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# The Gift of a Sacred Summer

July 25, 2021

St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue KY

## Greeting & Imparting Peace

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

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

All: **And also with you.**

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## Mission Moment

Stephanie Dalsfoist, Reforming Team chair

COVID19 Updates

## Community Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

- For your abiding presence, we thank you.  
*-our silent prayers are lifted-*
- For your forgiveness, we thank you.  
*-our silent prayers are lifted-*
- For your hope, we thank you.  
*-our silent prayers are lifted-*
- For those who cannot hear you, we pray.  
*-our silent prayers are lifted-*
- For those who have shut themselves off from you, we pray.  
*-our silent prayers are lifted-*
- For those who are hurting in body, mind, or spirit, we pray.  
*-our silent prayers are lifted-*
- For your world, we pray.  
*-our silent prayers are lifted-*

## Psalm 46

Cherie Draper

- God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,  
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. *Selah*
- <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- <sup>6</sup> The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*
- <sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD;  
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
- <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God!  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth."
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge. *Selah*

## Psalm 17

- Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;  
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
- <sup>2</sup> From you let my vindication come;  
let your eyes see the right.
- <sup>3</sup> If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,  
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;  
my mouth does not transgress.
- <sup>4</sup> As for what others do, by the word of your lips  
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
- <sup>5</sup> My steps have held fast to your paths;

my feet have not slipped.

<sup>6</sup> I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;  
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

<sup>7</sup> Wondrously show your steadfast love,  
O savior of those who seek refuge  
from their adversaries at your right hand.

<sup>8</sup> Guard me as the apple of the eye;  
hide me in the shadow of your wings,

<sup>9</sup> from the wicked who despoil me,  
my deadly enemies who surround me.

<sup>10</sup> They close their hearts to pity;  
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.

<sup>11</sup> They track me down; now they surround me;  
they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.

<sup>12</sup> They are like a lion eager to tear,  
like a young lion lurking in ambush.

<sup>13</sup> Rise up, O LORD, confront them, overthrow them!  
By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,

<sup>14</sup> from mortals—by your hand, O LORD—  
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.

May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them;  
may their children have more than enough;  
may they leave something over to their little ones.

<sup>15</sup> As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;  
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

## 1 Samuel 3.1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The LORD called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of

the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Ministry of Music

Stephanie Dalsfoist, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

"Still, My Soul, be Still" -*Keith & Kristin Getty & Stuart Townend*

## Sermon

"SILENCE"

Keith M. Haithcock

## Send Out

Keith M. Haithcock

## Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

"How Firm a Foundation" -*Joseph Funk, arr. Cindy Berry*

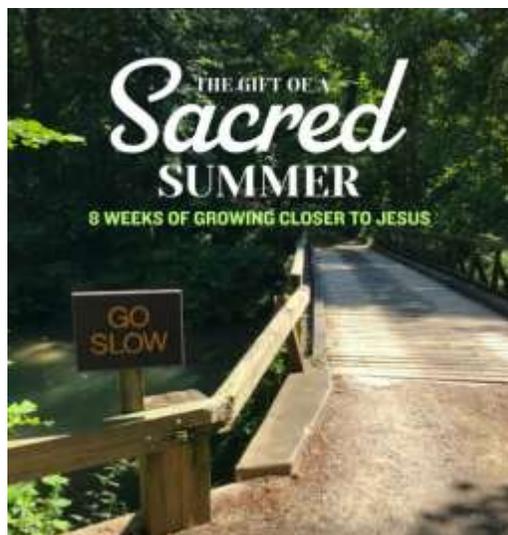
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### Thursday "Circles" (Small Groups) In-Person, 7pm to 8pm

**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.**

**July 29, August 5, and August 12 sessions will be at**

**Christ Church located at 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave.,  
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