



# ...at St. John Church

November 7, 2021  
24th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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## Centering Scripture

*“Stop worrying, then, over questions such as,  
‘What are we to eat,’ or ‘what are we to drink,’ or ‘what are we to wear?’  
Those without faith are always running after these things.  
God knows everything you need. Seek first God’s reign, and God’s justice,  
and all these things will be given to you besides.” -Matthew 6.31-33*

## Gathering Music

Steve Milloy, piano

*“Along the King’s Highway” -Lani Smith*

## Greeting

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

## Solo

Jennie Malone, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

*“Heaven Is Singing for Joy (El cielo canta alegría)” -Pablo Sosa*

## Statement of Faith (Spoken together)

Sue Jelinek

**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

**ALL: Great Giver, in whom heaven is found, holy is your name.  
May your commonwealth of peace and freedom flourish on earth.  
Give us this day bread for our journey and make us hungry to see the  
whole world nourished.  
Forgive us and help us forgive one another.  
Strengthen us for the challenges that lie ahead.  
Let us hear your prophets and deliver us from our privilege.  
For your love is the only power, the only home, the only honor we need  
in the world and in the world to come. Amen.**

## 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

“The Lord’s My Shepherd” -James L. M. Bain, arr. Tracy Craig McKibben

## Generosity Moment

Lonnie Fields

“All In” Generosity Campaign 2021

## Luke 15.1-7 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Sue Jelinek

<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

“ALL IN!” – PARABLE OF LOST SHEEP

Melissa Stephens

## Ministry of Music

Jennie Malone, voice; Steve Milloy, piano

“Come to the Table” -*Ben Glover, Ben McDonald, and Dave Frey*

## Call for the Offering

Sue Jelinek

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.**

## Celebration of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Table

Keith M. Haithcock

### Communion Hymn

“Una Espiga (Sheaves of Summer)”

Jennie Malone, voice

Sheaves of summer turned golden by the sun,  
grapes in bunches cut down when ripe and red,  
Are converted into the bread and wine of God’s love  
in the body and blood of our dear Lord.

We are sharing the same communion meal;  
we are wheat by the same great Sower sown;  
Like a millstone life grinds us down with sorrow and pain,  
but God makes us new people bound by love.

Like the grains which become one same whole loaf,  
Like the notes that are woven into song, Like the droplets of water that are blended in the  
sea, we, as Christians, one body shall become.

At God’s table together we shall sit.  
As God’s children, Christ’s body we will share.  
One same hope we will sing together as we walk along.  
Brothers, sisters, in life, in love, we’ll be.

## Communion Prayer

Keith M. Haithcock

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise....**

## Sharing the Bread and Cup

### Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Send Out** (Rise in body or spirit.)

### Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

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

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## Welcome to St. John Church!

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