



August 4, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

Almighty and Eternal God, we thank you for the opportunities
you have given us in sharing what we have with others.

Many have learned something about you, your Son Jesus,
and the Holy Spirit by what we have said and done.

We offer this prayer in and through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

“Shall We Gather At the River”
(Dobin Park - piano)

(Joel Raney)

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**

We are here to celebrate life, to celebrate this world and the universe we live in, so
unimaginable, so vast, yet so minutely beautiful. We are here to celebrate human life,
with all its physical, intellectual and spiritual delight, so close to earth, so near to God.
We are here to celebrate our unity in Christ, to pray for peace, joy and love for ourselves
and every human being.

We are here to praise God, the great Giver of all!

Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #31**

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

(Ellacombe)

***Prayer of Adoration & Confession**

**Creator God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is the Bread of Life. He satisfies those who come
in hunger and quenches those who thirst. We praise you for giving us the gift of Life
Eternal with you. We thank you for the abundant life you make possible. To you be
honor and glory forever.**

God of Grace we confess before You the futility of our minds, the darkness of our understanding, and our hardness of heart. Forgive our separation from you, our callousness toward each other, and the greediness that makes our own conscience ache. Put off our corruption, O God, and renew your Spirit in our minds. You created us in your image; and keep your promises of forgiveness and re-create us in your image of righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace:**

Hear the Good News! I announce to you in the name of Christ Jesus that you are from this day forward set free: free from all the enslaving bonds of your past; set free to live powerfully in every present moment; set free to love God, to love your neighbor, and to work with sisters and brothers in building a peaceful world. Jesus said: “I have come that you might have life, and have it more abundantly”.

Dearly Beloved, believe the Good News!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, now and forever. Amen

***Gloria Patri**

(Greateorex)

**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.**

From the Letters of Paul: Ephesians 4:1-16

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace: there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people’s trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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PROGRAM	LOCATION	TIME
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

CHURCH STAFF

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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.	

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Diana Stamm

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, August 4: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday

Monday, August 5: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, August 6: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting

Thursday, August 8: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall

Saturday, August 10: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, August 11: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service



GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Solo

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(Lloyd Larson)

(Dobin Park - soloist)

Great is Thy faithfulness," O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

“Great is Thy faithfulness!” “Great is Thy faithfulness!”
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
“Great is Thy faithfulness,” Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

From the Gospels: John 6:24-35

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Sermon

“Food that Endures”

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Hymn #665**

“Break Now the Bread of Life”

(Bread of Life)

The Lord's Prayer

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

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

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!

THE CHOSEN

You are invited to join a “watch and discuss” group for Season 4 of “*The Chosen*”. We will gather on the Saturdays listed below from 9:30-11:00 in the church parlor. If you have already seen this season, nothing can be better than watching it again and discussing it with others. If you haven’t seen previous seasons of The Chosen it will be easy for you to follow and enjoy the season. All are welcome and we welcome your family and friends too!

- Saturday August 24, 9:30-11:00
- Saturday September 14, 9:30-11:00
- Saturday September 28, 9:30-11:00
- Saturday October 05, 9:30-11:00
- Saturday October 26, 9:30-11:00
- Saturday November 09, 9:30-11:00
- Saturday November 23, 9:30-11:00
- Saturday December 14, 9:30-11:00

UPPER ROOM DISCUSSION GROUP

Our final "Upper Room Discussion Group" met on the last Saturday in July. The discussion scripture was Isaiah 2:1-5. Shared in the devotional were the following statements. "Isaiah shares a vision of the entire world walking in the ways of God. How could such a thing occur? The power of this vision is much needed. The faithful must take a higher way". The questions for discussion seemed important to share with all of you. We encourage you to read the scripture, think about these questions, and discuss them with your family, friends, and members of St. John's.

1. What draws you in to your current congregation?
2. What draws you in about the Christian faith as a whole?
3. How might you be "a magnet" to people looking for a faith community?

COOKIES AND LEMONADE SOCIAL

On **Sunday, August 18th** St. John’s will be hosting our third and final cookies and lemonade social for the summer following the morning worship service. The social will take place outside underneath the canopy and we are asking our members and friends to make cookies for this event. This will be a special celebration of appreciation for our church staff. Please contact the church office if you have a special cookie recipe you would like to make for this event. Thanks in advance for your help.

***Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the one holy universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Invitation

Eucharistic Prayer

Consecration of the Elements

Partaking of the Lord's Supper

As is our tradition, the Elements of Communion are held until all are served and partake at the direction of the Pastor.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)**

Eternal God, you have called your people from the east and west and north and south to eat at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will.

Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

***Hymn #14**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

(Nun Danket Alle Gott)

***Benediction**

Postlude

“Voluntary in G”

(John Stanley)

COMMUNION CUP DISPOSAL

Please use trash receptacles located at each exit for disposal of communion cups.

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 at the pulpit are provided by the church.

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 August 11th & 18th

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

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4TH

August 6th: Erma Deslongchamps

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 4TH

August 5th: Betty & Bob Hasse (63 years)

August 7th: Elizabeth & John Robson (48 years)

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, August 14th

12:00 p.m.-2:00p.m.

Lunch will be Provided

Salad Bar

Drinks and Dessert Provided

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS CAMPAIGN FOR ST. JOHN'S

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. **You can place your donation in your Sunday morning offering envelope, a plain envelope (just mark it buildings and grounds) or we have placed envelopes in each pew marked building and grounds. Thank you.**

ST. JOHN'S UCC BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE

St. John's is hosting a Back-to-School drive to benefit Washington UCC. We are collecting any type of school supplies such as paper, pencils, backpacks, etc. but the biggest need is for Crayola products (crayons, markers, colored pencils, etc.). Donations can be placed in the boxes marked for the event at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you are unable to shop we will also be collecting monetary donations to benefit the cause. Just place your donation in an envelope and designate on the envelope that it is for the back-to-school drive. The drive will take place **now through August 11th**. Please contact the church office if there are any questions.

2024 HALF YEAR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The 2024 half year contribution statements were mailed on Wednesday, July 24th. If you have not receive a financial statement and feel that you should have, you can contact our financial administrator Chris Baker at: Financialadmin@stjohnsuccnewport.org or you can call the church office at (859) 431-1818 Option 7 for more information.