

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

MESSAGE

The Good Samaritan

Guest Preacher, Jeff Brinkman

DATE

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 30th, 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

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.

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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 | 8.30.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY LEADER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY LEADER | Julie Salmon

USHERS | Bonnie Pearson
Doug Pearson

NEXT WEEK | 9.6.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY LEADER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY LEADER | Garth Leigh

USHERS | Volunteer Needed
Gary Fischer

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**THIS MORNING'S MUSIC FOCUSES ON MUCH-LOVED PSALMS AND HYMNS
IN CLASSIC SETTINGS.**

PRELUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

**INTROIT (10:45) | *Glorious is the Lord Almighty*² | music by Franz Josef Haydn, 1798
Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist**

This week's introit, "*Glorious is the Lord Almighty*," is a brilliant, joyful setting of an English translation of the Latin *Gloria in excelsis* text by the great Austrian composer **Franz Josef Haydn** in 1798. These words are the second section of the Mass that are sung or spoken every Sunday in the Catholic church. These texts also include the *Kyrie*, *Credo*, *Sanctus*, *Agnus Dei*, and the *Benedictus* and are known as the Ordinary of the Mass. Texts like the prayers and the scripture readings that change every week are known as the Propers. The *Gloria* normally occurs around the time of the service when we sing our Hymn of Praise, and it serves the same function.

Glorious is the Lord Almighty. Praise Him, all ye people. Praise and honor to His name.

We magnify Thee, we glorify Thee, Lord.

Lord, we praise Thee. Lord, we give thanks to Thee, we adore Thee, we glorify Thee, Lord.

Hear Thou our prayer in your tender mercies

As we thank Thee for all Thy gracious goodness, Lord.

Lord, we do thank Thee for Thy kindness, and we praise Thee for Thy greatness, Lord.

Glorious is Thy name. Glory and honor be to Thee forever and ever. Amen.

(paraphrase of Gloria in Excelsis by Elwood Coggin, 1970)

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WELCOME & INVITATIONS | John Rector, Leadership Council Chair

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.

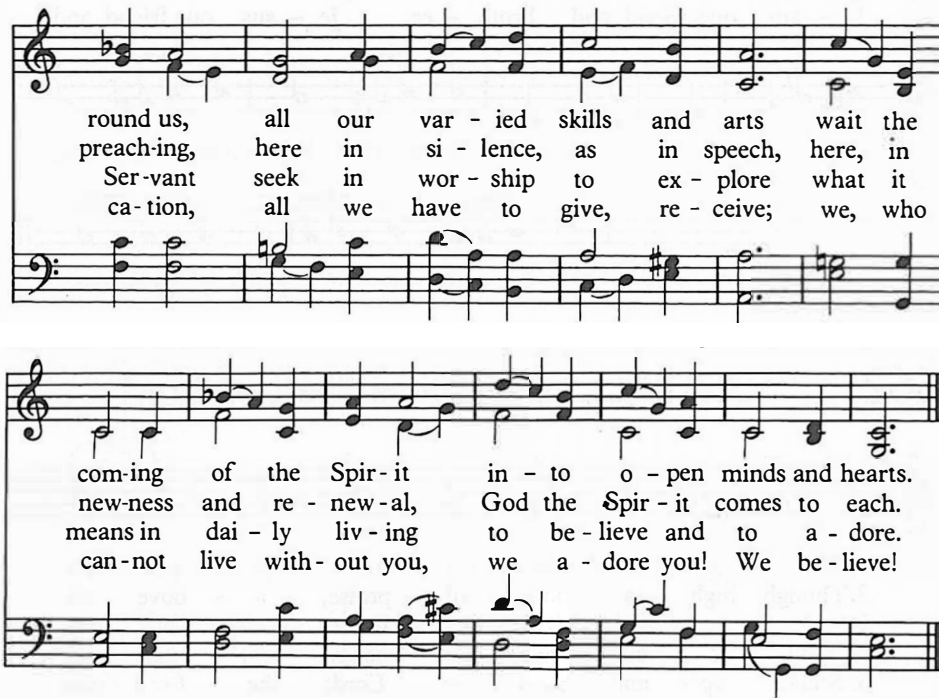
*OPENING HYMN | *God is Here*² | UMH 660 (St. 1, 2, 4)

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of-fer
2. Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life-long
3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's
4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full-er mea-sure
need of grace; here are ta-ble, font, and pul-pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,
change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the gos-pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a-
here the cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon-es-ty of
Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser-vants of the
help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's ded-i-

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round us, all our var - ied skills and arts wait the
preach-ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
Ser-vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
ca-tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

com-ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
new-ness and re - new-al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
can-not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

WORDS: Fred Pratt Green, 1978
MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

People | We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

Leader | We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

People | You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

Leader | You turn our mourning into dancing!

People | Our souls cannot be silent.

ALL | O God our Savior, we give thanks to you forever. Amen.

(Weaver, Jann C. *Flames of the Spirit* (Ruth C. Duck, ed.), pg. 67)

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*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *This is the Day*² | UMH 657

The musical score is written for a Leader and an All congregation. It consists of five systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made. Let us re-joyce, let us re-joyce and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us re-joyce and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made." The Leader parts are marked with "Leader" and the All parts with "All".

Leader *All* *Leader*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,

All *Leader* *All*

that the Lord hath made. Let us re-joyce, let us re-joyce

Leader *All*

and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the

Lord hath made; let us re-joyce and be glad in it.

Leader *All*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

WORDS: Psalm 118:24; adapt. by Les Garrett, 1967

MUSIC: Les Garrett, 1967

© 1967, 1980 Scripture in Song

THIS IS THE DAY
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1964 INFANT BAPTISM RITUAL OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Introduction

Dearly Beloved, Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, through which grace we become partakers of his righteousness and heirs of life eternal. Those receiving the Sacrament are thereby marked as Christian disciples, and initiated into the fellowship of Christ's holy Church. Our Lord has expressly given to little children a place among the people of God, which holy privilege must not be denied them. Remember the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, how he said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God"

To Parents:

Dear Friends, do you in presenting this child for holy Baptism confess your faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? **We Do**

Do you therefore accept as your bounden duty and privilege to live before this child a life that becomes the gospel, to exercise all godly care that he be brought up in the Christian faith, be taught the Holy Scriptures and that he learn to give reverent attendance upon the private and public worship of God? **We Do**

Will you endeavor to keep this child under the ministry and guidance of the Church until he by the power of God will accept for himself the gift of salvation and be confirmed as a full and responsible member of Christ's holy church? **We will**

[Minister then taking child into his arms]

What name is give to this child?

Lowen Alexander Jones, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Minister addresses the congregation:

Brethren of the household of faith, I commend to you the nurture and care of this child, whom we this day recognize as a member of the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that he may grow in the knowledge and love of God the Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ?

People respond:

With God's help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that this child, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to eternal life.

Prayer over the child

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT | Grace Mott, Coordinator of Family & Children's Ministry
DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAYER JOYS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Noah Thomas Barber** on his birth, August 13 to **Catherine** and **Gage Barber**. Given with love by his grandparents, **Gary Whitmer** and **Margaret Smith**

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family and Friends of Drew Ross | on his death
Jan Etherton | Friend of John Rasmus
Chris Mueller
Don Jarvis
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.

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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.

SOLO | Psalm XXIII² | music by Paul Creston, 1945
Samantha Georgiana, soprano; Dale Morehouse, piano

Psalm XXIII by **Paul Creston** (1906–1985) is an expressive solo setting of the beloved Shepherd Psalm. Written in Creston's characteristically lyrical yet rhythmically vital style, the work allows the singer to convey both the intimacy and confidence of the text. The vocal line unfolds naturally, moving from quiet trust through moments of gentle intensity before arriving at a serene affirmation of God's abiding presence. Rich, supportive accompaniment enhances the emotional depth without overshadowing the soloist. Creston's setting captures the psalm's timeless message of comfort, guidance, and hope, offering a deeply personal musical meditation on faith and divine care. The principal repository for Paul Creston's manuscripts and papers is the LaBudde Special Collections at the University of Missouri–Kansas City.

Psalm 23

1. *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*
2. *He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*
3. *He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*
4. *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*
5. *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*
6. *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

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SCRIPTURE | Luke 10:25-37¹ | NRSVUE

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

READER | The Word of God for the people of God

PEOPLE | Thanks be to God

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MESSAGE | “The Good Samaritan” | Jeff Brinkman

Jeff Brinkman is a retired United Methodist Minister, having served 30 years in the Missouri Conference. He was our youth and education director here at the church from 1988-89. He is married to Cathy and has three grown children. His middle daughter, Jennifer was baptised here at St. Johns. Jeff and Cathy currently reside in Vero Beach, Florida.

GENEROSITY MOMENT

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:45) | *Fairest Lord Jesus*² | setting by Jack Schrader, 2010
Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist

“*Fairest Lord Jesus*,” one of Christianity’s most beloved hymns celebrating the beauty, majesty, and love of Christ above all earthly splendor, traces its origins to a German folk hymn first published in the *Münster Gesangbuch* (1677). With its lyrical flow, warm harmonic palette, and natural vocal writing, St. Louis-born **Jack Schrader’s** (1942-2021) setting invites us to reflect on Christ’s beauty, compassion, and enduring presence.

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul’s glory, joy and crown.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heaven can boast.*

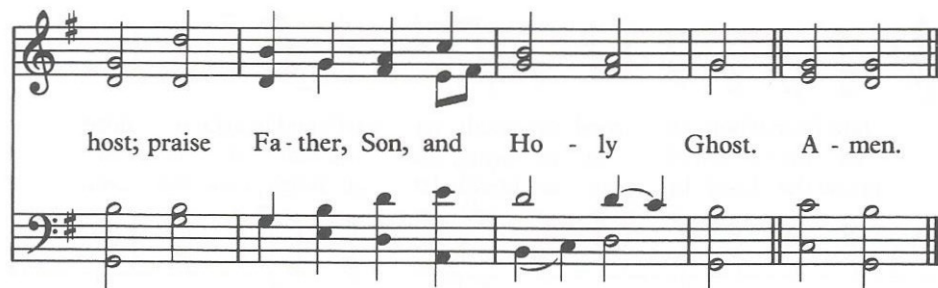
*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forever more be Thine. Amen.*

(Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677)

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures
here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly

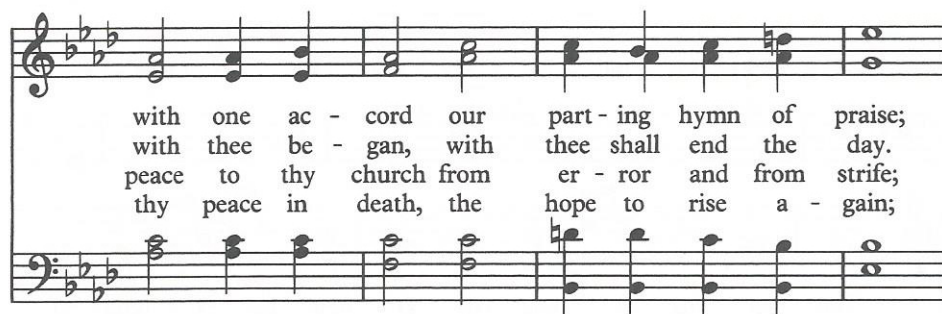
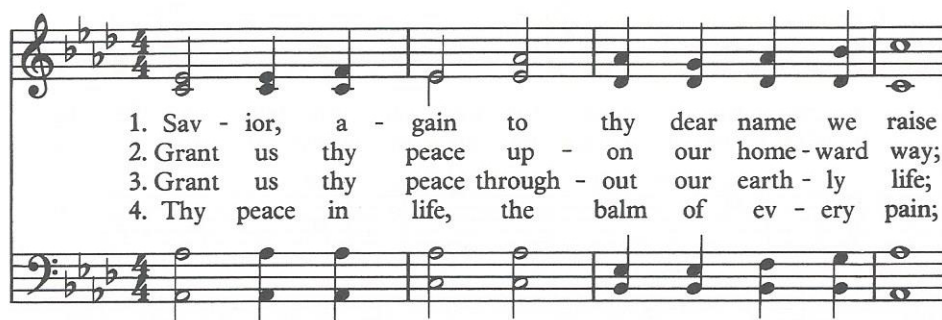
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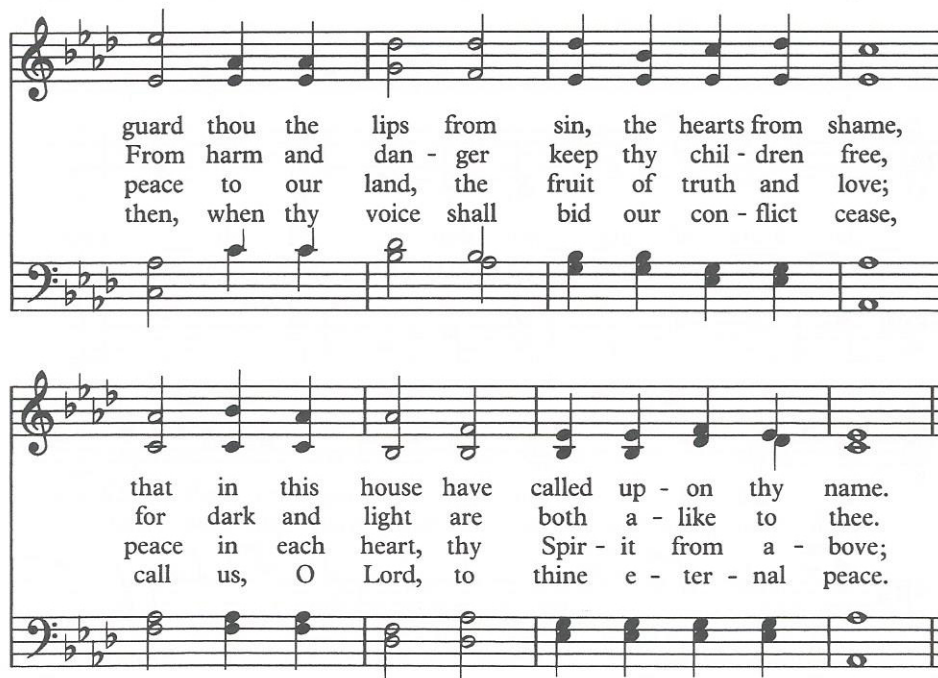
WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name* | UMH 663 (St. 1, 2, 3)



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guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
From harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;
then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy name.
for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
peace in each heart, thy Spir - it from a - bove;
call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

WORDS: John Ellerton, 1866; alt.
MUSIC: Edward J. Hopkins, 1869

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 8.30

8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

MONDAY | 8.31

9:00 AM PDO 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
6:30 PM Leadership Council Meeting | Library

TUESDAY | 9.1

9:00 AM PDO Fall Session

WEDNESDAY | 9.2

9:00 AM PDO Fall Session
9:30 AM Staff Meeting | Library
6:30 PM Men's Pizza Night | Waldo Pizza

THURSDAY | 9.3

9:00 AM PDO Fall Session
1:00 PM PDO Board Meeting | Library

FRIDAY | 9.4

1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom
4:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal | Sanctuary

SATURDAY | 9.5

5:00 PM Wedding | Sanctuary

SUNDAY | 9.6

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

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COMING UP!

SUMMER BREAK IS OVER! JOIN US IN SEPTEMBER FOR . . .

Men's Pizza Night at Waldo Pizza (9/2); Mystic Misfits; Contemplative Prayer starts (9/8); Foundations for Faith Bible Study starts (9/16); Serve Baby Grace at their Diaper Distributions (9/12 & 9/17) and don't forget our Back to School Sunday! (9/20); Visit stjohnsumc.org/connect/calendar or scan the QR code for full a list of events!

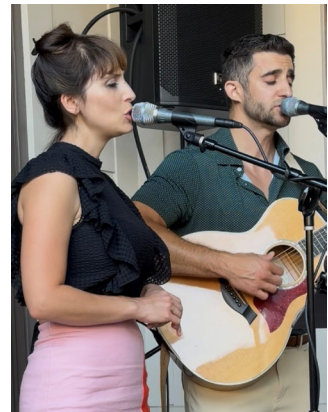


ANNOUNCEMENTS

“TABLE N’ TOWN” UPDATE!

Five Table ‘n Town (“TNT”) events took place in July and August. We had 40 participants, some of whom attended more than one event:

- **Dinner at Sue Young’s** – Hosted dinner at Sue’s home – great food and conversation! Sue provided main dish and wine. Guests brought appetizer, sides or dessert. Group of 10.
- **Mini-Golf and Dinner in Overland Park (Aaron & Loretta Lund, hosts)** - Tap Ins at the Greenhouse. 5 adults and 5 kids.
- **Jazz Happy Hour (Gary Whitmer & Margaret Smith, hosts)** – Café Trio on The Plaza, Tim Whitmer on the piano. Some stayed for dinner. Group of 11.
- **Wine-Tasting at the Senters (Jamie & Marilyn Senter, hosts)** - Each couple/guest brought a bottle of wine to share. Senters provided snacks/hors d’oeuvres/sweets. Group of 8.
- **Pedrucci at The Market at Meadowbrook** – Tony & Stephanie Toigo’s duo music performance during extended Friday happy hour. 14 attendees from St. John’s.



Pedrucci (Tony and Stephanie Toigo) performing at The Market at Meadowbrook August 7th.

Please contact **Gary Whitmer** (816.501.8671 or gtwhitmer@gmail.com) if you’re willing to organize/host a TNT activity. Our goal is to have 4-5 activities lined up for **October**, **November**, or **December** by September 13.

Suggestions:

- o Happy hour and music on the town
- o Dinner and music on the town
- o Music on the town
- o Hosted dinner in your home – guests bring apps, sides, dessert.
- o Hosted dinner at your preferred restaurant or bar – Dutch treat
- o Wine-tasting in your home – guests bring wine and hosts provide apps.
- o Dinner and mini-golf.
- o Dinner followed by a music or theatre performance.
- o Whatever idea you have on sharing food, music or other entertainment fun with others!



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Attendance

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**BACK TO SCHOOL...
THROUGH THE YEARS!**

We are celebrating **Back to School Sunday** on

September 20th

with a trip down memory lane—and we need YOUR school pictures!

- Dig through those photo albums, yearbooks, and memory boxes and bring us a favorite school picture from your younger years! Kindergarten curls, awkward middle school photos, senior pictures, questionable hairstyles—we want to see them all! You may submit more than one photo!
- **Please submit photos by September 14.** E-mail photos to Grace Mott; Coordinator of Children & Family Ministries; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org or drop off at the church office. Don't want to part with the original? We are happy to take a picture of it so you can keep your physical copy.



All of the photos will be displayed in the Rotunda on Back to School Sunday for everyone to enjoy.