



...at St. John Church

October 24, 2021

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Theo Baldwin, piano

“Bless His Holy Name” -*Andraé Crouch, arr. Mark Hayes*

Greeting

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

Solo

Kaeden Kass, soloist

“Beautiful City” -*Stephen Schwartz*

Statement of Faith (Spoken together)

Lonnie Fields

We believe in God

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,

whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,

whose love was crucified by the evil that awaits to enslave us all

and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, in God we trust;

and, in the name of Jesus Christ,

we commit ourselves, in the service of others,

to seek justice and to live in peace,

to care for the Earth and to share the commonwealth of God’s goodness,

to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the spirit of love,

and in the company of the faithful so to be the church, for the glory of God.

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

Theo Baldwin, piano

“Open Our Eyes, Lord (with Open My Eyes That I May See)” -arr. Carol Tornquist

Generosity Moment

Tim Smith & Steve Phillips

“All In” Generosity Campaign

Mark 10:46-52 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Lonnie Fields

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵² Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“TAKE HEART”

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Kaeden Kass, soloist

“Take Heart” -Matthew West and Andrew Jacob Pruis

Call for the Offering

Lonnie Fields

In communion with one another, let us share what we have received, knowing that we are one flesh with all humanity.

There are offering plates available at both the front and back of the Sanctuary. You may place your offering there as you leave. May God continue to bless you as you give generously.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

Creative God, free us from our wants – empower us with what we hold.
Give us a taste of the “eternal life” you offer.
When we are surprised by Jesus telling us to give what we hold,
help us to be more generous because we can.
We give to make a difference with joy. Amen.

Send Out (Rise in body or spirit.)

Keith M. Haithcock

As we leave today, remember to observe distancing, and keep your masks on. Exit the Church house directly and wait to greet one another until you are outside.

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.
Go and serve God faithfully.

All: Amen!

Going Forth Music

Kaeden Kass, viola; Theo Baldwin, piano

“Holy Manna” -*William Walker’s Southern Harmony, 1835; arr. Lee Burswold*

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.

Contact Tracing Information

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

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ANNUAL MEETING

October 18th - 31st 2021 Virtual Annual
Congregational Meeting
St. John United Church of Christ – Bellevue, KY

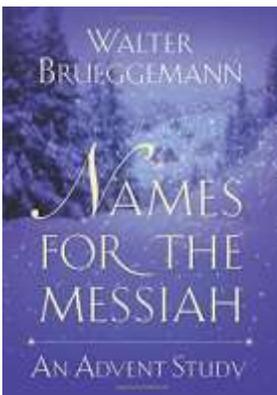
A Simple Overview: All covenant members will receive written reports, registration and voting links by email / US Mail. The same email / US Mail will be sent twice: October 18 and October 23. There will be two Question and Answer sessions on Sunday, October 24th at 4:00p and Wednesday, October 27th at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

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 (MMAAP)
4. Use of the Ludwig funds to subsidize the 2022 MMAAP

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)



2021 Advent Study

Names for the Messiah by Walter Brueggemann

A 4-week Zoom Study on Thursdays at 6:30p
November 18, and December 2, 9, and 16 (For youth and adults)

Facilitated by Dean Griffith – Read chapter 1 by Nov. 18th.

Order book at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0444809>

Registration and Questions: Pastor@StJohnChurch.net or 859.261.2066, ext. 202.
Register by November 14.

Assistance for the book? Contact Pastor Keith by Nov. 11.