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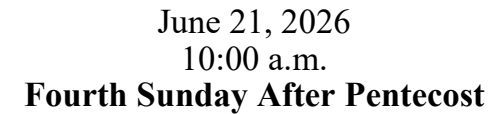
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Monday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	Closed
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

St. John's
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES



O God, whose ways we do not understand, we bring our anxiety and resentment to this time of seeking your Word through the Holy Scriptures. There is unfairness all around and terror in the night. We hesitate to speak up for what we believe. We fear one another and are frightened by your judgment; break through our limited perceptions; reassure us and help us to believe in ourselves and in you. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

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***Call to Worship - based on Psalm 91:1-10**

Come together, disciples of Jesus, who dwell in the shadow of God most high.
God is our refuge and fortress; we will not fear daytime threats of nighttime terror.
 God promises to keep you wherever you go. There is nowhere you can go that God is not.
Surely God is in this place; this is the house of God and the gate of heaven.
 God continues to value your uniqueness and sends salvation for your patient endurance.
We have known God's grace as a free gift; God's love surrounds us and supports us.

Let Christ be your teacher and example and the Holy Spirit, your inspiration and guide.
When God calls, we will answer; with our whole lives we will serve God.
 Let us together Worship our God!!

***Hymn #21** *“This Is My Father’s World”* *(Terra Beata)*

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**

Holy One, in the shadows of our fears, in the sunlight of our joys, in whatever state you find us on this day, O God, make your Holy Spirit known among us. May we leave this place with your greater life added to ours. It is a privilege and a joy, dear God, to praise you and your beloved son, Jesus.

Dear God, though we know you to be our all, there are times when the all of life is too much. In such moments, we are tempted to give up. Yet, we know too that you impart strength and courage. Do for us what we have not done for others, and in your undeserved graciousness, help us to see that life does not have to be what it is. Grant us in grace to receive such astonishing and wondrous blessings. And, with our new strength and courage, we will not forget to say thank you. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**

Hear the Good News! The love of God watches over us, the kindness of Christ is never-ending. Receive forgiveness and choose to live in fullness again, for we are restored. 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 Law of the Old Testament: Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, “Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.” The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, “Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.” So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, “Do not let me look on the death of the child.” And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Welcoming and Leading Us This Morning

Preaching Today: Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

Liturgist: Vickie Kennedy

Organist: Michael Sullivan

Chancel Choir Director: Tony Burdette

Sound Technician: Robert Pettus

Greeters: Darlene Knepshield & Julie Ollier

Ushers: Steve Twehues & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, June 21:** 10am Worship Service/Father’s Day
- Monday, June 22:** 7pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting
- Tuesday, June 23:** 7pm NA Meeting
- Thursday, June 25:** 3pm - 4pm Yoga Class Fellowship Hall
- Saturday, June 27:** 9am AA Meeting
10am - 11am Bible Discussion Saturday
- Sunday, June 28:** 10am Worship Service/Sunday Fellowship/Cookies and Lemonade

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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, Judy Eads, Carol Fickenscher, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Eric Haas, Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Janice Keeney, Vickie Kennedy, Ed Von Strohe, Wendy Watts & Family of Betty Webster

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

St. John UCC, Bellevue
Allen Fluent, Interim

St John's UCC; Newport
J. Martin Westermeyer, 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 Pam Maloney. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Pam as our member of the week!

Her address is:

Pam Maloney
The Pavilion at Kenton
401 East 20th Street
Covington, KY 41014

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!

Solo

"Adoration"
(Evan Hurley - violin)

(Felix Borowski)

From the Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew 10:24-39

"A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!"

"So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and one's foes will be members of one's own household. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Sermon

"What Do You Think of Yourself?" Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

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

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

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 #502

“Be Thou My Vision”

(Slane)

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

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

“Adagio”

(Tomaso Albinoni)

*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

God, your gift to us is life. Our gift to you is how we choose to live life, including our choices of offerings to advance your work in the world. So take these tithes, gifts and offerings from our hands, loving God, along with our prayer that they will help accomplish not what we will, but what you intend. Multiply our seed sown this day, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #530

“Faith of Our Fathers”

(St. Catherine)

*Benediction

*Postlude

“Miniature no.12 for Organ”

(Flor Peeters)

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 June 28th, July 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

ANNIVERSARIES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 21ST

June 22nd: Carol & Tom Haas (58 years)

June 25th: Pat & Dan Goins (55 years)



ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

For online giving, please scan the QR code.