

# Create

A Sacred Summer

August 8, 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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" -Ludwig von Beethoven, arr. Lloyd Larson

## Greeting & Call to Worship

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

One: And so, we pray.

Change our hearts, O God,

**All: make them ever true.**

One: Change our hearts, O God,

**All: may we be like you.**

One: You are the Potter,

**All: we are the clay.**

One: Mold us and make us,

**All: this is what we pray. ~silence is kept~**

One: We are a new creation in Christ. **Amen.**

## Solo

Melissa Stephens, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

"Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ" -Fred Kaan/Jamaican folk song

## Affirmation (Spoken in unison)

Richard Robbins

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

## Community Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

## Instrumental

Steve Milloy, piano

“They’ll Know we are Christians by Our Love with Blest Be the Tie” -arr. Carol Tornquist

## Installation of the 2021 Strategic Leadership Council

### Presentation

President:	Ginnie Kelley	Treasurer:	Melissa Stephens
President Elect:	Tim Smith	Member:	Carol Griffith
Secretary:	Cherie Draper	Member:	Steve Phillips

Pastor: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

### COVENANT

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ’s name and for the glory of God?

Council: *I am.*

Pastor: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Council: *I do, relying on God’s grace.*

Pastor: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our siblings in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

**All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

### PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray together.

**All: Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### DECLARATION

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of St. John United Church of Christ, I announce you are installed as the 2021 Strategic Leadership Council.

## Isaiah 64.8

Richard Robbins

Yet you are our mother and father YHWH;  
we are the clay and you are the potter, we are all the work of your hands.

## Genesis 1.27

Humankind was created as God's reflection:  
In the divine image God created them; female and male, God made them.

## Psalms 139.13-14

You created my inmost being  
and stitched me together in my mother's womb.  
For all these mysteries I thank you—  
for the wonder of myself,  
for the wonder of your works—  
my soul knows it well.

One: Here ends the readings inspired by God.  
May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

“HOW WE CREATE”

Keith M. Haithcock

## Ministry of Music

Melissa Stephens, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” -*Sebastian Temple, arr. Jane Holstein*

## Generous Giving

Richard Robbins

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

“Take the Name of Jesus with You” -*W. Howard Doane, arr. Cindy Berry*

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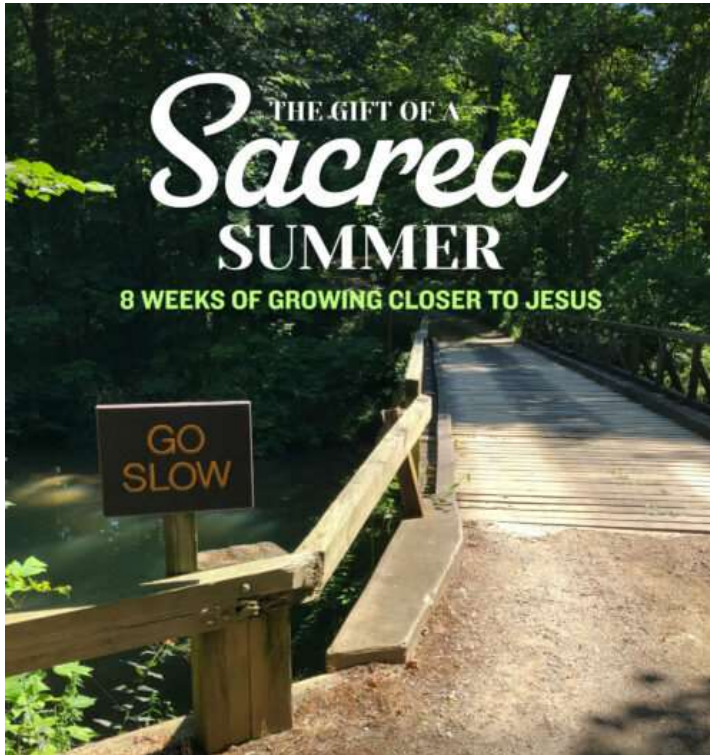
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**Thursday “Circles” (Small Groups) In-Person, 7pm to 8pm**

**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 12 session will be at Christ Church located at 15 S. Ft. Thomas Ave., Ft. Thomas, KY 41075**