

The Season of Pentecost

May 30, 2021

St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue KY

Welcome

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey you are welcome here.
If you would like more information about St. John Church go to www.StJohnChurch.net.
If you would like to receive *The e-Weekly* let us know at Office@StJohnChurch.net.

Gathering Music (Beginning at 10:20 a.m.) Mark Behnken, organ
"Memorial Day Medley" -*adapted and arranged by Mark Behnken*

Greeting, Prayer, & Imparting Peace Fred Hoeweler
One: May the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Solo Megan Osborn Williams, vocals; Theo Baldwin, piano
"He is Exalted" -*Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larsen*

Affirmation (Spoken in unison) Bill Machuga
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

Community Prayer

Fred Hoeweler

Instrumental

Steve Milloy, piano

"Adoration" -*Mark Hayes*

John 3.1-17

Bill Machuga

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“BORN FROM ABOVE”

Fred Hoeweler, guest preacher

Ministry of Music

Megan Osborn Williams, vocals; Theo Baldwin, piano

"Amazing Grace" -*John Newton, arr. Jack Schrader*

Generous Giving

Bill Machuga

As we leave today follow the one-way direction signs to exit through the Fairfield Avenue door, non-accessible door to the parking lot, or through the accessible lobby to the ramp and parking lot. You will find an offering plate in the back and in the front as you exit the Church house.

God has given each of us skills, talents, and abilities. Just think of the impact we can make through the ministry of St. John Church when our giving matches our mission.

Not only do we sustain this ministry, but we also experience change in ourselves and our community as we seek for the common good. We give thanks for each moment of time, each talent expressed, and each offering given. May God continue to bless you as you give generously.

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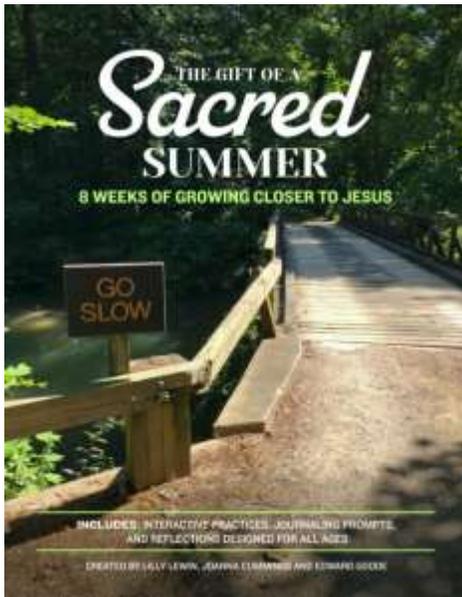
Fred Hoeweler

Going Forth Music

Theo Baldwin, piano

"How Firm a Foundation" -*arr. Cindy Berry*

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Coming Soon! ***The Gift of a Sacred Summer***

**Watch for updates in *The e-Weekly*
Includes: “Circles” (Small Groups)
And an eight-week Sermon Series**

**This is part of the 2021 Spiritual Growth Series
A joint effort with Christ Church, UCC - Ft. Thomas**

Starting Sunday, June 20, St. John Church will begin “Gifts of a Sacred Summer.” This series will include sermons and “circle” groups at 7pm on Thursdays with Christ Church UCC following the themes of: Rest, Gratitude, Nature, Justice, Play, Create, Silence and Love. More details will be coming soon. Plan to participate and experience a Sacred Summer.