, vocalist

In the beginning Word and the Spirit brought forth from nothing everything good.  
Now love creating joyful beginning. Joy in us all with love understood.

*(Refrain:)*

Come to the waters, God's sons and daughters. We all are children of the Lord.  
New life and living, new love and giving, Blessings from water and the Word.

Child of the family Child of creation. Child of our God who fashioned us all.  
Wonderful blessing, great celebration, such an occasion! We hear God call: *(Refrain)*

## Prayers of the People

Keith M. Haithcock

## Offering of Music and our Gifts

The St. John Ensemble, featuring Theo Baldwin

"I Know the Lord Laid His Hands on Me" -*African American Spiritual*

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## Mark 1.21-28

Richard Robbins

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching--with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Amen.

## Children's Couch Church

Sarah, Anthony, Adeline and Eliza Palm

## Sermon

*"WHOLENESS BRINGS A NEW BEGINNING!"*

Keith M. Haithcock

## Song of Response

Theo Baldwin, vocalist; Brian Malone, percussion

"Thuma Mina" (Send Me, Lord)

Send me, Lord. Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.

Lead me, Lord. Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.

Fill me, Lord. Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.

## Send Out

Keith M. Haithcock

## Going Forth

*Eric Knechtges & Steve Milloy, piano duet*

*"I Will Follow Him" -J.W. Stole & Del Roma, arr. Charles Beale*

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