



# Summer Worship at St John

August 15, 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

"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship" -*Brian Doerksen, arr. Carol Tornquist*

## Greeting, Prayer, & Imparting Peace

Melissa Stephens

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

All: **And also with you.**

## Solo

Jennie Malone, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

"We are Called" -*David Haas, arr. Mark Hayes*

## 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**

Melissa Stephens

## **Instrumental**

Steve Milloy, piano

*"He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates)" -Leona von Brethorst, arr. Carol Tornquist*

## **Matthew 25.34-40**

Lonnie Fields

<sup>34</sup> Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup> for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup> And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup> And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

## John 6.1-15

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."  
<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

"COMMUNITY"

Melissa Stephens, guest preacher

## Ministry of Music

Jennie Malone, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

"God, You Made Us in Your Image" -*Steven Andrews, adapted Lloyd Larson*

## Generous Giving

Lonnie Fields

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**

Melissa Stephens

**Going Forth Music**

Steve Milloy, piano

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sounds” -*William J. Kirkpatrick, arr. by Mark Hayes*

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***The Nature of the Bible***  
a five-week series facilitated by  
**Dean Griffith**

Thursdays from 6:30p to 7:30p  
September 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2021

The study will look at several questions about the book itself, in its present form, as a basis for studies of its content. The five classes will include questions of inspiration, authenticity, historical and translation accuracy, with thoughts about how we know what we know - and what we *don't* - and how the text has changed over its life. The final week will look at why and how the Bible has become so central to our faith.

To register for the Zoom log-in email [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net), or call 859.261.2066, ext. 202 by Monday, August, 30.