



# The Gift of a Sacred Summer

July 11, 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](http://www.StJohnChurch.net).  
If you would like to receive *The e-Weekly* let us know at [Office@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Office@StJohnChurch.net).

## Gathering Music

Steve Milloy, piano

"How Majestic is Your Name" -*Michael W. Smith, arr. Glenda Austin*

## Greeting & Call to Worship -Psalm 19.1-4a

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

The heavens herald your glory, O God  
and the skies display your handiwork.  
Day to day they tell their story,  
and night after night they reveal  
the depth of their understanding.  
Without speech, without words,  
without even an audible voice,  
their cry echoes through all the world,  
and their message reaches the ends of the earth.

## Solo

Charmaine Moore-Kitsinis, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

"Touch the Earth Lightly" -*Shirley Erena Murray & Colin Gibson*

## Credo (Spoken in unison)

Sue Jelinek

**I believe in the One whose image and likeness we possess;  
the One who loves the world and shares humanity with us;  
the One who reveals holiness and love to the human spirit;  
the One who remains with us and guides us in righteousness,  
reconciliation, and love for others and ourselves.**

## Community Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

## Instrumental

Steve Milloy, piano

“Amazing Grace/I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” -arr. Carol Tornquist

## Psalm 8

Sue Jelinek

- O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.
- <sup>2</sup> Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
- <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;
- <sup>4</sup> what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?
- <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.
- <sup>6</sup> You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,
- <sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,
- <sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- <sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

“FINDING GOD IN NATURE”

Keith M. Haithcock

## Ministry of Music

Charmaine Moore-Kitsinis, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” -Linda Lee Johnson & Tom Fettke

# Celebration of Holy Communion

## Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

Keith M. Haithcock

## Invitation to the Table

## Communion Hymn

Charmaine Moore-Kitsinis

“I Come with Joy”

I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one, and strangers now are friends,  
and strangers now are friends.

And thus we meet, and better know the Presence, ever near,  
And join our hearts and sing with joy that Christ is risen here,  
that Christ is risen here.

## Communion Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise....

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

## Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Keith M. Haithcock

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Generous Giving

Sue Jelinek

As we leave today, please keep your masks on while in the Church house and keep distancing. 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.

**Send Out**

Keith M. Haithcock

**Going Forth Music**

Steve Milloy, piano

“How Great Thou Art” -arr. Lloyd Larson

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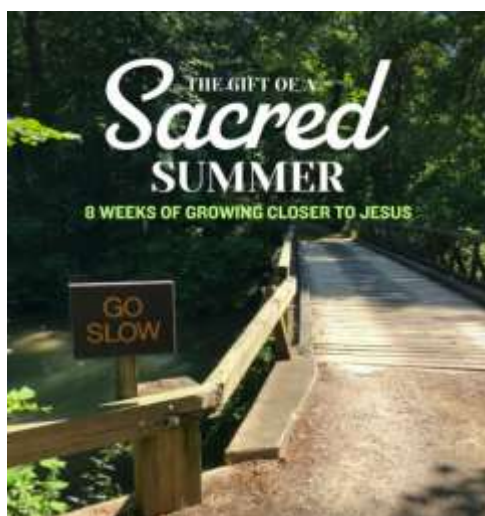
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**Thursday “Circles” (Small Groups) In-Person, 7pm to 8pm**  
**Registration Information: Each Circle session stands alone.**

**It’s summer! Attend as you can. Please register at:**  
**[Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto: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.**

**August 5, and August 12 sessions will be at**  
**Christ Church located at 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas,**  
**KY 41075**

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