



The Season after Pentecost

June 6, 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.
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Gathering Music

Steve Milloy, piano

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" -James M. Black, arr. Mark Hayes

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, voice and piano

"Who is My Mother, Who is My Brother" -Erena Murray & Jack Schrader

Statement of Faith (Spoken in unison)

Lonnie Fields

**We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,
and to your deeds we testify:**

**You call the worlds into being,
create persons in your own image,
and set before each one the ways of life and death.**

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

**You judge people and nations by your righteous will
declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior.
you have come to us and shared our common lot,
conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.**

**You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.**

**You call us into your church
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
to be your servants in the service of others,
to proclaim the gospel to all the world
and resist the powers of evil,
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,
to join him in his passion and victory.**

**You promise to all who trust you
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,
your presence in trial and rejoicing,
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.**

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

Community Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

Instrumental

Steve Milloy, piano

"Sanctuary" -John W. Thompson & Randy Scruggs, arr. Carol Tornquist

Mark 3.20-35

Lonnie Fields

²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have

forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰ for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“BE FREE AND FOLLOW THE SPIRIT”

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Steve Milloy, voice and piano

“Be Not Afraid” -*Robert J. Duford, S.J., arr. Jack Scradar*

Generous Giving

Lonnie Fields

As we leave today follow the one-way direction signs to exit through the Fairfield Avenue door, the non-accessible door to the parking lot, or through the accessible lobby to the ramp. 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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Thank you for your financial support to the mission and ministry of the Church!

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Keith M. Haithcock

Going Forth Music

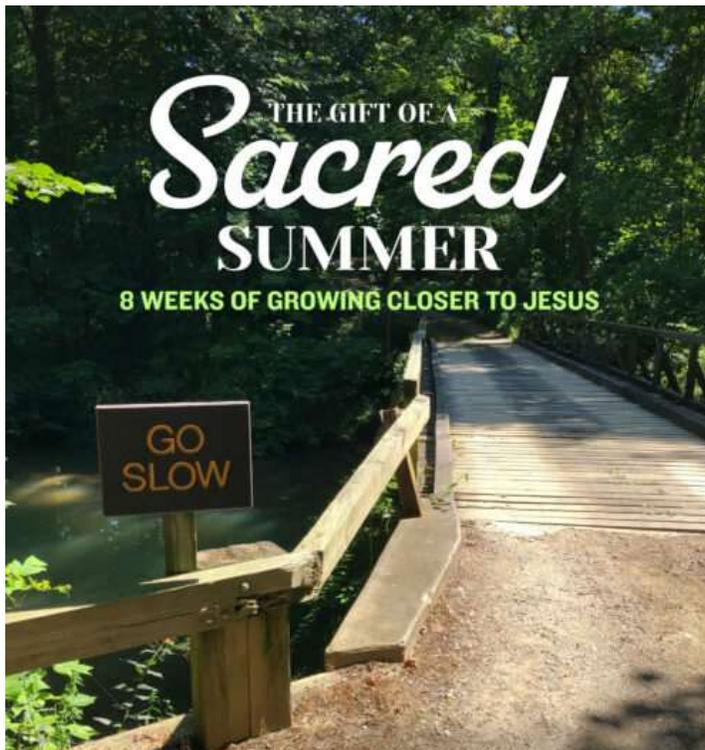
Steve Milloy, piano

“Postlude Fantasia” -arr. Robert Thygerson

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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