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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 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 28, 2026
10:00 a.m.
Fifth Sunday After Pentecost



Prayer of Meditation before Worship

Creator God, guide us to put first in our lives. May our priorities always center in your purpose for us. We, who have been baptized into Jesus Christ, seek to fulfill our discipleship in all our thoughts, word and deed. Amen.

*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Lord I Want To Be a Christian"

(Diane Bish)

Tower Bell

*Call to Worship

Come before God as a family of God's people, in whom our risen Savior lives and serves.

It is an awesome thing that God's Chosen One continues to minister through us.

How blessed you are when you reach out to do more than the expected.

It is a joy to offer hospitality and provide what others need most.

Those who give support to the righteous shall receive the reward of a righteous person.

The links forged by our faith call forth loyalty that even our families cannot understand.

All who risk themselves for Christ's sake will have abundant life through the cross.

Whether a cross or a cup of cold water is required, we want to give ourselves to the task at hand.

Let us Worship our God!

*Hymn #59

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

(Hymn To Joy)

***Prayer of Adoration and Confession**
Almighty and gracious God, it is in humility and expectation that we come before you in prayer this day. We know that there are gaps between the way things are and how they should be.

O God, our God, above all gods we have created, we are not eager to take up a cross to follow Jesus. We would rather help out in safe places where we can protect those persons and things most dear to us.

We shrink from the difficult choices that may separate us from loved ones with differing views. We even have some favorite sin that we would like to continue. But we know that life for us is not all it is meant to be. We long for true reconciliation with your purposes for us. Forgive us, we pray, that we might die to sin and rise to new life in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

***Assurance of Grace**
Hear the Good News! Your old self was crucified with Christ, according to the Scriptures. You are no longer enslaved to sin. Walk, therefore, in newness of life. 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)

From the Poetry of the Old Testament: Psalm 13
How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
How long must I bear pain in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, “I have prevailed”;
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

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: David Stamm & Wendy Watts

Ushers: Steve Twehues & Mike Hanson

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This Week

- Sunday, June 28:**

Monday, June 29:

Tuesday, June 30:

Thursday, July 2:

Friday, July 3:

Saturday, July 4:

Sunday, July 5:

10am Worship Service/Sunday Fellowship/Cookies and Lemonade

7pm AA & Al-Anon Meeting

7pm NA Meeting

3pm - 4pm Yoga Class Fellowship Hall

Independence Day Observed-Church Office Closed

9am AA Meeting
Independence Day

10am 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, Judy Eads, Carol Fickenscher, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Eric Haas, Betty Hasse, Chuck Hawkins, Janice Keeney, Vickie Kennedy, Ed Von Strohe, Family of Bonnie Walter & Wendy Watts

Weekly Prayer List for Northern Kentucky UCC Cluster

St. Mark UCC; Latonia
Rachel Wirrig

St. John UCC; Covington

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 Joan Sheanshang. Joan's birthday is Thursday, July 2nd. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Joan as our member of the week!

Her address is:
Joan Sheanshang
The Barrington of Ft. Thomas
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, 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

"In This Very Room"

(Jean Nutgrass - Soloist)

(Ron Harris)

In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world,
And in this very room there's quite enough joy for all the world,
And there's quite enough hope and quite enough power
to chase away any gloom,
For Jesus, Lord Jesus ... is in this very room.

From the Gospels of the New Testament: Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Sermon

"A Passage With A Twist"

Rev. J. Martin Westermeyer

***Affirmation of Faith:** from A New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.**

You came to us before we came to you.

**You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.**

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We Worship you. Amen.

