



The Worship of God

September 5, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

"In Highest Majesty" -Lani Smith

Greeting & Imparting Peace

Tim Smith

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

All: **And also with you.**

Solo

Theo Baldwin, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

"Blessed Assurance" -Fanny Crosby & Phoebe Palmer Knapp, arr. Travis Cotrell

Statement of Faith (Spoken in unison)

Bobby Moreland

**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

Tim Smith

Instrumental

Steve Milloy, piano

"On the Wind of Spirit" -*Mark Hayes*

Psalm 146

Bobby Moreland

¹ Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴ When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵ Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD their God,

⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

7 who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;
8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.
9 The LORD watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
10 The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the LORD!

James 2:14-17

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Matthew 28:16-20 (Rise in body or spirit.)

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"LABORS OF LOVE"

Tim Smith

Ministry of Music

Theo Baldwin, voice; Steve Milloy, voice & piano

"Here I Am" -Tom Long & Allen Pote, arr. Jack Schrader

Generous Giving

Bobby Moreland

As we leave today please keep your masks on and greet one another after you exit the Church house while observing 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 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Tim Smith

One: May the living Christ go with you,
before you to light the way,
behind you to encourage you,
beside you to befriend you,
beneath you to sustain you,
above you to watch over you,
and within you to give you peace.

All: Amen!

Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

"Where He Leads Me" - John S. Norris, arr. Cindy Berry

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