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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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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.	



June 22, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Second Sunday after Pentecost



Thought for the Day before Worship

*Faith in Christ has freed each of us to recognize other people's gifts and graces in Christ.
We do not need to be alike, but we are all One in Christ.*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Andantino semplice"

(Flor Peeters)

*Call to Worship: based on Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

**My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually,
"Where is your God?"**

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise you, my help and my God.

Let us Worship the God who has given us Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Hymn #106

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

(Coronation)

*Prayer of Adoration of Confession

**O God of light and truth, lead us by your Word to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Then we shall come to your altar with exceeding joy and praise you with the lyre, for
you are God.**

**The wind cannot contain you, nor the fires consume you; the earthquake fails to
encompass your power, for you are God. Speak as you have spoken with your still
small voice, and we shall hear and be your people.**

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbor. We
have taken incalculable benefits with little gratitude. Moreover, we have settled into
complacency by claiming our own rights rather than seeking the welfare of all of your**

children. Help us see the needs of others and then respond to them as brothers and sisters in Christ. Have mercy and forgive us, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. In this time of worship, remind each of us of the wonderful life and ministry you have given us as a sacred trust. Make us believers who are worthy of sharing the mysteries of faith with our friends and neighbors. May we keep faith alive and vibrant in our community. All this we ask in Jesus Christ’s sanctified name. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! Before faith came, we were confined under the law, kept under restraint until faith be revealed. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under a custodian; for in Christ Jesus we are God’s children, through faith. So, inherit the promise of God’s pardon through Christ, and live in the assurance that your sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!
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 Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 22:19-28

But you, O Lord, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!
Deliver my soul from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog!
Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.
I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters;
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:
You who fear the Lord, praise him!
All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
For he did not despise or abhor
the affliction of the afflicted;
he did not hide his face from me
but heard when I cried to him.
From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!
All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord,

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Robert Pettus

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Choral Director: Dr. Dobin Park

Sound Technician: Rose Wendling

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Wendy Watts

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, June 22: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Monday, June 23: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Aon Meeting

Tuesday, May 24: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
7:00 p.m. East Row Garden Club Meeting

Thursday, June 26: 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 28: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting

Sunday, June 29: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Cookies and Lemonade/Goodbye Dobin Reception

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, Yvonne Daniels, Judy Eads, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Jean Morrow, Ed Von Strohe, Wendy Watts & Marty Westermeyer

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

St. Mark UCC, Latonia
Rachel Wirrig

St. John UCC; Covington
Jim Hill

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

Her address is:
Betty Webster
306 Taylor Street Room 10A
Butler, KY 41006

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!

and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.
For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.

From the Gospels: Luke 8:26-39

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Solo		<i>“How Great Thou Art”</i>	<i>(Mary McDonald)</i>
(Dobin Park - soloist)			
Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder Thy power throughout the universe displayed.		And when I think that God, His Son not sparing Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in. That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin.	
When through the woods, and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.		When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art"	
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art.		Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee How great Thou art, how great Thou art.	

From the Letters of Paul: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Sermon "Coloring Outside the Lines" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***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 #603** “In Christ There Is No East or West” (St. Peter)

Gathering Together in Prayer
Joys and 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

How can we make sure that others will hear the good news that has meant so much to us?
How will they learn to build their houses on rock, not on sand? Who will be present to help when the rains fall and the winds blow and people feel beaten and alone? The church is present as a visible embodiment of God’s care. It is our thankful support that continues to make this possible.

Offertory “It Is Well With My Soul” (David Schwoebel)

***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**
Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting. As we offer ourselves and gifts, O God, bless these offerings and those who receive them. May these gifts be tangible signs of our relationship with you. Help us remember those who endure natural disasters, and make us mindful of their plight. We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

***Hymn #393** “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Dennis)

***Benediction**

Postlude “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (Hal Hopson)

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