



# ...at St. John Church

## Generosity Campaign Commitment Sunday

November 21, 2021 - 26th Sunday after Pentecost

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### Centering Scripture

*"You will be made rich in every way for your generosity,  
for which we give thanks to God." -2 Corinthians 9.11*

### Gathering Music

The St. John Handbell Choir

*"Count Your Blessings" -arr. Patricia Cota*

### Greeting

Keith M. Haithcock, pastor & teacher

### Solo

Theo Baldwin, soloist

*"Here I Am, Lord" -Peter L. Schutte, arr. Steve Milloy*

### 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

### 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

“Just As I Am” -*William Bradbury, arr. Victor Labenske*

## Luke 14.16-24 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Sue Jelinek

<sup>16</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. <sup>17</sup> At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come; for everything is ready now.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.’ <sup>19</sup> Another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.’ <sup>20</sup> Another said, ‘I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.’ <sup>21</sup> So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, ‘Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.’ <sup>22</sup> And the slave said, ‘Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.’ <sup>23</sup> Then the master said to the slave, ‘Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.’”

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 THE GREAT DINNER

Keith M. Haithcock

## Ministry of Music

Theo Baldwin, voice

“A Place at the Table” -*Shirley Erena Murray & Brian Mann*

## Call for the Offering and 2022 Generosity Commitments

Sue Jelinek

In covenant with God and one another, let us commit what we have received.

Knowing that we are one flesh created in God’s image.

Trusting that each giver will be blessed, and each gift will be multiplied to sustain and empower the mission and ministry of the church for the common good and the glory of God. May God continue to bless you as you give generously.

Offering plates are in the front and back of the Sanctuary. You may place your offering there as you leave. And remember to pick up a bookmark commemorating your commitment this day.

## Responsive Prayer of Dedication

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Join me in prayer. God of love, grace, mercy, and justice,

**All: we come to you in prayer.**

One: With gratitude for all your gifts to us,

**All: we dedicate these commitments.**

One: In service to Christ whom we seek to follow,

**All: we're all in!**

One: To preaching and teaching the gospel,

**All: we're all in!**

One: To extending love and extravagant welcome to all of God's children  
without judgement,

**All: we're all in!**

One: To reaching out to those beyond the church,

**All: we're all in!**

One: Grounded in justice, diversity, and inclusion,

**All: we're all in!**

One: To seeking to be and to become Anti-Racist, Accessible to All, and Open  
and Affirming,

**All: we're all in!**

One: Through offering our financial resources, talents, and time generously,

**All: we're all in!**

One: By the power of your Holy Spirit,

**All: we're all in!**

One: Grant us your grace, O God,

**All: that we may fulfill the commitments**

**we have made to you and one another this day**

**and be increasingly faithful and engaged in your church.**

**In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

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

Sue Jelinek

One: May the living Christ go with you,

**Left: before you to light the way,**

Right: *behind you to encourage you,*

**Left: beside you to befriend you,**

Right: *beneath you to sustain you,*

**Left: above you to watch over you,**

Right: *and within you to give you peace.*

One: Go and serve God faithfully – Amen.

**All: I'm All In!**

## Going Forth Music

Theo Baldwin & Steve Phillips, pianists

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” -*John Wyeth, arr. Vicki Collingsworth*

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## Welcome to St. John Church!

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**Remember to pick up your bookmark by the offering plates at the door.**