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PROGRAM

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 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 LEADERS

| PERSON         | POSITION              | CONTACT                   |
|----------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Kyle Taylor    | Church President      | 859-394-5256              |
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| Vickie Kennedy | Church Treasurer      | 859-653-2630 text or call |

| 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 29, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Third Sunday after Pentecost



**Thought for the Day before Worship**  
*We generally associate “religious” acts with matters such as participating in Worship, saying private prayers, and making offerings to help spread the gospel around the globe. However, no act is more inherently religious than expressing love to a burdened person by helping to share or to remove that burden.*

\*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude** “Siciliano” (John Stanley)

**\*Call to Worship**  
Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.  
**Sing the glory of God’s name.**  
Come and see what God has done,  
**God’s deeds are awesome!**  
Bless our God, O peoples.  
**Let the sound of praise to God be heard!**  
Let us Worship our God!!

**\*Hymn #59** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (Hymn To Joy)

**\*Prayer of Adoration and Confession**  
**Almighty God, you nourish and sustain the world from day to day, and you continue to bless and strengthen and guide us more than we could dare to think or ask. Thank you for your hidden and yet faithful presence. We pray for your church, established on earth as a loving witness to your nature and purposes for the world. May your people know in a fresh way the reconciling and restoring power of Christ, so that by their lives and witness, your realm may advance in this world. We pray for those who struggle to be and do all that you would have them be and do. We sense the painful**

gap between our present lives and your perfect will for us. Stir us afresh by your Holy Spirit. May the living Christ be seen in our lives as we point to him as the way, the truth, and the life. Merciful God, we confess that we often turn from you and hurt one another. We neglect the needs of those around us; we tune out the cry of the oppressed. Heal our divided hearts, deepen our love for you and for others, and strengthen our commitment to peace and justice in our world. We offer these prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! We are accepted, received, recognized, confronted and loved by God. Let us struggle with accepting, receiving, recognizing, confronting, and loving ourselves.

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 Letters of Paul: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

**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

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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**This Week**

- Sunday, June 29:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
11:15 a.m. Cookies and Lemonade/Goodbye Dobin Reception
- Monday, June 30:** 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, July 1:** 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. East Row Historic Foundation Meeting
- Thursday, July 3:** Church Office Closed  
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Friday, July 4:** Independence Day-Church Office Closed
- Saturday, July 5:** 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, July 6:** 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday

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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, Yvonne Daniels, 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**

All Cluster Churches

### **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 Eckert. 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 Eckert

The Barrington of Ft. Thomas Room 1203

940 Highland Avenue

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](http://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!

### **Solo**

*"My Tribute"*  
(Dobin Park-soloist)

(Crouch/arr. Tom Fettke)

How can I say thanks for the things you have done for me?  
Things so undeserved, yet you give to prove your love for me.  
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude;  
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory for the things He has done.  
With His blood He has saved me, with His power He has raised me,  
To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Just let me live my life, let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee;  
And should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary.

### **From the Gospels: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

### **Sermon**

"Just Do It!"

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

### **Healing Service for Pastor Marty Westermeyer**

### **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** *(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**

In gratitude and devotion, we approach this time of giving. What are we willing to sacrifice for the sake of the gospel? God has provided for us in unexpected ways. Let us worship with joy through our offerings.

**Offertory** *“Amazing Grace” (Kiho Jang)*  
*(Dobin Park-soloist)*  
  
Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.  
  
The Lord has promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.  
  
When we’ve been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise,  
than when we’d first begun.

**\*Doxology** *(Old 100<sup>th</sup>)*  
**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**

God, you have given us all things in Christ: life, love, forgiveness, purpose. You entrust us with so many blessings. Help us to be faithful stewards of your many gifts, and may these offerings further the work of your church here and around the world, through Jesus Christ our loving Savior. Amen.

**A Time of Farewell**

**\*Hymn #716** *“God Be with You” (God Be with You)*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** *“Joyful, Joyful” (Joel Raney)*

