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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.	



July 20, 2025
10:00 a.m.
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



Thought for the Day before Worship

Even in the midst of our busyness, we need to engage in what Brother Lawrence called "practicing the presence of Christ."

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"If Thou Art Near"
(Yo Shionoya - oboe)

(J.S. Bach)

Tower Bell

*Call to Worship: Psalm 15

O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth from their heart;

who do not slander with their tongue and do no evil to their friends nor heap shame upon their neighbors;

in whose eyes the wicked are despised but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

who do not lend money at interest and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

*Hymn #68

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

(Nettleton)

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Eternal and ever-blessed God, we rejoice in the order and goodness of your creation. We praise you as our creator and our redeemer. We seek to worship you, and need your strength to do so. Transform our worship into an offering acceptable to you. Remind us of the delight that comes in time spent intentionally and attentively in your presence. Cause us to see that we always live in your presence, and that by your

companionship and constant help we can carry out the mission you give us in this world. O Holy Spirit, renewing all creation, transforming us from one degree of glory to another into the likeness of Christ, touch us and renew us in this hour. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Remember that we have redemption through Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf. We have forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of God’s grace. For God has made known to us in all wisdom and insight the mystery of God’s will, “to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.” Therein lies our assurance of pardon. 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.**

(Creatorex)

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its minister according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Scripture Lesson: Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus’s feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me.” But the

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: John Robson

Liturgist: Rose Wendling

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Julie Ollier

Ushers: Steve Twehues, Ralph Schoulthies & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, July 20:**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:15 a.m. Cookies & Lemonade
- Monday, July 21:**

7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, July 22:**

7:00 p.m. NA Meeting
- Thursday, July 24:**

3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, July 26:**

9:00 a.m. AA Meeting
- Sunday, July 27:**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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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, Bob Gray, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Marilyn Hanson, Melvin Hanson, Chuck Hawkins, Jean Morrow, Zac Rice, Ed Von Strohe, Wendy Watts & Marty Westermeyer

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

Immanuel UCC, Bromley
Tom Daria

Christ UCC, Ft. Thomas
Diane Vego, Interim

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 Bertie Jo Tuerpe. Bertie's birthday is Sunday, July 27th. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Bertie Jo as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Bertie Jo Tuerpe
999 Lincoln Road
Dayton, KY 41074

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!

Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Solo

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

(J.S. Bach)

(Yo Shionoya - oboe)

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him.

Sermon

"Unexpected Guests"

John Robson

***Affirmation of Faith:** A New Creed, United Church of Canada, 1980

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Hymn #473**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

(Converse)

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

And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God’s hand.

Offertory Invitation

In Christ, we have received the better part, which will not be taken away. We offer our gifts with joy and gratitude. Freely we have received; now freely let us give.

Offertory “Gabriel’s Oboe” (Ennio Morricone)

*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

Gracious God, you have given us all things in Christ, and with thankful hearts we bring these gifts to further your church’s ministry of worship, teaching, fellowship, and outreach, that you may be glorified. Through Christ our loving Savior, we are bold to pray. Amen.

*Hymn #712 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (Ash Grove)

*Benediction

Postlude “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” (Dale Wood)

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.



The greenery at the pulpit and baptismal font are provided by the church.
Open flower dates are July 27th, August 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

We thank Yo Shionoyo for sharing his beautiful gift of music this morning.

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20TH
July 26th: Pat Goins & Garry Miller

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20TH
July 23rd: Kelli & Scott Taylor (37 years)



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