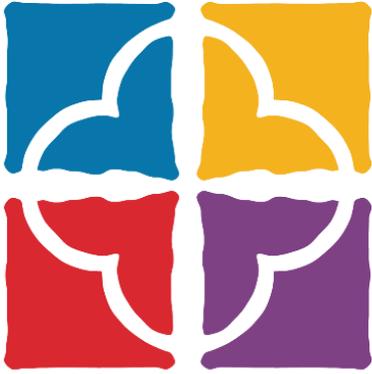


THE CHURCH ON THE AVENUE



ST. JOHN

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

SUNDAYS AFTER PENTECOST

*Baptized by your spirit into one body,
we testify to your faithfulness towards those
of every time, nation, people, and language,
and we give you thanks.*

July 17, 2022

Welcome!

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

Masks are required when you enter, move about, or sing in the Church house.

Masks are optional when you are seated in a pew and physically distanced.

As a courtesy to others silence your phone.

Assistive listening devices are available in the back.

Offering plates are in the front and rear of the Church.

Visit the Welcome Table, located in the back, to learn more about St. John Church.

Remember to offer your contact data at the door to help contain virus transmission.

Gathering Music & Lighting Candles (10:20a)

Steve Milloy, piano; Stephanie Dalsfoist, Acolyte

"Standing in the Need of Prayer" -*Spiritual, arr. Anthony Giamanco*

"Fugue in Classic Style" -*Nicolas Miaskovsky*

"O Thou in Whose Presence My Soul Takes Delight" -*Freeman Lewis, arr. Charity Book Putnam*

Welcome, Call to Worship, & Opening Prayer (10:30a) Keith M. Haithcock

One: The Spirit descends like a dove, bringing peace to unite the world in a just and caring community.

All: The Spirit comes like a breath, bringing life to renew the people of God.

One: The Spirit spreads like fire, bringing energy for witnessing to the love of God.

All: Spirit of God, come to us and transform our lives by your power.

Opening Hymn, 457 (Rise in body or spirit.)

"Jesus, I Live to You"

Prayer of Common Confession

Keith M. Haithcock

One: Let us trust in God's grace.

All: God of collected care, we confess that we are so accustomed to pushing through difficulties, we've come to expect exhaustion as a norm.

We confess that anxiety, not peace, often rules our souls.

Re-orient us, we pray, towards self-healing and self-care. So that we can love others as we love ourselves.

Free us from resentment and envy and remind us of the prophets in our lives who practice rest and boundaries well. May they guide us into deeper freedom and away from exhaustion and othering.

We are all made for more.

-Silence is kept-

Assurance of Grace

One: Beloved, in Christ we are healed, freed, and forgiven

All: So that we might also be wounded healers. Amen.

Song of New Life and Action

"Make Us One"

Make us one, Lord, make us one, Holy Spirit, make us one.

Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you. *(Repeat)*

Praying Together

Keith M. Haithcock

Luke 10.38-42 (Rise in body or spirit.)

Lonnie Fields

³⁸ As they traveled, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him to her home. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to his words.

⁴⁰ Martha, who was busy with all the details of hospitality, came to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, don't you care that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks? Tell her to help me!"

⁴¹ Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha! You're anxious and upset about so many things, ⁴² but only a few things are necessary—really only one. Mary has chosen the better part, and she won't be deprived of it."

One: Here ends the reading inspired by God.

May God grant to us wisdom and courage for interpretation.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"STOP AND REMEMBER JESUS' MINISTRY"

Keith M. Haithcock

Ministry of Music

Steve Milloy

"Be Still and Know" -Steven Curtis Chapman, arr. Lloyd Larson

An Invitation to the Offering

Lonnie Fields

Every time we come to the moment of offering, it's a defining moment. There is an inner struggle between self-interest and generosity, a pull between fear of the future and belief in God's providence.

Offering plates are available at both the front and back of the Church. You may place your offering there as you leave. May God bless you as you give your gifts of time, talent, and treasure generously to continue this ministry of justice, diversity, and inclusion. A beacon of hope and inspiration.

Unison Offering Prayer

We give our offering this morning, O God,
stepping out in faith down the road of grace.
We do this together, as your people,
called and sent to be a blessing for all the world.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Closing Song, 312 (Rise in body or spirit.)

"We Love Your Realm, O God"

Send Out (Rise in body or spirit.)

Keith M. Haithcock

A Singing Response

"Trees of the Field"
(* * denotes claps) Isaiah 55.12

Song Leader and congregation

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, * *
The trees of the field will clap their hands, * *
The trees of the field will clap their hands. * * While you go out with joy.

Stay Connected at 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.

Office hours: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

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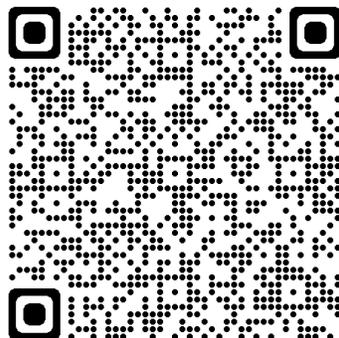
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Taking It to the Streets

This summer the Accessible to All team (A2A) at St. John Church is ready to "take it to the streets" by engaging with Fairfield Avenue shop owners by offering the brochure, "A2A Disability Etiquette: What You Should Know".

Signup on the sheet in the back of the Sanctuary at the Welcome Table, or email Office@StJohnChurch or call the office 859.261.2066, ext. 201. By signing up you will receive detailed information to participate in this effort to widen inclusion for all.

**A2A Disability
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**You're INVITED
to ENGAGE with
Lighthouse Youth
& Family Services**

Sunday, August 14,
10:30AM.

During worship Lighthouse presenters will enlighten us in an Ignite Moment. Following worship, in the Fellowship Hall, they will share a 35-minute presentation about their services with LGBTQI+ youth and young adults. Come • Listen • Learn • Network • Engage



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