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PROGRAM

PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.
Infant, Toddler, Preschool & School Age Child Care	South Hallway	9:30 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

POSITION

POSITION	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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CHURCH LEADERS

PERSON

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Church Office Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



May 26, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Trinity Sunday
Memorial Sunday Remembrance



Thought for the Day before Worship

Much of life is consumed with the task of building and clarifying our identities - coming to terms with who we are. We forge our identities by determining the scope of our personal integrity, the arenas of our commitments, and the direction of our loyalties. The Spirit is a force that works with us in identifying who we are.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

"This Is My Song" (Harold DeCou)
(Kendra Franke-flute Amy Golden-cello)

Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of Hosts;

The whole earth is full of the glory of God.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega", says the Lord, who was, who is and who is to come.

Through Christ we have access in one Spirit to the Father of us all.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

Let us praise the name of the Lord in song!!

*Hymn #148

"Come, Thou Almighty King" (Italian Hymn)

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

Loving and gracious God, we are blessed by the beauty of your creating activity in the world and people around us. We thank you for making this world an earthly home for us; thank you for sending Jesus to show the fullness of your mercy and love; thank you for the presence of the Spirit to support and guide us. As stewards of your creation we want to serve others in ways that make a positive and lasting difference. Mobilize us for meaningful ministry in prayerful use of our time and money and resources that your will may be done.

How do we name you, God? What words can we use to describe who you are and what you do? How do we define our relationship with you and what this means for our relationships with one another? We ask these questions in the awareness that our human language is limited and inadequate, but still we come to you in prayer, because we want to give voice to our hopes and needs as well as to our praise and thanksgiving. O God, you reveal yourself to us in a multitude of ways, and on this Trinity Sunday we celebrate you as creator, savior and sustainer. In the assurance of your presence with us may we live each day with a joyful willingness to convey your blessing by all that we say and think and do. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! It is by God’s grace alone that we are saved from the guilt and sin of human life. For in great love and mercy, God gave Jesus to the world in order that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life. We are forgiven and spiritually born for eternity. Praise be to God! Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen. *(Creatorex)*

From the Law of the Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-8

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Rose Wendling

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Jisoo Bae

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & David Stamm

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, May 26:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Memorial Day Sunday
- Monday, May 27:** **Memorial Day-Church Office Closed**
7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, May 28:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, May 30:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, June 1:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. East Row Garden Walk
- Sunday, June 2:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. East Row Garden Walk

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD THANKS BE TO GOD!

Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Marty or Pastor John Robson to contact you.

In Our Prayers

Judy Adams, Joan Berkemeyer, Norma Biery, Family of Walter Dauzenberg, Family of Judy Gadd, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Betty Hasse, Family of Donna Hamilton, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Family of Annette LaCroix, Karen Liden, Henry Marksberry, Gayle McAtee, Family of Bill Seibert, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter & Betty Webster

Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.

Those in assisted living and nursing homes.

Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.
Designated Pastor Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer
Pastor of Visitation John Robson

Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Judy Adams. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Judy as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Judy Adams
3034 Riggs Road
Village at Erlanger
Munro House Apt. 109
Erlanger, KY 41018

Children's Activity Bags

Activity bags for the children are located at each entrance of the church. Feel free to pick up a bag for your child (children) to work on during the worship service. When the service is done just drop the bags off at each exit so that we may replenish the bags for the following week.

Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

Online Video Worship Services

You can view our online video Sunday worship services through our church website: www.stjohnsuccnewport.org, our Church's Facebook Page or YouTube Channel (just search our church's name on Facebook/YouTube) and through the Constant Contact weekly email, (just click the online worship button at the bottom of the page). Hope you enjoy the services!

From the Letters of Paul: Romans 8:1-9, 12-17

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Anthem

“How Can I Keep From Singing”

(Craig Courtney)

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night He giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am His! How can I keep from singing?

From the Gospels: John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The windblows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Sermon “On What Do We Stand?” Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Hymn** *“Standing on the Promises”*
(see next page)

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

On Sunday, June 16th, St. John's will be hosting a celebratory service and luncheon honoring 40 years of ordination for Pastor Marty. Join us for a service that recognizes the work Pastor Marty has accomplished throughout his ministry career. Then, join us for a luncheon in Fellowship Hall as we continue to celebrate Pastor Marty. RSVP's will be requested and can be found at the church office or in your weekly bulletin. Please contact the church office if you have any other questions and we hope you can join us for this joyous celebration.

St. John's is setting a goal of raising \$25,000 to use for buildings and grounds work at the church. The church is in need of some work like cleaning the air ducts in the sanctuary and repairing the windows in the sanctuary. Members and friends can place their donations to the campaign in the offering but it is in addition to their regular offering not a replacement. The Leadership Team will put on a celebration for the church once the goal is met. Please join us in this goal and work together to strengthen our foundation.

Scroll down to Volunteer

Washington UCC is again offering their Summer Youth Program. It starts on June 10th . they have a returning program director, along with Pastor Melissa Stephens to be involved. The children are with Washington UCC Monday-Thursday, breakfast through lunch, with activities in between that includes arts/crafts, recreation, and a reading/writing session. Expenses include staff stipends, food, gas for the vans, and any expenses for field trips. More details are on the bulletin board by the coffee table. If you are able to help, please memo your check or mark on a pew envelope: "Washington Summer Program". Thanks in advance for your support.

WELCOME!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God's Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ.

May you know His grace and peace today!

Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund.

If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are June 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th

To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

PLANNING FOR ST. JOHN'S FUTURE STRENGTHENING OUR FOUNDATION TOGETHER

Do you have ideas for the future of St. John's? Do you want your voice heard on what direction St. John's should take? Then you would be perfect for the St. John's Strategic Planning Team. The Leadership Team is looking for members to serve and help plan the future of St. John's for the next 5 years. Reach out to a member of the Leadership Team if you are interested.

LT Members: Kyle Taylor, David Stamm, Pat Goins, Vickie Kennedy & Laura Haas

HELP WANTED

We are asking if anybody has a copy of the CD (or tape) of the St. John's quartet featuring Donna and Phil Hamilton and John and Peggy Westlund singing "Unclouded Day." If so, the Church would like to borrow it and make a copy for the Church archives. You can bring it to Kelli at the Church office. Thank you.

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Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises . . . II Pet. 1:4

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1. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ my King, Thro' e-ter-nal a-ges
2. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es that can-not fail, When the howl-ing storms of
3. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him e-ter-nal-
4. Stand-ing on the prom-is-es I can-not fall, Lis-t'ning ev-ery mo-ment

let His prais-es ring; Glo-ry in the high-est, I will shout and sing,
doubt and fear as-sail, By the liv-ing Word of God I shall pre-vail,
ly by love's strong cord, O-ver-com-ing dai-ly with the Spir-it's sword,
to the Spir-it's call, Rest-ing in my Sav-ior as my all in all,

Refrain
Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God. Stand-ing, stand-ing,
stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

Stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God my Sav-ior; Stand-ing,

stand-ing, I'm stand-ing on the prom-is-es of God.
stand-ing on the prom-is-es,

Response The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.	(Amazing Grace)	Time of Remembrance Memorial Day Roll of Remembrance
Mission Moment Laura Haas Offertory Invitation The God who brought Israel out of Egypt still calls nations and peoples out of bondage. This is the work of the church, to which we are committed. Wherever truth and freedom are suppressed, we are called to proclaim God’s will for self-giving love and genuine peace. Our offerings help to make this possible. Offertory “Blades of Grass and Pure White Stones” (Orin Hatch/Christopher) Blades of grass and pure white stones shelter those who’ve come and gone. Just below the emerald sod are those who’ve reached the arms of God. Buried here with dignity, endless rows for all to see. Freedom’s seeds in sorrow sown, ‘neath blades of grass and pure white stones. Blades of grass and pure white stones cover those who left their homes, To rest in fields, here side by side, lest we forget their sacrifice.		Lord of Life, We enter into this season of Memorial Day surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses. We acknowledge, first of all, the men and women who are currently serving in the Armed Forces and we pray for their safe return. We also acknowledge that there are women and men who will not return, as we grieve their passing in the daily news. We pause to honor their service and their sacrifice. (Silence) We also pause this hour to give thanks for all the men and women who have served in the nation’s armed services. Those who have not served cannot fully imagine the experience of war, but we do know war’s aftermath and the toll that it can take on the human heart. This weekend we remember and acknowledge loss, and so we remember those whom we have loved and lost. We hold their names and their faces in our heart. We recall the gifts they gave to us through the strength of their being, the depth of their love, the courage of their dying, and the fullness of their living. In the Holy Quiet of this hour, their names surround us and they live with us in blessed memory. Amen.
*Doxology (Lasst Uns Erfreuen) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!		“America the Beautiful” (Katharine L. Bates) “Amazing Grace” (Virginia Harmony)
*Prayer of Dedication We come before you, God, with open hearts and open hands, ready to receive and ready to give. Aware of our blessings we seek to be a blessing to others through words and actions that express care and compassion. Through this offering may we and others experience the generous love of our Creator, the amazing grace of our Savior, and the intimate and abiding friendship of the Holy Spirit. Amen. *Hymn #74 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” (Melita)		*Benediction We ARE God’s people; children of the living God. We have been led into freedom through Christ. God the Creator has written His name upon our hearts. As we grow in God’s likeness, we CAN make a difference. Destiny may find the world through our responses and our service. Go and serve the Lord in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. Postlude “Fanfare on “America” (Murray Bradshaw)