



July 6, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Thought for the Day before Worship

*The choice is clear: we can focus on petty issues and get bogged down
or we can choose God's new creation that promises life.*

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Fanfare on America"
(Kendra Franke-flute)

(Murray C. Bradshaw)

Tower Bell

***Call to Worship**

The beginning of wisdom is to give reverence to God.

God grant us the wisdom to Worship and live with reverence.

The wise delight to meditate on God's will and way.

**They are like a tree, planted by streams of water, that yield fruit in season; its leaf
does not wither.**

We come to Worship God with reverence, hoping to send down the roots of righteousness.

Glory be to God, to Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Let us Worship our God!!

***Hymn #728**

"God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

(National Hymn)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

**God, since you are always present to us, enfolding us in your love, we may sometimes
be perplexed, but we never despair. We thank you, that you have come to us in Jesus
Christ: healing and liberating, showing us who you are. Your light, shining in the face
of Christ is reflected in our hearts. As we see you in Jesus, may others see you in us, to
the glory of your name.**

When we put off until tomorrow our response to your call,
forgive us, O God.
When our good intentions are not followed by good actions,
forgive us, O God.
When we harden our hearts, making all kinds of excuses why
we should not serve you, O God, have mercy.
Today when we hear your voice, may we rise up to hear and obey,
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**
Hear the Good News! We are precious people of Christ. We carry with us the special
promise of God that we are loved. 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.

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 30:1-12

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
“What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?



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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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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.	

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Vickie Grey Kennedy

Liturgist: Kyle Taylor

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: David Stamm & Wendy Watts

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

Sunday, July 6: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service/Communion Sunday

Monday, July 7: 7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday, July 8: 7:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Wednesday, July 9: 12:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch

Thursday, July 10: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Food Pantry
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall

Saturday, July 12: 9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
9:00 a.m. Leadership Team Meeting

Sunday, July 13: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Florence Community Band Concert

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GO IN PEACE, SERVE THE LORD

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Will it tell of your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!"

You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Scripture Lesson: Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Solo

“This Is My Song”
(Chuck Hawkins - soloist)

(Lloyd Stone)

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for lands a-far and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
But other hearts in other lands are beating
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
thy kingdom come, on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

My countries skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on clover-leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

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	“Through the Lens”	Vickie Grey Kennedy
*Hymn #480	“Open My Eyes, That I May See”	(Open My Eyes)

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	The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.	(Amazing Grace)
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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

Grace UCC, Ft. Wright
Mark Roeder

St. Paul UCC, Alexandria
Paul Forrey

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 Gayle McAtee. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Gayle as our member of the week!
Her address is:
Gayle McAtee
Highland Spring of Ft. Thomas Room 2110
960 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, 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!

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

St. John's is excited to announce the return of our Back-to-School Supply Drive benefiting the Newport Independent School District and Washington UCC. This year the schools are looking for any of the following items: Crayons, Colored Pencils, Markers, Folders, Pencils, Pens, Glue Sticks, Erasers, Pencil Boxes, Spiral Notebooks, and Backpacks.

If you can't make it out to shop, no problem! We will collect monetary donations and send them to the organizations to help them get the supplies they need. This donation drive will kick off on **Sunday, July 6th** and run through **Sunday, August 3rd**. Boxes will be located at each of the entrances to the sanctuary to drop off supplies. Please contact the church office with any questions.



LUNCH BUNCH

Wednesday, July 9th

12:00 p.m.-2:00pm

Picnic Style-Lunch Provided

Drinks & Desserts Provided

Fun with chair volleyball



FLORENCE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT AT ST. JOHN'S

On **Sunday, July 13th** the Florence Community Band will be here at St. John's for a concert on the lawn. The concert will be from 6-7pm here on the side lawn of the church. Bring a lawn chair and come on down and listen to some wonderful music for the evening. Hope to see you at the concert!



JULY COOKIES AND LEMONADE SOCIAL

On **Sunday, July 20th** St. John's will be hosting its July cookies and lemonade social following the morning worship service.

The social will take place outside underneath the canopy and we are asking our members and friends to make cookies for this event. Please contact the church office if you have a special cookie recipe you would like to make for this event. Thanks in advance for your help.

Offertory Invitation

The Good Shepherd bids us to send laborers into the harvest. Who will go, proclaiming God's realm? Who will support those who preach and teach and heal in Christ's name? As you received without paying, give without expectation of further reward.

Offertory

"His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

(Charles Gabriel)

Why should I be discouraged and why should the shadows fall?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home?

When Jesus is my portion, my constant Friend is He,
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy;
I sing because I'm free;
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me.

Let not your heart be troubled; these tender words I hear;
And resting on his goodness I lose my doubts and fears;
For by the path He leadeth but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

Whenever I am tempted; whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing; when hope within me dies;
I draw the closer to Him; from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.

***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**

We offer ourselves with these gifts, confident that you have a purpose for them and for us. Expand our limited visions to embrace new possibilities. We dedicate these monies and re-dedicate our lives at this altar. May our offerings reach beyond the barriers of our former thinking and doing. In the spirit of Christ, we would pray and live. Amen.

***Hymn #665**

"Break Now the Bread of Life"
(vs. 1 & 2)

(Bread of Life)

