



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

Mark Behnken, organ

“O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” -arr. Dr. Mark Behnken

Call to Worship

Richard Robbins, liturgist

We are tired of this COVID thing,
worn out even when we're doing nothing.
We dream of going back to normal, the way it was, things as they were.
But what if we are called to dream of a new beginning,
a new thing that God is offering us.
What if being in this cloud where things are unclear, questionable, and scary
could be a moment in life to learn
how to come down from the heights of fatigue to a new beginning.

Singing Together

Jennie Malone, vocalist

“Transform Us (Jesus, the Light of the World)” tune SICILIAN MARNIERS

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor's height.
Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light.
Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones.
We, surrounded by the witness of those saints whose work is done,
Live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine.
Keep us from our great temptation -- time and truth we quickly bind.
Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

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”

Jennie Malone, 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

An Offering of Music and our Gifts

Jennie Malone, vocalist

“High Upon a Mountain” -Lloyd Larson

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Mark 9.2-9

Richard Robbins

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

"DREAM OF A NEW BEGINNING!"

Melissa Stephens

Song of Response

Jennie Malone, vocalist

"Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining (Shine, Jesus, Shine)"

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me; shine on me.

(Refrain:)

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my
darkness. Shine on me; shine on me. *(Refrain:)*

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me; shine on me. *(Refrain:)*

Send Out

Keith M. Haithcock

Going Forth

Mark Behnken, organ

"It is Well With My Soul" -arr. Dr. Mark Behnken

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