



# St. John Church

October 17, 2021

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

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## 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

The St. John Handbell Choir

“The Tallis Canon” -arr. Douglas E. Wagner

## Greeting

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

## Solo

Steve Milloy, voice & piano

“Bringing In the Sheaves” -Knowles Shaw & George A. Minor; arr. Jay Althouse

## Statement of Faith (Spoken in unison)

Richard Robbins

**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**

Keith M. Haithcock

## **Passing the Peace** (Rise in body or spirit.)

One: May the peace of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## **Instrumental**

Steve Milloy, piano

*"Jesus Paid It All" -John T. Grape; arr. Mark Hayes*

## **Mark 10:35-45** (Rise in body or spirit.)

Richard Robbins

<sup>35</sup> James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup> They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

<sup>41</sup> When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup> So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup> But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you

must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** “GREAT SERVICE – TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT” Keith M. Haithcock

**Ministry of Music** Steve Milloy, voice & piano  
“The Servant Song” -*Richard Gillard*

**Generous Giving** Richard Robbins

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  
“All People That on Earth do Dwell” -*Louis Bourgeois, arr. Lloyd Larson*

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## Welcome to St. John Church!

For more information about St. John Church go to: [www.StJohnChurch.net](http://www.StJohnChurch.net).

To receive *The e-Weekly* let us know at [Office@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Office@StJohnChurch.net).

To meet with the Pastor call: 859.261.2066, ext.202; email: [Pastor@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Pastor@StJohnChurch.net).

## Contact Tracing Information

In an effort to keep everyone healthy, contact the Church office at 859.261.2066 ext. 201 or [Office@StJohnChurch.net](mailto:Office@StJohnChurch.net) if you are diagnosed with COVID after this service.

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**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.

### **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 (MMA)
4. Use of the Ludwig funds to subsidize the 2022 MMA

### **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 and Wednesday, October 27th at 7:00p. Zoom / Phone
4. Vote no later than Sunday, October 31st

- **Register:** <https://stjohnchurch.net/congregation-meeting-2021/> (Phone: 425.971.4703)