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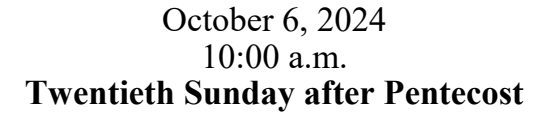
Coffee Fellowship Time	Fellowship Hall (L.L.)	9:00 a.m.
Worship	Sanctuary	10:00 a.m.

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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.



*We need a place apart, a safe place where your Spirit can lift and touch ours.
O God, give us two: a sanctuary building fit to receive you;
and an internal frame of heart fit to respond with discipleship and prayers;
let the external one call people to that place apart with you;
let the internal one go with us to safe places in your Spirit. Amen.*

“Break Thou the Bread of Life” (Albin Whitworth)
(Kendra Franke - flute)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings,
I see glory on each face,
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

From the rising of the sun to its setting.
Let the name of the Holy One be praised!
 You created the day, O God, and the night.
You set the sun and the moon in their places.
 You made the summer and the winter.
You set the limits of the earth.

Let us now raise our voices on this special day, created for us to Worship our God.

***Hymn #24** *“God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”* (Hymn to Joy)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Our voices join with those of your children around the earth, God, to praise the name of Jesus, lifting up the cup of salvation in his memory, breaking the bread in renewal of his covenant. Many voices in every language express our gratitude to you, one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. O Divine Creator, without your Spirit there is no life. Without your Word there is no meaning. No name is important if your name is not Holy. Forgive our faithlessness that denies your being or disgraces your name. We freely admit that our loss of faith leads to loss of self-respect. We grieve you by our actions, O God, and ask your pardon, for the sake of your loyal Son, Jesus, who knew who he was and who we were meant to be. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! Jesus presents us to God as the children whom God has given him and blesses us. Almighty God has forgiven you all your sins and has promised to bring you to everlasting life. 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.**

(Greateorex)

From the Law of the Old Testament: Genesis 2:18-24

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.” Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 8

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouths of babes and infants
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Vickie Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, October 6:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/World Communion
Sunday/Neighbors in Need Special Offering
- Monday, October 7:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, October 8:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Wednesday, October 9:** 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch
- Thursday, October 10:** 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 12:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
10:00 a.m. Leadership Team Meeting
- Sunday, October 13:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Appreciation Day

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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, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Betty Hasse, Rona Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Karen Liden, Family of Henry Marksberry, Gayle McAtee, Ed Von Strohe, Carol Strong, Bonnie Walter, Marty Westermeyer & Peggy Westlund

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

Grace UCC; Ft. Wright
St. Paul UCC; Alexandria

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 Peggy Westlund. Peggy's birthday was Friday, October 4th. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Peggy as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Peggy Westlund
Emerald Trace on Turkeyfoot
3802 Turkeyfoot Road
Elsmere, 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!

Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Anthem

"The Majesty and Glory of Your Name"

(Tom Fettke)

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor
And have made him a little lower than the angels,
you have put him in charge of all creation:
The breast of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
But what is man, that you are mindful of him.

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we.

Alleluia, Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia!

From the Letter to the Jewish Christians: Hebrews 2:5-13

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are humans that you are mindful of them or mortals that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me."

Sermon

"The Root of our Lives"

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Hymn #468**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

(Gordon)

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

(sing twice)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - - ia!
 Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - - ia!

Offertory Invitation

We bring the fruits of our labors to be blessed by God, reminding ourselves that earthly things are temporary. Yet the commonwealth of heaven can be glimpsed and shared as we pursue the heavenly call of God in Jesus Christ. How much of ourselves will we invest, with our offering, that others may hear the truth of God?

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 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

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Join us Saturday, October 19th, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. as St. John's hosts a trunk-or-treat. This event will take place in the parking lot of St. John's. We are asking members and friends to bring their cars and decorate them and pass out candy to children as they come to your car. Costumes are encouraged for both children and adults and there will be a winner for best costume. There will also be games and activities for kids to participate in as they make their way through the treat trail. Invite all of your children, grandchildren, and friends to join us for this fun event.

If you would like to participate by providing a car or hosting an activity please contact the church office or place your name on one of the sign-up sheets located in the church.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St John's Congregational Meeting

Sunday, October 27th - 11:15 a.m.

Sanctuary after Sunday worship

NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Nominations are open for the 2025 Leadership Team. If you or another member of St. John's would like to run for a position on the Leadership Team, please contact Past President, Laura Haas to express interest. Positions available are President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Questions about each position can be asked of current members of the Leadership Team. Please contact Laura Haas with any additional questions.

COMMUNION CUP DISPOSAL

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

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6TH

October 7th: Paul Bergmann
October 9th: Joan Berkemeyer

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.**

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch Octoberfest
Wednesday, October 9th
12:00 p.m.-2:00p.m.
“Welcome All”

You are invited to join the Lunch Bunch in celebrating Octoberfest with Mets, brats, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and/or cottage ham and green beans, bread, apple pie and drinks.

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Sunday, October 13th is Pastor Appreciation Day. Take a moment and let Pastor Marty and Pastor John know how much we appreciate all that they do for St. John's and for everyone here at St. John's.

HURRICANE HELENE RECOVERY APPEAL

The National Ministries of the United Church of Christ has a long history of supporting communities as they recover from disaster and their plight fades from the headlines. Your support of this appeal will ensure that communities are supported and accompanied for years as they rebuild.

You can mail a check made payable to the United Church of Christ, PO BOX 71957 Cleveland, OH 44194. Please be sure to note “Hurricane Helene” in your check's memo section. Or you can drop your donation in the offering plate and we will mail it in for you.

Thank you for your assistance in helping families and communities who are in great need in the aftermath of Helene. Your heartfelt support will make a difference.

Offertory

“Savior, Like a Shepherd”

(arr. Ruth Artman)

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare.
O blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do thou befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
O blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! hear us when we pray.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us don thy will!
O blessed Lord and only Savior, may thy love our lives fulfill.
O blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us love us still.

***Doxology**

(Old 100th)

**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**

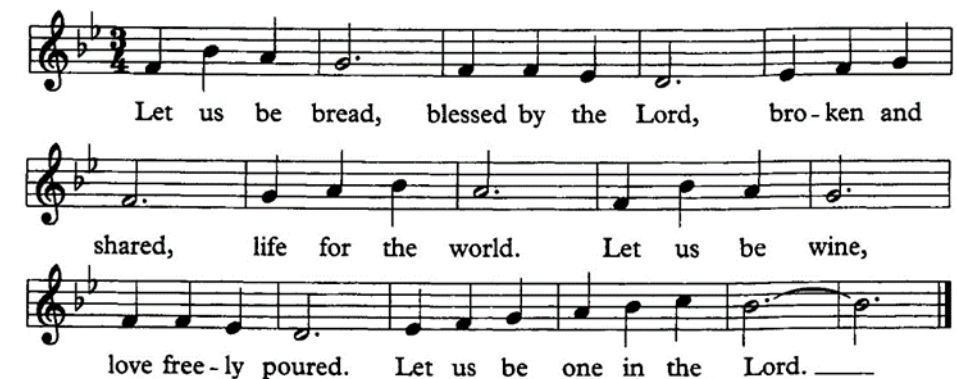
***Prayer of Dedication**

Creator God, as we have received, so shall we give in return. Our gifts, whether they be of money or self; talent or time; are gifts given out of love, because we were first loved by you. While you use our gifts to take faith into new places: accept these gifts, these elements we are about to receive and our lives to be used in the up-building of your Kingdom. It is in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

“Let Us Be Bread”

(sing twice)



*Communion is Open to ALL: saint and sinner, lost and found, believer and seeker.
We partake of the bread together to symbolize our unity and community as God's people.
We shall partake of the cup individually to symbolize our solitariness
as we each stand alone before our God*

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.

Invitation

Consecration of the Elements

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

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole Communion of Saints witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

***Benediction**

Postlude “*Alla Breve and Fugue*” (*Louis Marchand*)

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 October 13th, 20th & 27th

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

World Communion Sunday is today and offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. This is when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we recognize that we are part of the whole body of believers. Join us today as we celebrate World Communion Sunday.

In 2024, the Neighbors in Need theme is **“Mental Health Justice For All!”** This year’s focus is on Mental Health Justice. In 2015, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ passed a resolution to become WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) for mental health.

As you may recall, one-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

St. John's will collect this offering today as part of World Communion Sunday. We thank you for your support and generosity.