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St. John
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST
a just world for all

Anti-Racism - Accessible to All - Open and Affirming

*"We extend love and extravagant welcome
to all of God's children without judgment,
no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey."*

February 6, 2022

Welcome to St. John Church!

Masks are required and must always cover nose and mouth.
Contact tracing information is requested to contain virus transmission.
Please extend a respectful courtesy by silencing your cell phone.
Sign Language interpretation is available in the front.
Assistive listening devices are at the Welcome Table in the back.
Offering plates are in the front and rear of the Church.

E p i p h a n y

Welcome

No matter who you are
or where you are on life's journey
you are welcome here!

Gathering Music & Lighting Candles (10:20a)

Steve Milloy, piano; Bennett Draper, Acolyte

"Holy, Holy, Holy" -*John B. Dykes, arr. Mark Hayes*

"It Is Well with My Soul *with Be the Centre*" -*arr. Carol Tornquist*

"He Has Made Me Glad" -*Leona von Brethorst, arr. Carol Tornquist*

Greeting and Centering Affirmation

Keith M. Haithcock

One: In service to Christ, this intentionally inclusive congregation feeds the body, mind, and spirit, gives strength, and shines God's light wherever there is darkness.

All: **We are a beacon of hope and inspiration. This ministry is open, affirming, inviting, and accessible to all. We extend love and extravagant welcome to all of God's children without judgment, no matter who they are or where they are on life's journey. We embolden everyone to live out their faith, to engage in ministry, to witness, and to serve.**

Opening our Heart

One: Let us open our hearts to God.

(Silence is kept.)

All: **Loving God, you have come to us in Jesus;
yet we confess that we often refuse to receive you.**

**We live in the world as if we did not know you.
Showing your love for all peoples,
you guided sages from distant lands to worship Jesus, your child.
Although we know of this love, we limit our love, building walls rather
than bridges and denying our connection with all those you love.
Forgive us and give us new hearts to love and serve you.
Write your Word within us. Make yourself known to us as we live today.
We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, in whom you reveal yourself.
Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

One: Be of good courage,
for God sent the Word into the world not to judge but to save.
I say to you in the name of Jesus the Christ:
Your sin is forgiven. Through the power of the Spirit.

All: Let us live as children of God. Amen!

Opening Hymn

“Jennie Malone, vocal with Sarah Palm, clarinet

“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”

You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea.

We hear your voice of power, “Now come and follow me.

And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal,

Then I will make you fishers, but of the human soul.”

You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth.

We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth.

We spread your net of gospel across the water’s face,

Our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace.

We cast our net, O Jesus; we seek your promised reign;

We work for love and justice; we learn to hope through pain

You call on us to gather God’s daughters and God’s sons,

To let your judgement heal us so that all may be one.

Call to Prayer

Philippians 4.6-7

Keith M. Haithcock

Dismiss all anxiety from your minds; instead, present your needs to God through prayer and petition, giving thanks for all circumstances. Then God’s own peace, which is beyond all understanding, will stand guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Community Prayer

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

Jeff Draper

¹Sisters and brothers, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and in which you stand firm. ²You are being saved by it at this very moment, if you hold fast to it as I preached it to you. Otherwise you have believed in vain. ³I handed on to you, first of all, what I myself received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures; ⁴that he was buried and, in accordance with the scriptures, rose on the third day; ⁵that he was seen by Peter, then by the Twelve. ⁶After that, he was seen by more than five hundred sisters and brothers at once, most of whom are still alive, although some have fallen asleep. ⁷Next he was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸Last of all he was seen by me, as one yanked from the womb.

⁹I am the least of the apostles; in fact, because I persecuted the church of God, I do not even deserve the name. ¹⁰But by God's favor I am what I am. This favor that God has given to me has not proven fruitless. Indeed, I have worked harder than all the others, not on my own but through the grace of God. ¹¹In any case, whether it be I or they, this is what we preach and this is what you believed.

Luke 5.1-11 (Rise in body or spirit.)

¹One day, Jesus was standing by Lake Gennesarat, and the crowd pressed in on him to hear the word of God. ²He saw two boats moored by the side of the lake; the fishers had disembarked and were washing their nets. ³Jesus stepped into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to pull out a short distance from the shore; then, remaining seated, he continued to teach the crowds from the boat.

⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Pull out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."

⁵Simon answered, "Rabbi, we've been working hard all night long and have caught nothing; but if you say so, I'll lower the nets."

⁶Upon doing so, they caught such a great number of fish that their nets were at the breaking point. ⁷They signaled to their mates in the other boat to come and help them, and together they filled the two boats until they both nearly sank.

⁸After Simon saw what happened, he was filled with awe and fell down before Jesus, saying, "Leave me, Rabbi, for I'm a sinner." ⁹For Simon and his shipmates were astonished at the size of the catch they had made, ¹⁰as were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's partners.

Jesus said to Simon, “Don’t be afraid; from now on you’ll fish among humankind.”
11And when they brought their boats to shore, they left everything and following him.

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God.

Song of Response

“Gloria a Dios”

Jennie Malone, vocal

¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria los cielos!

¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios, gloria los cielos!

¡A Dios la gloria por siempre! A Dios la gloria por siempre!

¡Alleluya, amén! Alleluya, amén! ¡Alleluya, amén! Alleluya, amén!

¡Alleluya, amén! Alleluya, amén! ¡Alleluya, amén! Alleluya, amén!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

To God be glory forever! To God be glory forever!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen! Alleluia, amen!

Homily

“*EMBOLDEN FAITH*”

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Jennie Malone, vocal

“We Will Rise Up and Follow” -*M. L. Bringle & J. R. Kleinheksel, Sr.*

An Invitation to Share our Gifts

Jeff Draper

When we give our gifts: tithes and offerings, talents and time,
we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ.

You are invited to give as generously as you have received.

Offering plates are 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 Blessing of our Gifts

Jeff Draper

Accept these gifts, we humbly pray, O God.

Let them give you honor and glory as we serve the needs of your people.

And let the called and redeemed of God say, Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Keith M. Haithcock

Communion Song

Jennie Malone, vocal

“Somos pueblo que camina” (We Are People on a Journey)

We are people on a journey; pain is with us all the way.
Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.

God has sent the invitation to the humble and the poor.
Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.

This is bread that God provides us, nourishing our unity.
Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.

Christ is ever present with us to unite us all in love.
Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.

All who truly thirst for justice seek their liberation here.
Joyfully we come together at the holy feast of God.

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.

Closing Song

“We Shall Not Give Up the Fight”

Jennie Malone, vocal

We shall not give up the fight, we have only started,
we have only started, we have only started. (repeat)

Together we'll have victory, hand holding hand,
hand holding hand, hand holding hand. (repeat)

Never, ever put to flight, we're bound to win,
we're bound to win, we're bound to win. (repeat)

We shall not give up the fight, we have only started,
we have only started, we have only started. (repeat)

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 others until you are outside.**

Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" - *Traditional Spanish Melody, arr. Molly Ijames*

Welcome to St. John Church!

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

To receive *The e-Weekly* or Prayer List, email Office@StJohnChurch.net.

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

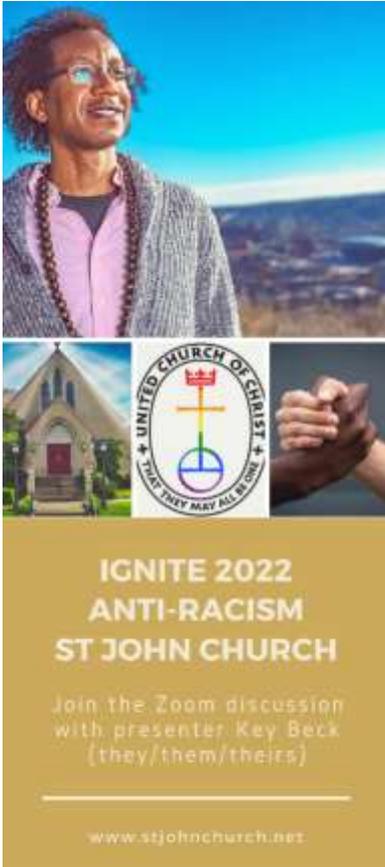
To make a prayer request for the Prayer List, email PrayerList@StJohnChurch.net.

No online connection? Call the office at 859.261.2066, ext. 201 for all these things.

Office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10am to 4pm.

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YOU ARE INVITED!

Join an online Zoom discussion
on Anti-Racism with presenter Key Beck
Thursdays in February
February 10, 17, 24 at 6:30PM EST

To reserve a spot and get updates/connection info click [HERE](#),

or

go to <https://stjohnchurch.net/anti-racism/>,

or

Contact Anthony Palm at 859.628.8474.

“There is nothing to prepare.

Just bring an open and willing heart for discussion!”

Session 2 (Feb 10): Values, Stereotypes, and Implicit Bias

This session will explore the ways in which values shape the way that we move through the world, how stereotypes can affect how we see others, and how implicit bias can change how we do Anti-Racism work.

Key Beck (they, them, theirs) is a LGBTQ and Racial Equity Training Specialist. They have over 15+ years experience facilitating equity and cultural competency training specializing in gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, race/ethnicity and the intersection of these identities through culture. They have facilitated trainings with many state and local agencies including the Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition, GLSEN, Cincinnati Bar Association, Ohio Diversity Council, Ohio Children’s Alliance and the Office of the Attorney General, and Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County and Urban Appalachian Council amongst other community groups. They were recently featured in the 2020 Pride Edition of Cincinnati Magazine and they were awarded LGBTQ+ Leadership Award by the Ohio Diversity Council.