

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

MESSAGE

But I Say To You
"Reconcile Your Anger"

DATE

21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 18th, 2026
Liturgical Color - Green

WORSHIP GUIDE

NEW HERE?

WELCOME GUESTS

If you are interested in getting to know us, please provide information you are comfortable sharing via our online sign-in link on our website; stjohnsumc.org/worship, scan the QR code, or fill out the “guest card” located at the end of the pew, and place it in the offering plate.



NURSERY SERVICE | Room 103

Children, newborn through 5, are welcome in the nursery during the 10:45 AM worship service. The nursery staff kindly asks all parents to sign-in each Sunday and leave a cell phone number in case they need to contact you during the service. Also, please clearly label all of your child's important belongings.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Club House

During our 10:45 AM Worship Service, children from kindergarten to 5th Grade will be dismissed to participate in our Deep Blue Sunday School curriculum, led by our Safe Gatherings certified teachers. If your child(ren) is new to class, please feel free to accompany them to our classroom and meet their teacher. Should you decide to have your child(ren) attend Sunday School, you can ask an usher for directions to room 203 (Kid's Club House). **Questions?** Grace Mott; Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministries; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org

**On the 3rd Sunday of the month, all children and youth are invited to help prep and cook a meal served to our friends at Neighbor2Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N) during Children's Sunday School.*

REGULAR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND PROGRAMMING SCHEDULE

8:30 AM WORSHIP | Chapel

9:30 AM CHOIR REHEARSAL | Sanctuary
PATHWAYS ADULT BIBLE STUDY | 205

10:45 AM WORSHIP | Sanctuary and Virtual
NURSERY CARE | 103
CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Clubhouse

JOIN US ONLINE!

Our Sunday 10:45 Worship Service is live-streamed on our website. stjohnsumc.org/worship

MAKE SOME NOISE FOR MISSIONS

Loose change in the offering plate is used to support our local and international missions, service, and justice efforts including the Missouri United Methodist Conference's Mozambique Initiative. For more information on the Mozambique Initiative visit mzinitiative.com.

GIVE

We are grateful for your continued support and partnership in ministry! Scan the QR code to give online or Text BLESS6900 to 1-888-364-GIVE (4483).



SERVING

THIS WEEK | 10.18.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | Jay Curtright
John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Julia Soxman

USHERS | Stephanie Toigo
Bethany Trostad

NEXT WEEK | 10.25.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Ginny Miller

USHERS | Bonnie Pearson
Doug Pearson

ORDER OF WORSHIP

**OUR FRIEND, KANSAS CITY SYMPHONY VIOLINIST ALEX SHUM, JOINS US
IN MUSIC BY AMERICAN COMPOSERS THAT IS RESTFUL, ROUSING, AND
RAMBUNCTIOUS.**

PRELUDE | *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*² | setting by Brant Adams, 2015
Alex Shum, violin; Dale Morehouse, piano

INTROIT (10:45) | *Peace I Give to You*² | words and music by Taylor Scott Davis, 2011
Chancel Choir; Alex Shum, violin; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

Taylor Scott Davis (b. 1980) is an American composer, conductor, and church musician known for his expressive melodies and richly layered harmonies. His setting of “***Peace I Give to You***” draws upon Jesus’ promise in John 14:27, offering a musical meditation on the peace Christ gives—a peace deeper than worldly understanding. Davis’s characteristic sensitivity to text, luminous vocal writing, and evocative harmonies create an atmosphere of serenity and reassurance, making the anthem a meaningful choice for worship and reflection.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, peace, my peace.

Not as the world gives do I give to you.

Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Shalom. (Peace.)

(words based on John 14:27)

WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

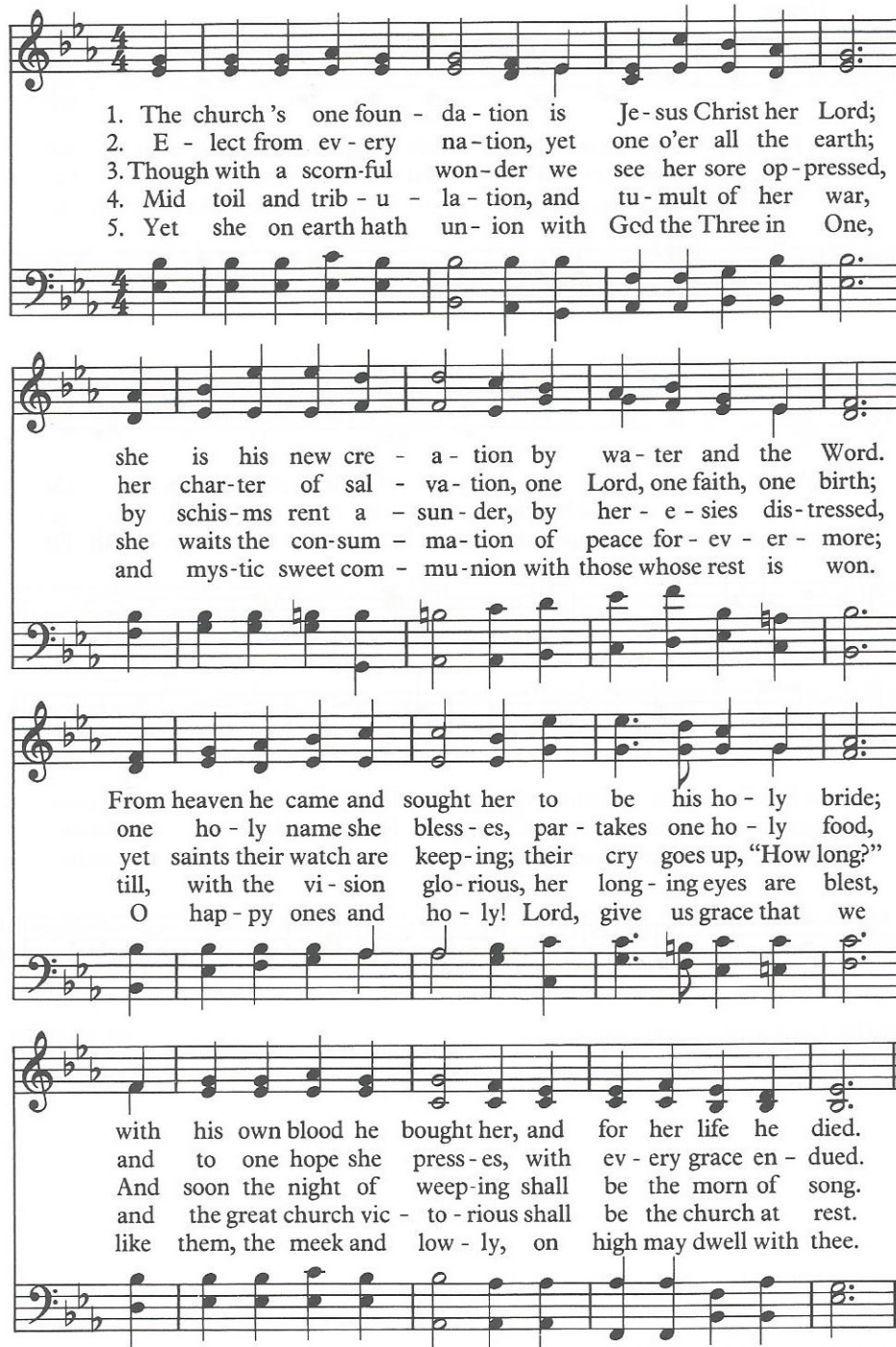
Worship Symbol Notes

* | All are invited to rise in spirit and, as you are able, please stand

BLUE TEXT indicates 10:45 AM Worship Service only.

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***OPENING HYMN | *The Church's One Foundation* | UMH 545 (1, 2, 5)**



1. The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3. Though with a scorn-ful won - der we see her sore op - pressed,
 4. Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5. Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"
 till, with the vi - sion glo - rious, her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

WORDS: Samuel J. Stone, 1866
 MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.

People | **We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.**

Leader | Awesome is God in the sanctuary, the same God of Israel who gives power and strength to the people.

People | **We ascribe you all power and majesty, O God, and sing you our praises.**

ALL | **Let us worship God. Amen.**

(Kirk, James G. When We Gather, pg. 72 – adaption of Psalm 68)

*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*² | UMH 60 (1,2,3)

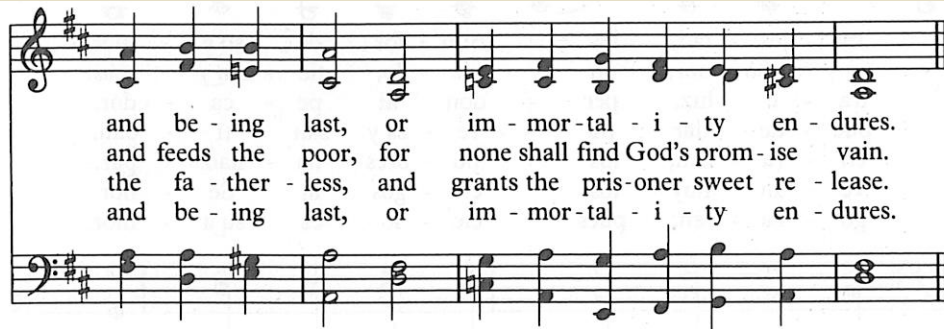
Unison

1. I'll praise my Mak-er while I've breath; and when my voice
2. Hap - py are they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
3. The Lord pours eye-sight on the blind; the Lord sup-ports
4. I'll praise my God who lends me breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em-ploy my no - bler powers.
who made the sky and earth and seas, with all their train;
the faint-ing mind and sends the la-boring con-science peace.
is lost in death, praise shall em-ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought,
whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves th'op-pressed
God helps the stran-ger in dis - tress, the wid - ow and
My days of praise shall ne'er be past, while life, and thought,

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WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. by John Wesley, 1737; alt. 1989 (Ps. 146)
MUSIC: Attr. to Matthäus Greiter, 1525; harm. by V. Earle Copes, 1963
Harm. © 1964 Abingdon Press

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT | Dale Morehouse, Organist and Director of Music Ministry

DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAYER JOY

Thank you **Gary & Stacy Fischer** for donating donuts for today's Youth Donut Sale. All proceeds go towards items purchased and prepared by our Youth/Kids for Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of **Dennis Young's birthday** on October 19th. Given with love by his wife, **Annette Young**.

Take a moment to go out and enjoy the beautification of the church Courtyard. A special thank you to **Cathy** and **Steve Doyal**.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family and Friends of Claire Ridgway | Daughter of Louis & Leah Ridgway | on her death

Jan Etherton | Friend of John Rasmus

Chris Mueller

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Tammy Oskvig | Friend of John & Paula Rector

Carolyn Jeter

Dennis Young

Bailey Andrus | Husband of Beth Andrus

Marci Allen | Sister of Laura Jones

Darren Wallace and his family | Uncle of Grace Mott, and Brother of David Wallace

Rosa Maria Luque | Mother of PDO Teacher Blanca Quinto

Mark McMillen | Cousin of Jill Gardner and Nephew of Max Miller

Marilyn McMillen | Aunt of Jill Gardner and Sister of Max Miller

Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller

Those Dealing with Dementia, their families & caregivers

Those in Hospice Care, their families, and caregivers

UMC Hospice Program in Mongolia

Our Pastors & Other Church Leaders

Missouri Conference Bishop, Bob Farr

Northwest District Superintendent, Curtis Olsen

Lionzuane UMC in Mozambique and Pastor Moises Jeremias Manhique

Worldwide Unrest and Persecution

Those who live on the margins of society

Those serving in the Military and all First Responders

Those impacted by natural disasters

Those suffering at the hands of others

Our “**Prayer Joys and Concerns**” list is an important reminder each week of who needs our prayers in the St. John’s faith community and beyond. We are happy to keep your requests on our list for as long as you would like. And, we ask that everyone continue to pray for those that need it. We also ask to be notified of any updates to the status of your requests. Please review our current list of concerns and reach out to the church office with any updates; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org or 816.523.6788.

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. Amen.

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SOLO | Gentle Voice² | music by Lee Dengler, 2024

Grace Mott, soprano; Alex Shum, violin; Dale Morehouse, piano

Lee Dengler's "Gentle Voice", with text by his wife, **Susan Naus Dengler**, is a tender solo portraying Jesus' loving invitation to bring Him our fears, grief, and worries. Its folk-like melody, expressive harmonies, and violin accompaniment create an atmosphere of warmth and reassurance. Inspired by the still, small voice of God, it offers a comforting reminder of Christ's mercy and rest. The Denglers have a much more beautiful and profound way of proclaiming this Gospel message than I did in my Children's Sermon, and we are blessed to have such wonderful musicians like Grace and Alex to share their gentle voices with us.

*Far above the noise of life,
there's a voice that is gently calling,
"Leave behind your cares and strife.
Come to me. I will give you rest.
Bring your fear and bring your pain.
Bring your anger, and bring your worry."
Do you hear the voice of Jesus,
Gently calling, "Come unto me."?*

*Gentle voice, so meek and mild,
Gentle words of understanding,
"You are My beloved child.
Come to me. I will give you rest.
Bring your grief and bring your cares.
Bring your heartaches and bring your sorrows."
Do you hear the voice of Jesus,
Gently calling, "Come unto me."?*

*Gentle voice, so full of love.
Gentle words so rich in mercy.
"You are My beloved child.
Come to me. I will give you rest."*

(words by Susan Dengler, 2005)

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SCRIPTURE | Matthew 5:21-26¹ | NRSVUE

“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment, and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council, and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | Thanks be to God

¹“Scripture quotations are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition.
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MESSAGE | But I Say To You “Reconcile Your Anger” | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

GENEROSITY MOMENT

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OFFERTORY (10:45) | *It is Well with My Soul*² | setting by Heather Sorenson and Jesse Baker, 2020 | Chancel Choir; Alex Shum, violin; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

Horatio Gates Spafford was a successful young attorney in Chicago whose wife and four daughters were on a ship halfway across the Atlantic Ocean that was struck by an English vessel and sank in twelve minutes. Only his wife survived. It is said that when the ship he took to Wales to bring his wife home passed the approximate area where his daughters had drowned, Spafford received some miraculous sustaining comfort that enabled him to respond, “*When sorrows like sea billows roll—whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, it is well with my soul.*” Spafford was led to write the text of one of the most beautiful hymns we know. His words speak to the eternal hope that all believers have, no matter what pain and grief befall them on earth. **Philip P. Bliss**, a prolific writer of early gospel music, was so impressed with the experience and expression of Spafford’s text that he soon composed the well-suited melody for “***It is Well with My Soul.***” This classic hymn of assurance abounds with the promise of God’s presence and provision in our lives.

*When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.”
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

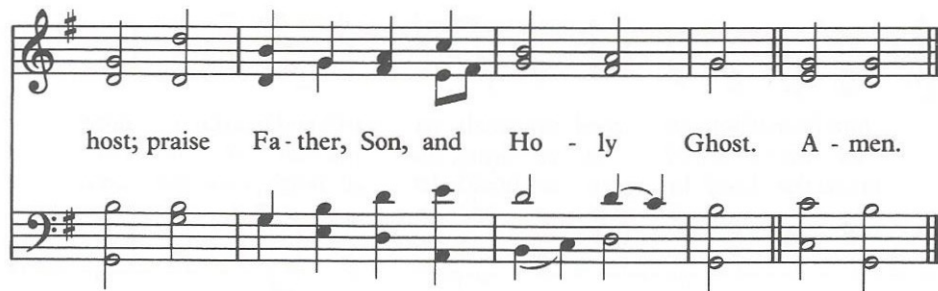
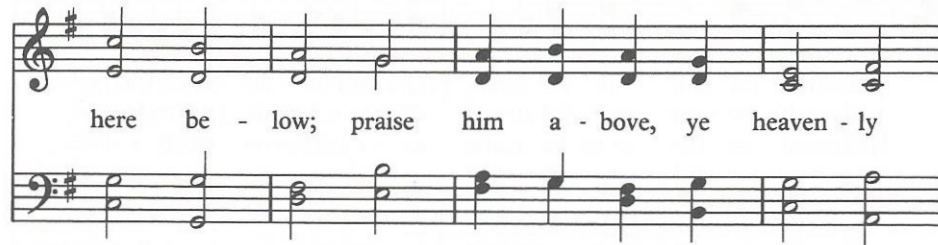
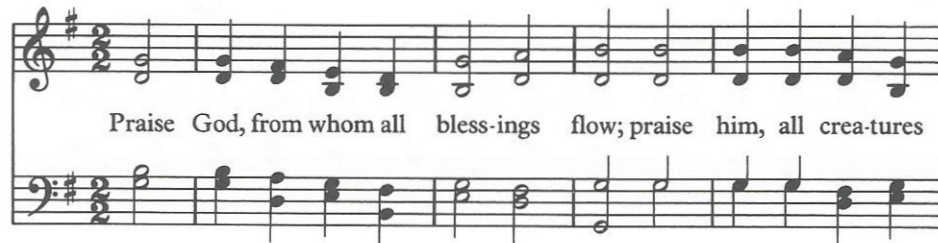
*My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!— my sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!*

*And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend. Even so. It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.*

(Horatio G. Spafford, 1873)

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***DOXOLOGY** | *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* | UMH 95



WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*² | UMH 664**

Unison

1. Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2. With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face.
The ser - vice is end - ed, O now he ex - tend - ed
Our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of our wor - ship in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren of each tribe and race.
The seed of the teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;

WORDS: Omer Westendorf, 1964

MUSIC: Welsh folk tune; harm. by Leland Sateren, 1972

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Contemporary Worship 4: Hymns for Baptism and Holy Communion

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shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for God's king - dom and an - swer the call.
give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, piano

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GOING DEEPER

October 19th to October 24th

Scripture Reading(s) for the week: Matthew 5:21-26; Exodus 20:13 (cf. Numbers 35:20-21, 30-34); Exodus 23:1-9; Micah 6:6-8

As of Tuesday, October 13th, we have received 49 commitment cards totaling \$411,287 supporting our ministries in 2027. Two of those are new commitments and 33 of them increased their commitment from this year. But we still have 22 families who committed to give in previous years but have not committed to give in 2027. They represent \$113,405 in regular tithes and offerings. Now I want you to stop and think for a moment. What was your main take away from what you just read?

I have heard it said that you should try your best to avoid using the word “but.” The reason is the hearer will quickly forget what you previously said and focus mainly on what was said after the “but.” I think that is true. Well, there are at least 65,000 articles on the internet that support my assertion. The reason is that the words after the “but” distract in a negative way from the afore uttered positive words. Therefore, it seems that finding an alternative to the word “but” would improve communications. However, my rationale for curbing the use of “but” evidently does not apply to Jesus. He used “but” in a dramatic and positive fashion breaking down outdated and unjust ways of thinking and acting.

The early crowds in the Gospel of Matthew are assumed to be the marginalized of Jewish society living in the early years of the first century of the common era. However, they understood the teachings of their native religion, Judaism, and particularly the decalogue. When Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder,’ and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment’” they knew it was from their own religious writings. To them there was nothing controversial about these teachings until Jesus says, “but.” “But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister . . . and if you insult a brother or a sister, you will be liable to the council.” In a few words, Jesus reframed the destructive nature of relational division and the temporal and eternal consequences of it. Jesus appears to prioritize being in right relationship with one another as more important than even worship. Why? Because that is what the enemy desires – the enemy desires for us to be divided socially, politically, and interpersonally. When we lose our capacity to love others despite our differences, we lose our ability to participate in God’s transformation of the world.

I realize that I am an amalgamation of my experiences. The era in which I was a child and youth, military service, a mix of blue collar and white-collar careers, divorce, remarriage, blended family, and ministry all serve to form and shape who I am. Add on to that white, heterosexual male with Midwest values from a lower middle class home. Combined they form the lens through which I see the world. At this point in my life I lean slightly left of center socially and right of center fiscally. But not my kids. They see the world differently.

GOING DEEPER

For us who are old enough, you might recall Archie Bunker always arguing with his son-in-law, Michael, over cultural and political issues. You might think this is something of a bygone era . . . you would be wrong. I am amazed at today's trend of division in families. For instance, a Time magazine article stated that one-third of young adults are uncomfortable visiting their parents because of differing political and cultural views. Some people are figuratively divorcing their families – no longer on speaking terms with them.

I think that breaks the heart of God. I cannot imagine divorcing my kids and I hope they feel the same. There is no human conceived belief or ideology that is more important than family. I've engaged with some folks recently who would strongly affirm that statement. Ultimately, I know that I will be judged by God for a multitude of sins. I just don't want being angry with my kids over temporal things to be one of the ones God judges me on.

I invite you to take time and read each of the scriptures above followed by reflection on the questions below. Consider what it means to reconcile your anger with family. Lastly, I pray that God bless the reading of God's Word and the meditations of your heart.

Questions to Consider this week:

- **Monday:** What are some of the forces and experiences that have shaped your world view?
- **Tuesday:** How would you describe your stance, culturally, politically, and theologically?
- **Wednesday:** What groups are you most comfortable talking with about culture and politics?
- **Thursday:** Who do you avoid or what group do you avoid speaking up in?
- **Friday:** Are you currently disengaged from a family member or friend because of this? Why?
- **Saturday:** How are you reconciling your anger in a way that honors God?

Actions for the Week:

- **Head:** Contemplate the need to be affirmed and to consult with people who only do that.
- **Heart:** Explore the depths of feelings that drive you to anger over this.
- **Hand:** Consider bridging the gap to resolve anger, forgive, and reconcile estrangement.

Prayer: God of grace and mercy. We find ourselves dealing with the difficulties of our time and often doing a bad job of it, especially when it comes to our family. We find ourselves not of one mind and opinion, but of differing worlds and this is causing problems. Some of us have chosen to handle the tension and anger by disassociating with our loved ones. This is tragic. We pray that you might give us wisdom and clarity on how to live together despite our differences of world view and opinion. Help us to reconcile our anger with one another, learning that dwelling in love is the only healthy state of being. Amen.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 10.18

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Kids/Youth Service Sunday | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 12:00 PM Youth Donut Sale | Rotunda
- 5:00 PM Stage Right Rehearsal | Susanna Wesley Hall

MONDAY | 10.19

- 9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
- 9:00 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 10:45 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
- 12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205

TUESDAY | 10.20

- 8:30 AM PDO Baby Shower for Blanca | Library
- 9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study | 205
- 10:00 AM Mystic Misfits; Contemplative Prayer Group | Brookside Hall
- 11:30 AM St. John's Bell Choir Rehearsal | Susanna Wesley Hall
- 7:00 PM Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City | Brookside Hall

WEDNESDAY | 10.21

- 8:00 AM Foundations for Faith | Brookside Hall
- 9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting | Library
- 6:30 PM Wise Women Bible Study | Location TBA

THURSDAY | 10.22

- 9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
- 6:00 PM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Board Meeting | Library

FRIDAY | 10.23

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 10.24

- 10:00 AM Claire Ridgway Visitation | Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Claire Ridgway Memorial Service | Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Mo-Kan Heart Quilt Group | Susanna Wesley Hall

SUNDAY | 10.25

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Fall Festival
- 5:00 PM Stage Right Rehearsal | Susanna Wesley Hall



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FALL FESTIVAL - NEXT WEEK!



We need donations & volunteers! Sign up in the Rotunda, scan the QR code, or e-mail Grace Mott, Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministry; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org

FALL FESTIVAL - HARVESTER'S COLLECTION

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED

Along with celebrating the fall holidays, we want to make sure we are remembering the true meaning of the season which is giving back. We need these following items to create a "holiday box" for harvesters. **Please drop off to Grace by 10.23.** A box will be in the rotunda to drop off as well. Let's give the kids the opportunity to learn about missions! Each Holiday box should include the following items:

2 – 14.5 oz. Cans of Green Beans
1 – 15.25 oz. Can of Corn
1 – 14 oz. Can of Cranberry Sauce
1 – 15 oz. Can of Sweet Potatoes
1 – 10.5 oz. Can of Cream of Mushroom Soup

1 – 8.5 oz. Box of Corn Muffin/Bread Mix
1 – 6 oz. Box of Stuffing Mix
1 – 6.6 oz. Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes
1 – .87 oz. Packet of Gravy Mix

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Good news – we've received **47 pledges thus far!**

But – we're still waiting on **26 pledges**, based on last year.

If you haven't turned in your pledge, please do so today!

Five easy ways to pledge:

- Pledge card
- Scan the QR Code
- Link below or in the Friday Ministry News
- Call or text it to your Stewardship Chair: 816.501.8671
- E-mail it to your Stewardship Chair: gtwhitmer@gmail.com



Thank you!
Gary Whitmer



Scan the QR code or visit
tinyurl.com/2027sjumcpledge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE COOKIE AT A TIME

Every Sunday after our 10:45 AM service, we gather in our Rotunda for fellowship. Cookies make this time a little sweeter. If you are interested in donating cookies scan the QR code or sign up in the Rotunda. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org



HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL WITH ALTAR FLOWERS

Honor a loved one and *donate flowers to beautify our Chapel and Sanctuary (\$100 Donation). Your donation will be mentioned in our weekly publications. If you would like to make a donation scan the QR code or sign up in the Rotunda. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org



INVITATIONS

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CLAIRE RIDGWAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH

10:00 AM VISITATION & 11:00 AM MEMORIAL SERVICE

All are welcome to attend. A light lunch reception will be held in Brookside Hall immediately after the memorial service. **Questions?** Church Office; 816.523.6788 or stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

WISE WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21ST | 6:30 PM | LOCATION TBA

Each month the “Wise Women” of St. John’s gather to discuss topics in a biblical context using “The Wired Word.” Discussions lead to deeper understandings of each other and our lives as Christians in today’s world. All women are invited to join us. Location is determined before each meeting. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

HELP SUPPORT HOPE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

St. John's has been a community partner for Hope Leadership Academy since 2016. As partners we help support their student scholars and teachers by donating supplies and uniforms, delivering Back Snacks and volunteering as classroom buddies. HLA currently needs:

- Boys underwear (sizes 5 - 16)
- Clear plastic backpacks

Donations can be brought to church and left in the bin in the rotunda.

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There have been moments in my life where I have had to reconcile myself to the circumstances that I found myself in. Facing a divorce, being let go from a job, or changing careers for the third time, just to name a few. We face things in life that cannot be ignored; we have to confront them and come to grips with them so that we can move forward. In our pursuit to be people who act and love like Jesus, there are things we must confront, come to grips with, and reconcile. If we do not, we impede our goal of becoming full followers of Jesus. You are invited to join us as we listen to Jesus' invitation to confront and reconcile the things that stunt our growth as his disciples. ~Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman