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

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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 20, 2024
10:00 a.m.
**Twenty-Second Sunday
after Pentecost**



Thought for the Day before Worship
The true power of God's love is expressed in humility.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome

Prelude *“Be Thou My Vision”* (Hal Hopson)

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: based on Psalm 104**
Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent.
O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!
Let us Worship God!

***Hymn #136** *“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”* (Nicaea)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Creator God, when we look at all you have made and the great beauty of it, we feel small in comparison. We see your vastness in the sea, hear your power in the wind, experience your genius in the first cry of an infant, know your wildness in the howl of the leopard. We thank you for the blessings of the people we hold dear, the love we experience, the gifts of life and security. May these blessings lead us to reach out to others who have no one who holds them dear, whose lives are empty or unhealthy or unsafe, who reach out for faith or justice or help and find none. Teach us to love with compassion, to aid while preserving dignity, to share with delight. O God of great power, how often we have abused the power you have given us. We have hurt family members; we have ignored the poor; we have refused to share what we have; we have not cared about the feelings of others. Forgive us our sins, show us where we have been wrong, and give us the ability to acknowledge and address those wrongs. Help us to live as people who have much to share. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! The Lord our God is longsuffering toward us, not willing that anyone should perish, but that all should come to repentance. Therefore God does justify whoever has faith in Jesus. 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 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
O Lord my God, you are very great.
You are clothed with honor and majesty,
wrapped in light as with a garment.
You stretch out the heavens like a tent;
you set the beams of your chambers on the waters;
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind;
you make the winds your messengers,
fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations,
so that it shall never be shaken.
You cover it with the deep as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.
At your rebuke they flee;
at the sound of your thunder they take to flight.

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: Darlene Knepshield

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, October 20:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Monday, October 21:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, October 22:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, October 24:** 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class-Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Saturday, October 26:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. The Chosen
- Sunday, October 27:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Congregational Meeting

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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, Gayle McAtee, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, Marty Westermeyer & Peggy Westlund

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

Immanuel UCC; Bromley-
Jack Denham

Christ UCC; Ft. Thomas-
Ed Goode

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

Her address is:

Carol Strong
Celebration Villa of Highland Crossing
Room 244
Ft. Wright, KY 41011

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!

They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,
to the place that you appointed for them.
You set a boundary that they may not pass,
so that they might not again cover the earth.

O LORD, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Let sinners be consumed from the earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD!

From the Letters to the Entire Church: Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.



Anthem

“He Never Failed Me Yet” (Robert Ray)

I will sing of God's mercy
Every day, every hour
He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Thee
For all the dangers, toils and snares
That He has brought me out.
He is my God and I'll serve Him
No matter what the test
Trust and never doubt
Jesus will surely bring you out
He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver
In times of storm
And I know that He'll keep you safe
From all earthly harm.
One day when my weary soul is at rest
I'm going home to be forever blessed
Trust and never doubt
Jesus will surely bring you out
He never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver
Moses from King Pharaoh?
And didn't He cool the fiery furnace
For Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do
He delivered Daniel
I know He will deliver

He never failed me yet!

From the Gospels: Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

THANKSGIVING BASKETS FOR FOOD PANTRY

This year St. John’s is bringing back its Thanksgiving Baskets to benefit the church's Food Pantry. The Food Pantry is generously donating canned corn, green beans, and sweet potatoes to the baskets. The congregation is being asked to help supply the rest of the items: boxed stuffing, boxed mashed potatoes, canned jellied cranberry sauce, boxed cornbread, and boxed desserts. If you are unable to shop, you are more than welcome to contribute financially to the project. Just mark your donation “Thanksgiving Baskets,” and this will help support the cause. Donations for this will be accepted through Sunday, November 10, 2024. Please contact the church office with any questions.

ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE

If you have a loved ones who passed away within the past year and would like for them to be remembered during our All Saints Day Service on **Sunday, November 3rd**, please call the church office or email Kelli at kelli.taylor@stjohnsuccnewport.org. We will have their name added to the list for the worship service. Please have all names to the church office by **Thursday, October 31, 2024**.

HURRICANE HELENE/MILTON 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/Milton” 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/Milton. Your heartfelt support will make a difference.

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

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 for the birthday
of Catherine Pecora,
In Memory of Paul Mackey.



From
Karen Liden

Open flower dates are October 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20TH

October 23rd: Tom Williams
October 24th: Ed Von Strohe
October 26th: Paige Barber

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St John's Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 27th - 11:15 a.m.
Sanctuary after Sunday worship

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

Sermon

"How to Become Great" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Affirmation of Faith:** Statement of Faith written by Rev. Diane Wendorf

I believe it is a matter of faith

to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

I believe it is a matter of faith

to equally recognize and love all members of God's human family

**whatever their race, creed, color, gender, marital status,
physical or mental capacity.**

**I believe God's creation is good, beautiful, sacred,
and therefore to condemn any portion of God's creation
is to condemn a portion of God.**

**I believe Jesus Christ came to us to free all people from sin
and to make disciples; people willing to live Christ's discipline of
love and justice for all.**

**I believe the Holy Spirit is that power within us
that gives us courage and stamina to face the truth and to live it
even to die for it, as Jesus died.**

**I believe in the resurrection, the victory over death,
the truth that is life for all in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Hymn**

"Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant"
(see next page)

(Servant Song)

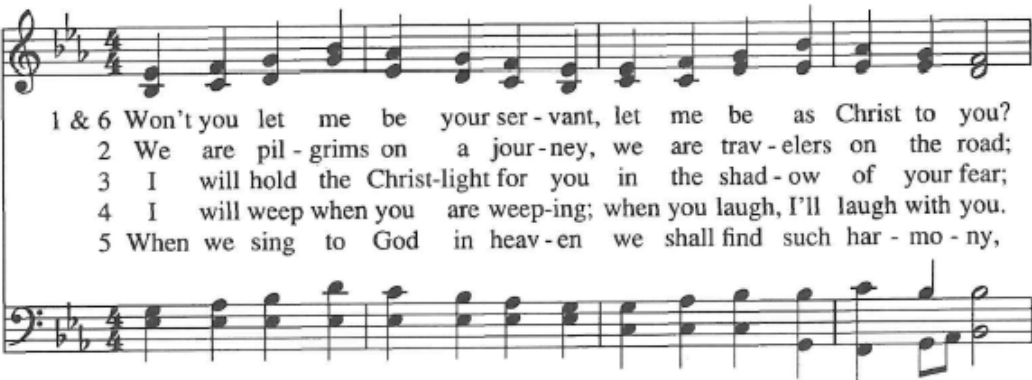


Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

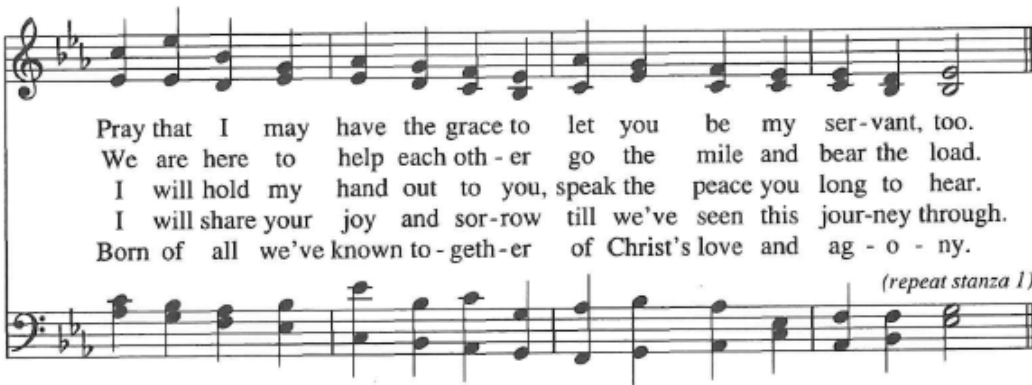
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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29



1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil- grims on a jour-ney, we are trav- elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad- ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep-ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav-en we shall find such har- mo- ny,



Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser- vant, too.
We are here to help each oth- er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor- row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
Born of all we've known to- geth- er of Christ's love and ag- o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

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

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Offertory Invitation

In the best of circumstances, we can delight in the blessing of unrestrained giving. In the worst of conditions, there is yet much to share. So we come today, rich and poor, fulfilled and bereft, forever on a journey that calls for our generosity. God will bless all our efforts.

Offertory

"If You Love Me"

(Joel Raney)

My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,
and I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me, if you love me,
If you love me keep my commands.

Though I may leave you, I will return for you,
I'll go prepare for you, a place beside me.
And if you love me, if you love me,
If you love me keep my commands.

Because I live, you too shall live.
I bring you peace that the world cannot give.

*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!**

*Prayer of Dedication

- For the gifts of love, O God, we offer our compassion to others.
- For gifts of possessions, we offer what we have to help those in need.
- For the gift of time, we offer our days of service.
- For the gift of life, we offer ourselves to be your servants.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Hymn #502

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Slane)

*Benediction

*Choral Response

Postlude

"The God of Abraham Praise"

(Gordon Young)