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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	PERSON	CONTACT
Designated Pastor	J. Martin Westermeyer	Shaman4@zoomtown.com
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Kyle Taylor	Church President	859-394-5256
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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.



August 18, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Thought for the Day before Worship

At birth we are launched on a search to discover what in life is real and unreal, substantial and insubstantial, artificial and not artificial, eternal and temporal. This is life's never-ending journey. How can we say we have life of meaning in the "Disney World" environment in which we find ourselves today?

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

"This Is My Father's World"
(Dobin Park-piano)

(Jeff Nelson)

Tower Bell

*Call to Worship: based on Psalm 18:2-3

The Lord is our fortress and our deliverer.

The Lord is our rock in whom we take refuge.

The Lord is our shield and our stronghold.

We call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

Let us Worship the Lord, our God!

*Hymn #341

"Jesus Shall Reign"

(Duke Street)

*Prayer of Adoration & Confession

O Abiding God, we entrust to you the needs that weigh on our hearts. Not so that we can escape them or the ways in which we might help meet them, but so we may be reminded of your care and grace that goes with us and works through us as we are able – and beyond what we alone can do. We bear to you the needs for peace in this world. Redirect the hearts and wills of those who can make a difference, and do not let us think that we cannot.

Bring in your Spirit a renewed spirit among us for justice coupled with mercy and compassion. We come to you in the joy your presence brings to us and promises to this world. May we be joyful in your service, fervent in your hope, and ever mindful that you are not only here among us, but here for us and for all.

Holy God, you have come to us with such grace, in such a gracious One. How, then, do we come to neglect the body that is called by Christ's name? Forgive us, O God, for that neglect: by our withdrawal in times of confusion and anger, by disunity when our ways get confused with your ways and your invitations become overridden with our ultimatums.

- Grant healing to us, as individuals and communities.
- Restore us to a relationship with you and with one another.
- Renew our faith and discipleship by your Spirit's presence, working among and within us. Lead us to honor your presence and grace by being present and gracious to those with whom we share this life and Christ's calling. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! God hears us as we pray. God wills the best for us in all circumstances and works with us to overcome the unbearable. As we walk with Christ, God promises to abide with us and raise us up. Let us live no longer in our distress and loneliness, but accept the gifts of 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 Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 111

Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Dr. Charles Hawkins

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Bertie Jo Tuerpe

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, August 18:	10:00 a.m. Worship Service 11:15 a.m. Cookies & Lemonade Social
Monday, August 19:	7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting 7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting
Tuesday, August 20:	7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
Thursday, August 22:	3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
Saturday, August 24:	9:00 a.m. AA Meeting 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The Chosen
Sunday, August 25:	10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Rona Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Karen Liden, Henry Marksberry, Gayle McAtee, Ed Von Strohe, Carol Strong, Bertie Jo Tuerpe, Bonnie Walter & Marty Westermeyer

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 Bonnie Walter. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Bonnie as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Bonnie Walter
100 Carmel Manor Drive
Ft. Thomas, KY 41075

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!

The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

From the Letters of Paul: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful, then, how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to one another, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anthem

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (arr. Lloyd Larson)
(Jean Nutgrass and Katheryn Jones)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!	Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Let angels prostrate fall;	Ye ransomed from the fall,
Bring forth the royal diadem,	Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all;	And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,	Hail Him who saves you by His grace,

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!

From the Gospels: John 6:51-58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Sermon

“For Real!”

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

*Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed, United Church of Canada, 1980

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn #346

“O Come to Me, the Master Said”

(Kingsfold)

Gathering Together in Prayer

Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Response

(Amazing Grace)

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

Offertory Invitation

Have you not received bountifully from God’s hand? Give generously in response. Have you not prayed for the hungry and homeless? Give caringly that they may be helped. Have you not been taught and reminded and comforted by the church? Give to sustain the community of faith in this place.

Offertory

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

(arr. Lloyd Larson)

(Jean Nutgrass and Katheryn Jones)

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart;
Wean It From Earth; Through All Its Pulses Move;
Stoop To My Weakness, Mighty As Thou Art;
And Make Me Love Thee As I Ought To Love.

Teach Me To Feel That Thou Art Always Nigh;
Teach Me The Struggles Of The Soul To Bear.
To Check The Rising Doubt, The Rebel Sigh,
Teach Me The Patience Of Unanswered Prayer.

Teach Me To Love Thee As Thine Angels Love,
One Holy Passion Filling All My Frame;
The Kindling Of The Heaven Descended Dove,
My Heart An Altar, And Thy Love The Flame.

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

(Old 100th)

*Prayer of Dedication

For the beauties of creation, for the joys of relationship, for your gracing of our lives: We give you our thanks. For your service in this world, for your children’s needs, for earth’s hope and renewal: We bring these gifts. Direct the use of these gifts, that they may be instruments of your peace and food for your people. Direct our lives, that we may bear your grace to this world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #109

“O, How I Love Jesus”

(O, How I Love Jesus)

*Benediction

Postlude

“In Thee, Lord, Have I Put My Trust”

(J. S. Bach)

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