



St. John Church

October 10, 2021

You are invited to grow in generosity, faith,
and in relationship with God.

Centering Scripture

*“Trust Our God with all your heart,
and don’t rely on your own understanding;
acknowledge God in everything you do,
and God will direct your paths.” -Proverbs 2.5-6*

Gathering Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“He Keeps Me Singing” -Luther B. Bridgers, arr. Bill Wolaver

Greeting

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

Solo

Melissa Stephens, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

“This Is Amazing Grace” -Jeremy Riddle, Phil Wickham, & Joshua Neil Farro; arr. Lloyd Larson

Affirmation (Spoken in unison)

Bobby Moreland

**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

Mission Moment

Bobby Moreland

Neighbors in Need special mission offering: Unfailing Love
We will be receiving the NIN offering throughout the month of October

Instrumental

Steve Milloy, piano

“Where He Leads Me” -*John S. Norris; arr. Todd Beaney*

Mark 10:17-31 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Bobby Moreland

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“TOUGH CHOICES – WHAT MUST I DO?”

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Melissa Stephens, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

“In Christ Alone” -Keith Getty & Stuart Townend; arr. Larson

Generous Giving

Bobby Moreland

You will find an offering plate in the back and in the front as you depart.

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.)

Keith M. Haithcock

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” -Anthony Showalter, arr. Bill Wolaver

Welcome to St. John Church!

For more information about St. John Church go to: www.StJohnChurch.net.

To receive *The e-Weekly* let us know at Office@StJohnChurch.net.

To meet with the Pastor call: 859.261.2066, ext.202; email: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net.

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ANNUAL MEETING

October 18th - 31st 2021 *Virtual Annual Congregational Meeting*
ST. JOHN UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – BELLEVUE, KY

A Simple Overview: All covenant members will receive written reports, registration and voting links by email / US Mail. The same email / US Mail will be sent twice: October 18 and October 23. There will be two Question and Answer sessions on Sunday, October 24th at 4:00p and Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00p by Zoom / Phone.

No digital connection? Covenant members who require non-digital communications can call Cherie Draper (SLC secretary – 425.971.4703) or wait for a call from her to assist with registration, two Q&A Zoom meetings by phone, and voting by phone.

Covenant members will be asked to vote on:

1. Approval of the previous special congregational meeting minutes
2. Approval of incoming Strategic Leadership Council members
3. The 2022 Mission and Ministry Action Plan (MMAP)
4. Use of the Ludwig funds to subsidize the 2022 MMAP

Four easy steps:

1. Register for the annual meeting to assure a quorum
2. Read the written reports and jot down questions you may have
3. Attend, SLC hosted “Question and Answer” Zoom meetings:
Sunday, October 24th at 4:00p. Zoom / Phone and
Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00p. Zoom / Phone
4. Vote no later than Sunday, October 31st