

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
**August 23, 2020**



**Common Worship shared by:**

Christ Church, United Church of Christ Ft. Thomas, KY  
St. John United Church of Christ Bellevue, KY  
St. John's United Church of Christ Newport, KY



## Scripture Reading

Matthew 16:13-20

Kyle Taylor

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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## Time with the Children

Edward Goode

## Sermon

"The Church's One Foundation" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

## Offertory

*"Could He Be the Messiah"*

*Michael W. Smith & Deborah D. Smith, arr. by Cliff Duren  
The St John Ensemble*

## Prayers of the People & Lord's Prayer

## Hymn

*"Lead On, Eternal Sovereign"*

*Talia Broering Zoll, vocalist; Toni Sheffer, organ*

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;  
loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:  
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,  
to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,  
for in each human conflict, your words of strength we hear:  
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,  
our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.

Lead on, eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;  
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,  
to love and serve each other for all eternity.

**Benediction**

Keith M. Haithcock

**Postlude**

*"Proclaim the Glory of the Lord"*  
*Dwight Liles & Niles Borop, arr. by Jack Schrader*  
*Dave Zeng, Trumpet Steve Phillips, piano*

**Today's Worship Leaders:**

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Rev. Keith M. Haithcock, St. John Church Bellevue  
Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer, St. John's Church Newport  
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