



The Season after Pentecost

June 13, 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

Steve Milloy, piano

"Turn! Turn! Turn!" -Pete Seeger, arr. David Lanz

Greeting, Prayer, & Imparting Peace

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

One: May the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Solo

Steve Milloy, vocals; Theo Baldwin, piano

"Everlasting God" -Brenton Brown & Ken Riley, arr. Lloyd Larson

Mission and Vision

Richard Robbins

One: In service to Christ, this intentionally inclusive congregation feeds the body, mind, and spirit, gives strength, and shines God's light wherever there is darkness.

All: **We are a beacon of hope and inspiration. This ministry is open, affirming, inviting, and accessible to all. We extend love and extravagant welcome to all of God's children without judgment, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey. We embolden everyone to live out their faith, to engage in ministry, to witness, and to serve.**

Community Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

Instrumental

Theo Baldwin and Steve Phillips, piano duet

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" -arr. Howard Helvey

Mark 4.26-34

Richard Robbins

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“GROWING”

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Theo Baldwin, voice; Steve Phillips, piano

“The Time for Turning” -*Pamela Martin & Craig Courtney*

Generous Giving

Richard Robbins

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.



Thank you for your financial support to the mission and ministry of the Church!
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Keith M. Haithcock

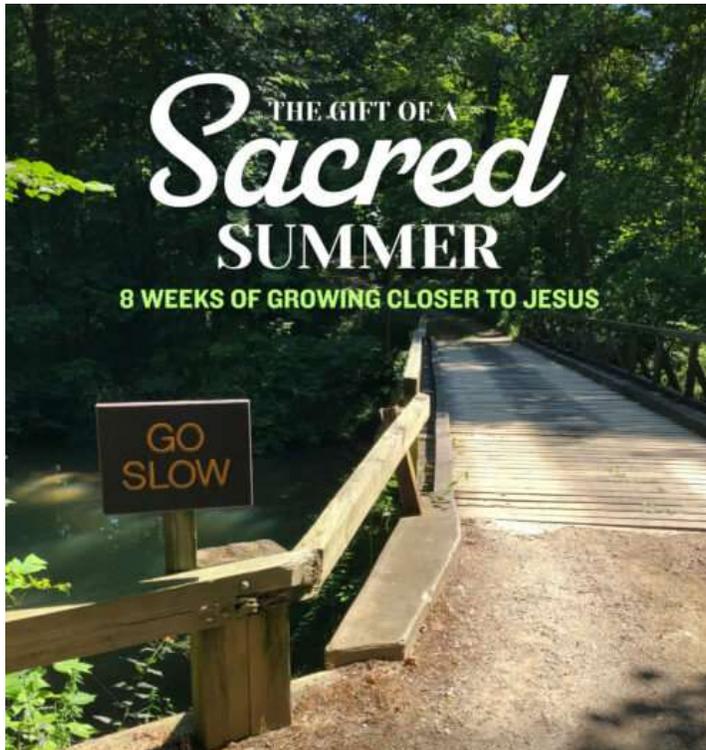
Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“Sing for Joy” -*Lani Smith*

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8-week Sermon Series

June 20 “Rest” -Keith M. Haithcock, preaching

June 27 “Gratitude” (*Open and Affirming Sunday*) -Keith M. Haithcock, preaching

July 4 “Justice We are Called to Live Out”
-Melissa Stephens, guest preacher

July 11 “Finding God in Nature”
-Keith M. Haithcock, preaching

July 18 “How We Play”
-Keith M. Haithcock, preaching

July 25 “How We Hear God in Silence”
-Keith M. Haithcock, preaching

August 1 “How Love Binds Us Together”
-Keith M. Haithcock, preaching

August 8 “How We Create”
-Keith M. Haithcock, preaching

8-week Thursday “Circles” (Small Groups) In-Person beginning June 24, 7pm to 8pm

Registration Information: Each Circle session stands alone. Not everyone will be able to attend every session. It’s summer! Attend as you can. Please register at:

Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or 859.261.2066, ext,202 to receive weekly reminders and updates.

There will not be a Zoom option for this series.

Circles will go deeper on the same themes and spiritual practices as the sermons.

**June 24, July 1, July 8, August 5, and August 12 sessions will be at
Christ Church is located at 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075**

**July 15, July 22 and July 29 will be at
St. John Church is located at 520 Fairfield Ave., Bellevue, KY 41073**