

St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

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MESSAGE

Coffee News

“Impermanence of Life”

DATE

July 20th, 2025

6th Sunday After Pentecost

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 on the back of your worship guide, or fill out the “guest card” located at the end of the pew, and place it in the offering plate. **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

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. **Questions?** Allie Cobb; allie.cobb@stjohnsumc.org

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kid's Club House

It's a Veggie Tales kind of summer! All children (completed kindergarten - 5th grade) are invited to join us in a summer of Veggie Tales. During our 10:45 AM worship service, children will be dismissed to participate in a Veggie Tales movie led by Safe-Gathering trained teachers and helpers. If your child(ren) is new to the class, please feel free to accompany them to their room and meet their teacher. Should you decide to have your child attend after the class has been dismissed from worship, ask an usher for directions to room 203 (Kid's Clubhouse). (No Sunday School on July 6th, 27th or August 31st). **Questions?** Allie Cobb; allie.cobb@stjohnsumc.org

**On the 3rd Sunday of the month all children and youth are invited to participate in our Service Sunday during Sunday School. They will help prepare a meal for our friends at Neighbor2Neighbor of Kansas City (n2n).*

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

MEMBERS & GUESTS

Please register your presence on the attendance pads at the end of your pew, scan the QR code on the back of the Worship Guide, or visit 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.

SERVING

THIS WEEK | 7.20.2025

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Garth Leigh

USHERS | Drew Brought
Gary Fischer

NEXT WEEK | 7.27.2025

NO CHAPEL

VBS SUNDAY

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Marilyn Senter

USHERS | Margaret Smith
Gary Whitmer

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE | *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart²* | setting by Lloyd Larson, 2017
Dale Morehouse, piano

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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN | Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart | UMH 160 (1, 3, 5)**

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; re - joice, give
 2. Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le -
 3. Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing
 4. At last the march shall end; the wea - ried
 5. Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom

thanks, and sing; your glo - rious ban - ner
 lu - ias loud; whilst an - swering ech - oes
 as ye go; from youth to age, by
 ones shall rest; the pil - grims find their
 we a - dore, the Fa - ther, Son, and

wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 heaven - ly home, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Ho - ly Ghost, one God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
 Re-joyce, re-joyce, re-joyce,

WORDS: Edward H. Plumptre, 1865 (Ps. 20:4; 147:1; Phil. 4:4)
 MUSIC: Arthur H. Messiter, 1889

MARION
 SM with Refrain

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***CALL TO WORSHIP | Allie Cobb, Director of Family Ministries**

Leader | Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

People | Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Leader | Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting you are God.

People | Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper the work of our hands

Leader | O prosper the work of our hands!

People | Let us worship God together!

ALL | Amen.

(When We Gather, James G. Kirk, Geneva Press, 2001, pg. 121)

***HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *As a Fire is Meant for Burning*² | TFWS 2237**



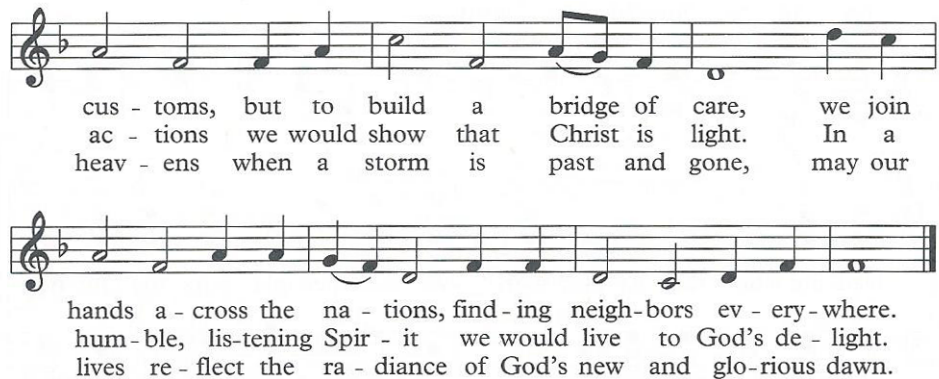
The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of lyrics is: "1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing". The second line is: "2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the". The third line is: "3. As a green bud in the spring-time is a sign of life re -". The second staff has a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing way. We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are renewed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's". The third staff has a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing peo - ples, man - y hues. As a rain - bow lights the".

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WORDS: Ruth Duck
MUSIC: From *The Sacred Harp*, 1844
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CHILDREN'S MOMENT AND DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Allie Cobb, Director of Family Ministries

Kids/Youth Service Sunday (Cooking in Brookside Hall for Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City)

PRAYER JOY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of **Aaron & Loretta Lund's** wedding on July 12th here at St. John's UMC. Given with love by **Aaron & Loretta Lund**.

Thank you **Dennis & Annette Young** for donating donuts for the Youth Donut Sale. All proceeds go towards items purchased and prepared by our Youth and Kids for Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Tom Bergner | Friend of Barb Henson

Those impacted by natural disasters

Marty Lustig | Friend of John Rasmus

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

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

Barb Meyer

Marci Allen | Sister of Laura Jones

Ken and Mary Gray | Parents of Margaret Hoffman

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Paula Shafer | Aunt of Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

Barbara Trump | Sister of Marie Hern

Chris Mueller

Lazarus | Grandson of Bill and Gretchen Longmire

Crystal Vines

Gordon and Shirley Thorn

Marcia Kelly | Friend of Linda Potter

Luke Karel | Friend of Cindy & Barry Mayhew

Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller

Susan Lovell | Mother of Mason Paoli

Those in Hospice Care, their families, and caregivers

Those Dealing with Dementia, their families & caregivers

UMC Hospice Program in Mongolia

Our Pastors & Other Church Leaders

Northwest District Superintendent, Reverend Robin Roderick Bell

Missouri Conference Bishop, Bob Farr

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 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 | *Recollection of Joy* | music by Donna J. Butler; transcribed by Deborah Govenor, 2002 | Grace Mott, soprano; Dale Morehouse, piano

Donna Butler Douglas composed her first song at age four and was first published at age thirteen, growing up to become an accomplished pianist, soloist, and freelance composer with over 100 compositions in print. Her early efforts in music publishing were mentored by noted composer John Ness Beck, who championed her career. In 1990 Mrs. Douglas composed the official college hymn of William Jewell College, *God of Truth and Joy*. She and her husband Gary have four grown children and seven grandchildren. They reside in Olathe with their lovable beagle, Eli... “***Recollection of Joy***” is Donna’s all-time best seller, written as an expression of gratitude and appreciation.

*I thank my God when I remember you, for He has blessed my life with yours.
With every prayer of mine for you, I’m filled with joy;
For I hold you, I hold you in my heart.*

*And I pray that your love may abound yet more in knowledge
And in all judgement: That you may approve excellent things;
That you may be sincere being filled with the fruits of righteousness
Unto the glory and praise of God, the glory and praise to God.*

*Grace to you and peace to you, from God our Father, Christ our Lord.
O I thank my God. I thank my God when I remember you.*

(based on Philippians 1)

SCRIPTURE | Psalm 39:4-6¹ | NRSVUE

“Lord, let me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting my life is. You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight. Surely everyone stands as a mere breath. Surely everyone goes about like a shadow. Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; they heap up and do not know who will gather.”

READER | The Word of God for the people of God
PEOPLE | Thanks be to God

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GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY SOLO (10:45) | *Blessings*² | music by Laura Story, 2011
Grace Mott, soprano; Dale Morehouse, piano

Contemporary Christian singer-songwriter **Laura Story** married her partner Martin; two years later he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. Story learned that despite his life-threatening illness, they saw how God never intended for people to provide for themselves and that instead of walking alone they would need to rely on Jesus's help. *Blessings* was written to describe how God will allow things that are not immediately understood to happen, but from a different perspective they are a means of spiritual growth. The song is also about how sometimes material possessions are not what God wants for believers, and it lends the idea about how character, along with what is in someone's heart, is ultimately more important. In an interview with FreeCCM, Story learned that during the writing process she realized there was one choice to judge God based on circumstances not understood, and another based on circumstances for what was held to be true of God's nature, with her choosing to trust God.

The song won multiple awards in 2012, including Top Christian Song at the Billboard Music Awards, a Grammy for Best Contemporary Christian Song, Song of the Year and Pop/Contemporary Song of the Year at the Dove Awards.

*We pray for blessings
We pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
All the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things*

*'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise*

*We pray for wisdom
Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love
As if every promise from Your Word is not enough
All the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe*

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*When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not our home
What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy
What if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are your mercies in disguise*

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

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. A - men.

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***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* | UMH 101 (1, 2, 4)**

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies,
2. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord;
3. Your loft - y themes, ye mor - tals, bring,
4. In ev - ery land be - gin the song;

let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's
e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy word. Thy praise shall sound from
in songs of praise di - vine - ly sing; the great sal - va - tion
to ev - ery land the strains be - long; in cheer - ful sounds all

name be sung, through ev - ery land by ev - ery tongue.
shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
loud pro - claim, and shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
voic - es raise, and fill the world with loud - est praise.

WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE | *Toccata on "From All the Dwell Below the Skies"*² | music by Gilbert Martin, 1970**

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 7.20

- 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
- 12:00 PM VBS All Church Decorating

MONDAY | 7.21

- 9:00 AM VBS
- 9:30 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep
- 11:30 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served
- 12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205

TUESDAY | 7.22

- 9:00 AM VBS
- 10:00 AM Baby Grace and Neighbor 2 Neighbor Drop Off (until 2 PM) | Rotunda

WEDNESDAY | 7.23

- 9:00 AM VBS

THURSDAY | 7.24

- 9:00 AM VBS
- 10:00 AM Baby Grace and Neighbor 2 Neighbor Drop Off (until 2 PM) | Rotunda

FRIDAY | 7.25

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 7.26

No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY | 7.27

- 10:45 AM VBS Sunday Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Betty Rae's Ice Cream Truck | Parking Lot



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY | 7.20

Noon VBS All Church Decorating

MONDAY - THURSDAY | 7.21 - 7.24

9:00 AM - Noon VBS

SUNDAY | 7.27

10:45 AM VBS Sunday | Sanctuary

Noon Betty Rae's Ice Cream Truck | Church Parking Lot

NO CHAPEL SERVICE



Scan the QR code or visit
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calendar of events and
small group meetings

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY

Baby Grace is a Diaper Pantry and Clothes closet providing these necessities to families who are living at or below the poverty level. These items are not available to them through any government assistance program. In addition we provide connections for resources, education, and other programs that can give them needed assistance.



HOW TO HELP:

- Please consider donating to help us purchase our diapers and wipes. We are now a Happy Bottoms distributor and can buy more diapers for each family at a savings; but still must fund a portion of the diapers and all of the wipes. Our savings in diapers will be used to provide new added programs.
- Volunteer to sort and prepare clothing and items for our quarterly Clothes Closets and then help set them up and assist our families shopping
- Work our monthly distributions on the second Saturday of each month 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM and/or the Thursday following the second Saturday from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM.
- Donate Clothing sizes Newborn through size 6, childcare items, toys & books. Drop off times at St. John's UMC are 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Tuesdays & Thursdays. You may also drop off donations at Trinity UMC during our Distribution hours there.

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N2N (Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City)

St. John's UMC is a long time partner with Neighbor to Neighbor of Kansas City. N2N is a local ministry that serves the homeless and near homeless in the Kansas City area. We are always collecting monetary donations for N2N.



Scan the QR code to donate. Choose the Missions Fund with the Sub-fund Neighbor 2 Neighbor.

Any material donations can be can be dropped off at St. John's UMC on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 AM -2:00 PM. Questions? Ruth Gerald; ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com.

INVITATIONS

VBS ALL CHURCH DECORATING

TODAY, JULY 20TH | 12:00 PM

We need your help! Please consider staying after worship and helping us transform St. John's UMC into a Road Trip adventure! We need all kinds of help. Lunch will be provided. **Questions?** Allie Cobb; allie.cobb@stjohnsumc.org.

MEMORIAL GARDEN CLEAN-UP CREW

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2ND | 9:00 AM

Let's plan on meeting at 9:00 AM on the following Saturday mornings: August 2, September 6, October 4, with possible winterizing November 1. This is a low commitment volunteer opportunity and you don't need to attend every Saturday. Consider this an invitation to spend time outdoors enjoying the lovely setting and working together to maintain and enhance the vision of those who came before us. **Questions?** Margaret Smith; margaretjosmith@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our most recent blood drive last week! Due to some cooling issues in Brookside Hall we had to made a quick change to Susana Wesley Hall. Even with a late start we collected 25 units of blood to save lives. Save the date for November 25th for our next blood drive event! **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

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MUSIC ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the St. John's music engagement survey are in. We had 85 responses which tells us St. John's members are passionate about their music! The majority of congregants (70%) are pleased with our current program but the survey provided additional detail and insights into what the remaining 30% are seeking. Our goal was to provide Dale with specific examples so he can learn what others find appealing and make music selections accordingly. We want to thank everyone for your participation and interest.

ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP BOARD

Are you energized by setting vision and mission? Do you enjoy thinking about the future and its possibilities? Are you looking for a way to put your leadership skills to use in your faith community? We have an opportunity for you. Each year, we have three to four people rotating off the church leadership board. They have faithfully served for three years and transition into other areas where their spiritual gifts and talents can be of service to God and community. Which means we will have openings for fresh voices and new perspectives this coming year. We meet on the last Monday of each month excluding December.

Meetings start at 6:30 PM and are scheduled to last 1.5 hours. If you are feeling led by the Holy Spirit to volunteer your time and talent to help shape the future of St. John's UMC, please e-mail Pastor Jim at jimh@stjohnsumc.org or Jessica at jessicag@stjohnsumc.org. We would love for you to throw your hat into the ring for consideration to serve in this important role in the life of St. John's.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Electronic giving can be done through our website; stjohnsumc.org/Donate
- Electronically give through the Shelby Next application on your Apple or Android device; stjohnsumc.org/connect/church-directory
- You can set up automatic drafts with your bank account saving you checks, time, and energy – no need to think about it; let the bank do it for you
- We pay about \$3,500 annually in bank fees to cover on-line giving transactions but you can help – simply check mark “Cover the administrative fee” and we can cut that cost down.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

PARENTS DAY OUT | PRESCHOOL

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Register attendance

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Network Password: **sjumcguest**

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