



St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION

Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

MESSAGE

Modern Beatitudes
“Above All Else, Unity”

DATE

Pentecost Sunday
May 24th, 2026
Liturgical Color - Red

Romans 12:21: Do not be overcome by evil, but
overcome evil with good.

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).

**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 SUNDAY SCHOOL | 205

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

5/24 - NO CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOIN US ONLINE!

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

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 | 5.24.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Julie Salmon

USHERS | Bob Taylor

Josh Swenson

NEXT WEEK | 5.31.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Volunteer Needed

USHERS | Leah Ridgway

Louis Ridgway

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GUEST MUSICIAN | Canon John Schaefer, conductor, pianist, and organist

PRELUDE | Canon John Schaefer, organ

**INTROIT (10:45) | *I Will Not Leave You Comfortless* | music by Everett Titcomb, 1934
Chancel Choir; Canon John Schaefer, conductor**

The text of "*I Will Not Leave You Comfortless*" comes from the Gospel of John, where Christ reassures his disciples before his departure. Its language is direct yet deeply consoling, promising presence despite physical absence. The word "*Comfortless*" (or "*orphans*" in some translations) carries emotional weight, emphasizing vulnerability and care. The passage balances intimacy and faith, offering quiet assurance, hope, and spiritual continuity in times of uncertainty. **Everett Titcomb's** setting emphasizes warmth, reassurance, and devotional sincerity. The piece unfolds with quiet dignity, avoiding excess while achieving emotional depth through simplicity. Its enduring appeal lies in its directness, balance, and ability to convey consolation with understated beauty. Titcomb (1884–1968) was an American organist, composer, and Episcopal church musician based in Boston, and his music reflects a reverence for plainchant, Renaissance polyphony, and a restrained, devotional aesthetic rooted in the Anglo-Catholic tradition.

*I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you again: Alleluia.
And your heart shall be joyful.
Alleluia.*

(words from the Gospel of John)

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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.

*OPENING HYMN | *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* | UMH 500 (1, 4, 5)

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
3. Hast thou not bid me love thee, God and King?
4. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;
5. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;
no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
All, all thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,
no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh,
the kin - dling of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

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and make me love thee as I ought to love.
but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!
teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

WORDS: George Croly, 1867 (Gal. 5:25)
MUSIC: Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | God's Spirit gives us good and varied gifts.

People | **Praise be to God for the gift of loving one another.**

Leader | Praise be to God for the ability to serve one another.

People | **Our lives are enriched by these gifts from God.**

ALL | **Praise be to God that we are bound together as one by the Spirit which gives us these gifts. Amen.**

(McClanahan, Peggy; Flames of the Spirit (Ruth C. Duck, ed.), pg. 46)

*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *Spirit of the Living God*² | UMH 393

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The first system has the lyrics 'Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.' The second system has the lyrics 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a-fresh on me.' The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a 4/4 time signature.

WORDS: Daniel Iverson, 1926; adapt. (Acts 11:15)
MUSIC: Daniel Iverson, 1926
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LIVING GOD
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RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS:

(Words in bold indicate the response of the new member or the unified congregational response)

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

I present **Cathy Andrews** who comes to join with this congregation of the United Methodist Church.

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sins? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers,

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your presence, your gifts, your service, and your faithful witness? **I will.**

Members of the household of God, I commend Cathy to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

We give thanks for all the God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our faithful witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace. Amen.

(If you are a regular attender who would like to know more about membership in the United Methodist Church please e-mail Pastor Jim Hoffman at jimh@stjohnsumc.org to set up an appointment.)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT | Grace Mott, Coordinator of Children's & Family Ministries

PRAYER JOYS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of **Dennis & Annette Young's** 46th Wedding Anniversary.

Thank you **Sue Young** for donating cookies for all to enjoy in the Rotunda after the 10:45 am Worship Service.

We officially welcome **Cathy Andrews** into the St. John's community. We look forward to being part of your faith journey.

A warm welcome to our new Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries, **Grace Mott**

Congratulations to our graduates: **Isabelle Wilson**, Kansas State University; **Maggie Feldmiller**, University of Missouri-Columbia; **Alex Brought & Alice Feldmiller**, Pembroke Hill High School; and **Danica Gattorna**, Shawnee Mission East High School.

PRAYER CONCERNS

The Family & Friends of Jim Burris | on his death

Dennis Young

Penelope Doehring | Daughter of Kate and Tyler Doehring

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Jesse | Friend of Virginia Stanzel
Bailey Andrus | Husband of Beth Andrus
Marci Allen | Sister of Laura Jones
Madison Price
Dianna Hackler | Mother of Mason Hackler
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
Chris Mueller
Lazarus | Grandson of Bill and Gretchen Longmire
Crystal Vines
Shirley Thorn
Marcia Kelly | Friend of Linda Potter
Linda Edwards | Friend of Ginny Miller
Susan Lovell | Mother of Mason Paoli
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 (effective 7/1/2026)
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

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 | *In Humility, Our Savior*² | setting by Marshall McDonald, 2014
Dr. Josh Markley, baritone; Canon John Schaefer, piano

Marshall McDonald is a contemporary Latter-Day Saint composer known for writing accessible sacred music for solo voice and choir. His works often reflect themes of humility, discipleship, and the life of Christ. McDonald's style is lyrical and direct, with clear melodies and supportive accompaniments that make his music approachable for a wide range of performers and congregations. The text of "*In Humility, Our Savior*" expresses quiet reverence for Christ's humility and sacrificial love. Its language is simple yet deeply devotional, focusing on themes of grace, service, and redemption. The words invite reflection and prayer, encouraging a spirit of gratitude and inward contemplation through gentle, sincere expression of faith.

*In humility, our Savior, Grant thy Spirit here we pray,
As we gather here together on this blessed holy day.
Let me not forget, O Savior, Thou didst bleed and die for me
When thy heart was stilled and broken On the cross of Calvary.*

*Fill our hearts with sweet forgiving, Teach us tolerance and love.
Let our prayers find access to thee in thy holy courts above.
Help us all to do thy bidding And our daily wants supply.
Give thy Holy Spirit's guiding Till we reach the goal on high.
Then when we have proven worthy Of thy sacrifice divine,
Lord, let us regain thy presence, Let thy glory round us shine.*

In humility, our Savior, Grant thy Spirit here we pray.
(words by Mabel Jones Gabbott and Richard Alldredge)

SCRIPTURE | Romans 12:9-21 | NRSVUE

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of

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God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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MESSAGE | **Modern Beatitudes “Above All Else, Unity”** | **Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:45) | *O Breath of Life*² | music by **David Ashley White**, 2000
Chancel Choir; Canon **John Schaefer**, conductor and organist/pianist

In 1920, **Bessie Porter Head** wrote the text of the Pentecost hymn “*O Breath of Life*,” a brief yet deeply expressive prayer for spiritual renewal. Her words are simple and direct, yet rich with imagery of breath, light, and awakening, conveying a longing for divine presence to restore and sustain the human spirit. Its clarity and sincerity make it especially effective for musical setting, inviting reflection, calm, and a sense of quiet, inward devotion. **David Ashley White** composed a luminous choral anthem in 1989 that captures this quiet, prayerful longing for renewal. The music unfolds with gentle, flowing lines and rich harmonies that support the text’s sense of spiritual awakening. Its serene atmosphere and heartfelt sincerity invite reflection, creating a moment of calm that feels both intimate and expansive. White is an American composer known for his elegant, approachable choral and vocal music. Based in Houston, he has long been associated with University of Houston, where he taught composition and theory. And he has the good taste to be a friend of Canon Schaefer, our guest musician this morning.

This is Hymn #543 in our United Methodist Hymnal. The text may be found there.

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***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. Amen.

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

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*HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song*² | UMH 544

Unison

1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of

flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to her
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the

new flame's ea - ger might: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

WORDS: Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1981 (Acts 2)
MUSIC: Peter Cutts, 1968

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*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE | Canon John Schaefer, organ

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 5.24

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

MONDAY | 5.25 | Memorial Day

PDO on Break
Church Office Closed
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 | 5.26

PDO on Break
11:30 AM Bell Choir | Choir Room

WEDNESDAY | 5.27

PDO on Break

THURSDAY | 5.28

PDO on Break
6:00 PM Neighbor2Neighbor Board Meeting | Library

FRIDAY | 5.29

1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 5.30

No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY | 5.31

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

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INVITATIONS

ST. JOHN'S BOOK CLUB - NEW BOOK SELECTION!

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH | 7:00 PM | LIBRARY

The St. John's book club meets every four to six weeks and rotates between classic literature, current fiction, and non-fiction. It is open to everyone who enjoys good discussions about good books. Our current selection is Lonesome Dove, by Larry McMurtry. The epic Western (858 pages!) won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction in 1986. Contact Ginny Miller (virginiamillerkc72@gmail.com) if you would like to participate by Zoom. Continuing the exploration of the frontier experience, the next selection will be My Antonia, by Willa Cather. Discussion date for My Antonia will be determined in July.

250TH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH

Everyone is invited to join us on July 5th for a worship service with music celebrating our country's anniversary. After the 10:45 AM service we will be having lunch in Brookside Hall. More information coming soon! **Questions?** Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

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



SPRING FLOWERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP!

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



MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY

Baby Grace, a Diaper Pantry and Clothes closet, provides necessities to families who are living at or below the poverty level. These items are not available 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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Questions? Ruth Gerald; ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com.

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. 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.



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WELCOME



GRACE MOTT

Friends, help us welcome Grace as she begins in the role of **Coordinator of Children's and Family Ministries**. We are excited to see where God leads and uses her in this extended capacity of ministry amongst us. She will also continue to sing with the choir which we count as a genuine blessing. Please be in prayer for her, Dalton, and Hazel in this journey.