



**IGNITE
2022**

**Justice
Diversity
Inclusion**



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 27, 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.
Assistive listening devices are at the Welcome Table in the back.
Offering plates are in the front and rear of the Church.

T r a n s f i g u r a t i o n

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; Adeline Palm, Acolyte

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" -*Johann G. Werner, arr. Cindy Berry*

"Transfiguration" -*Paul Taylor*

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" -*Welsh Folk Tune, arr. Mark Hayes*

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 “We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” Jennie Malone, vocal

We have come at Christ’s own bidding
to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God’s grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
We, like Peter, find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine,
But true worship gives us courage

to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

 **Ignite Moment** *Ignite Justice, Diversity, and Inclusion 2022*

Sandy Kerlin

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

Exodus 34.29-35

Melissa Artopoulos

²⁹ As Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two tablets of the Covenant, he was not aware that the skin on his face was radiant from speaking with God.

³⁰ When Aaron and the other Israelites saw Moses, they were afraid to approach him because of the radiance of the skin of his face. ³¹ Only when Moses called to them did Aaron and the leaders of the community come near, and then Moses spoke to them.

³² Later, all the Israelites gathered around, and Moses gave them the instructions he had received from YHWH on Mount Sinai. ³³ When he finished speaking to them, Moses put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses entered the presence of YHWH, he would remove the veil until he came out again, ³⁴ and when he would come out and tell the Israelites what had been commanded, ³⁵ they would see that the skin on his face was radiant. Then he would put the veil over his face again until he went in to speak with God.

Luke 9.28-36 (Rise in body or spirit.)

²⁸ About eight days after saying this, Jesus took Peter, John and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹ While Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and the clothes he wore became dazzlingly white. ³⁰ Suddenly two people were there talking with Jesus—Moses and Elijah. ³¹ They appeared in glory and spoke of the prophecy that Jesus was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

³² Peter and the others had already fallen into a deep sleep, but awakening, they saw Jesus' glory—and the two people who were standing next to him. ³³ When the two were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! Let's set

up three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah!” Peter didn’t really know what he was saying.

³⁴ While Peter was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as the others entered it. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice which said, “This is my Own, my Chosen One. Listen to him!”

³⁶ When the voice finished speaking, they saw no one but Jesus standing there. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone.

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

“SHINY FACES”

Sue Jelinek, Chaplain in Residence

Ministry of Music

Jennie Malone, vocal

“Gather Us In” -Marty Haugen

An Invitation to Share our Gifts

Melissa Artopoulos

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.

An Offering of Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“Walking With the Savior” -*Richard Blake*

Unison Blessing of our Gifts

Melissa Artopoeus

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.

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

Going Forth Music

Steve Milloy, piano

“Open Our Eyes, Lord *with* Open My Eyes That I May See”

-*Bob Coll/Clara H. Scott, arr. Carol Tornquist*

Welcome to St. John Church!

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