



August 1, 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

"I Am Love" -Maurice White, David Foster, & Allee Willis, arr. Tom Roed

Call to Worship

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

Solo

Steve Milloy, voice & piano

"Song of Hope (Canto de Esperanza)" -Alvin Schutmaat

Statement of Faith (Spoken together)

Bobby Moreland

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;
and, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we commit ourselves, in the service of others,
to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,
and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God.
Amen.

Guided Community Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

Instrumental

“Resting in God’s Arms” -*Mark Hayes*

Steve Milloy, piano

John 13.34-35

Bobby Moreland

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

1 John 3.17-18

How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

1 John 3:1

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Matthew 5.44

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“HOW LOVE BINDS US TOGETHER”

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Steve Milloy, voice & piano

“Un mandamiento nuevo” -*William Loperena, English version by Carolyn Jennings*

Celebration of Holy Communion

Instructions for receiving Holy Communion

Keith M. Haithcock

Invitation to the Table

Communion Hymn

Steve Milloy, voice & piano

“As We Gather at Your Table”

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s victory known.

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

Bobby Moreland

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

“Love Will Keep Us Together” -Neil Sedaka, Howard Greenfield

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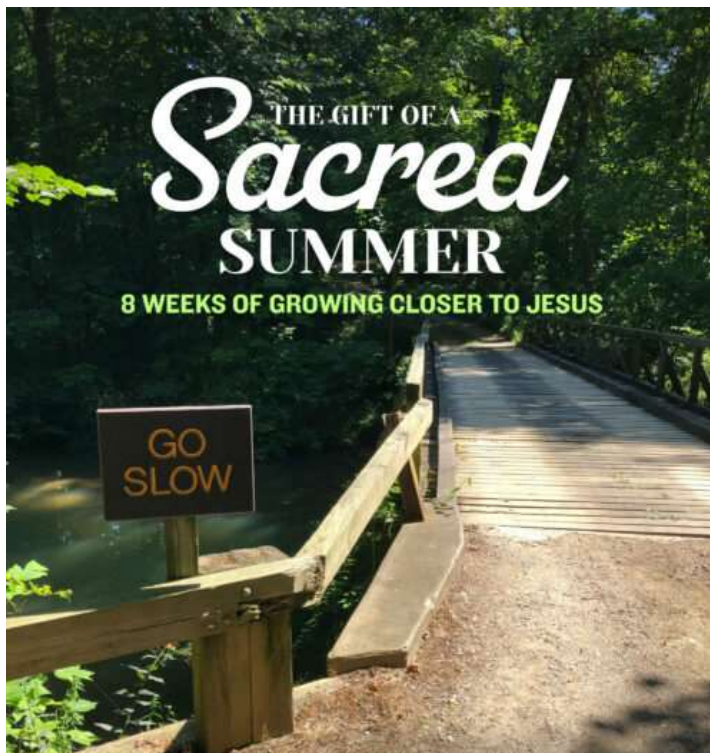
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Thursday “Circles” (Small Groups) In-Person, 7pm to 8pm

Registration Information: Each Circle session stands alone. It’s summer! Attend as you can. Please register at: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net 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