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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

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



October 13, 2024
10:00 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

O Lord, show us the way to release our anxieties and to be at peace with you. Every situation is in your care and keeping, and if we will surrender ourselves to you, you give freely of your protection and peace. Help us to center our thoughts on you, to be receptive to your Spirit, to experience your presence and power, and to become a willing instrument of your purpose in our lives. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude

“Voluntary in G”

(William Walond)

Tower Bell

Introit

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.

*Call to Worship

Once upon a time there was a Galilean carpenter named Jesus.

He taught us to build on the solid rock of faith with Him as master.

We should be building temples to honor him and towers to reveal him.

We have come in response to the divine command to build God's Realm.

Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving, and Worship the Lord our God!

*Hymn #569

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

(CWM Rhondda)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

O God, we thank you for the gift of Your Son, Jesus. We praise You for your mighty acts, wonders, signs, and revelations that show us that he is truly your Son, Jesus the Christ.

O God of abundance, how hard it is for us to be part of your Kingdom on earth. You who have given us so much, demand that You be more important to us than your gifts. We have failed in our priorities. We yearn more for your presence. We are sorry for what we lack in devotion to you.

For the sake of Christ Jesus and the Gospel, forgive our sins, restore a clean heart within us, and lead us to love you, serving you in obedience and joy, in this world and the next. It is in Jesus’ name that we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! All who put God’s will first in their lives will know that God can accomplish what is impossible by our own efforts. We will know, even when life is difficult, that salvation has come and eternal life is a reality. 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 Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.
Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us
and as many years as we have seen evil.
Let your work be manifest to your servants
and your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us
and prosper for us the work of our hands—
O prosper the work of our hands!

From the Letters to the Church: Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Tom Williams

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Tom Williams

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, October 13:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Pastor Appreciation Day
- Monday, October 14:

7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, October 15:

7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting
- Thursday, October 17:

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 19:

9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Trunk-or-Treat
- Sunday, October 20:

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Accept these offerings we now bring before Your altar, O God, giver of every good and perfect gift. Grant that they may be symbols of our love and of ourselves now offered more fully to You. Use these gifts and us, we pray, to the end that Your realm may come and Your will be done on earth, even as it is done in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude *“Postlude in G”* (William Boyce)

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 in honor of Pastor Marty Westermeyer, Designated Pastor and Pastor John Robson, Pastor of Visitation for their dedication and their love for ministry. Let's express our appreciation to Pastor Marty and Pastor John.



Open flower dates are October 27th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13TH

October 13th: Sue Williams

PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

Today 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.

Anthem

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of human love,
 Brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth, and friends above
 For all gentle thoughts and mild.

For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

From the Gospels of the New Testament: Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’ ” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the good news who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Sermon

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

“Looking to the Future

**Do you believe St. John's United Church of Christ
Fulfills a need in your life that cannot be filled anywhere else?"**

***Affirmation of Faith: from “That All May Worship”**

**As God's creations, we are fashioned uniquely,
Each endowed with individuality of body, mind, and spirit
To worship freely the One who has given us life.
Each of us has abilities; each seeks fulfillment and wholeness.
Each of us has disabilities; each knows isolation and incompleteness.
Seeking shelter from the vulnerability we all share,
Claiming our promised place in God's Household of Faith,
We are transformed by invitation, affirmation and love.
In grateful response, we...**

- Worship and serve God, the source of hope and joy;
 - Celebrate and serve one another, rejoicing in our diversity;
 - Transform and serve the world, until we become a Community which reflects God's Oneness and Peace.
- Let the House of God be open to all who enter and Worship. Amen.**

***Hymn #345**

“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”

(Galilee)

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 are called to companionship with all who labor side by side with us in the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed with resources we are privileged to share. From our rich heritage, we reach out to invite the world to God's banquet. What a joy it is to give!

Offertory

“Prayer Of Devotion”

(Lee Dengler)

Open my eyes that I may see.
Incline my heart that I may desire.
Order my steps that I may walk in the
ways of Your commandments.
O God, be my only God, and beside You,
let thee be none else, no other, none else,
but You. Teach me to worship You and serve
You with all my spirit, with all my body,
In all that I say. Both in private and in public,
may I walk in Your commandments. Amen. Amen.

*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**