

# St. John's

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## MISSION

Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

## MESSAGE

Get On With It!

## DATE

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

Liturgical Color - Green

Matthew 10:7 | As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near'

**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](http://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 & Family Ministries; [grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org](mailto: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/live-worship-replay](http://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](http://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 | 6.14.2026

### 8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | Sharon Curtright

USHERS | Jay Curtright  
Sharon Curtright

### 10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Jamie Senter

USHERS | Annette Young  
Dennis Young

## NEXT WEEK | 6.21.2026

### 8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY READER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

### 10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY READER | Dennis Young

USHERS | Margaret Smith  
Gary Whitmer

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**PRELUDE** | Dale Morehouse, organ

**INTROIT (10:45)** | *Chosen to Serve*<sup>2</sup> | music by John Carter, 1992  
Chancel Choir and Congregation; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist

This morning's introit that we will sing together, "**Chosen to Serve**," was written by **John Carter** and **Mary Kay Beall**, a Columbus Ohio-based husband and wife team with over 200 published works since 1978. It is based on John 15: 1-17: 5 "*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit;... 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you... 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.... My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.... 17 This is my command: Love each other.*"

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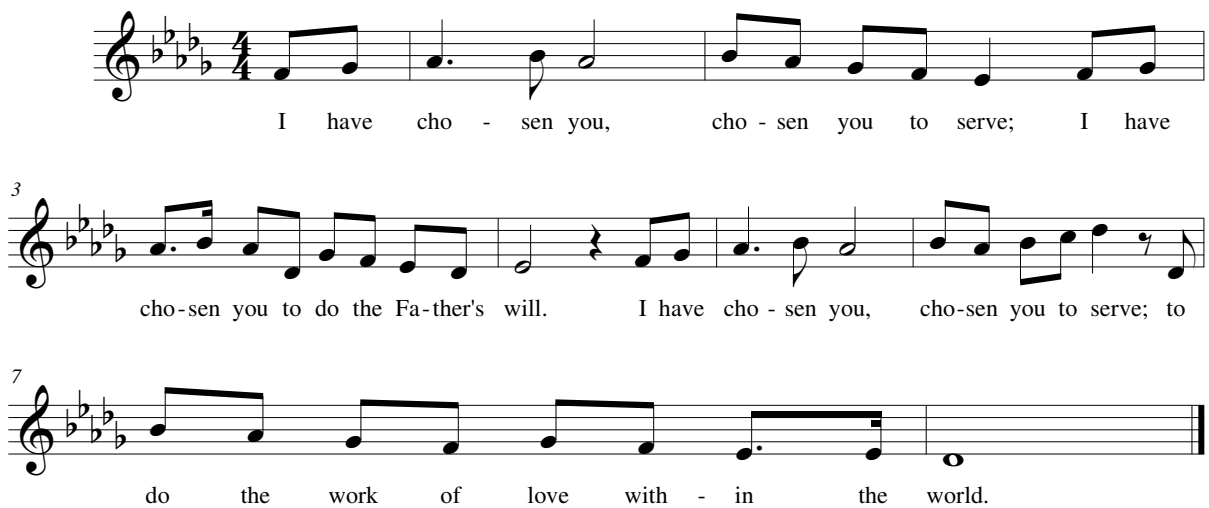
Mary Kay Beall (based on John 15: 1-17)

John Carter

Choir: I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; I have chosen you to so the Father's will.  
I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; to do the work of love within the world.

REFRAIN: ALL

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I have cho - sen you, cho - sen you to serve; I have  
cho-sen you to do the Fa-ther's will. I have cho - sen you, cho-sen you to serve; to  
do the work of love with - in the world.

Choir: As the Father loves me, so do I love you. As the Father sent me, so do I love you.  
As the Father chose me, I have chosen you to do the work of love within the world. REFRAIN

Choir: I am like a strong vine growing as a tree. You are like the branches, raking life from me.  
If you will but love me, do as I command, you will bear the fruit of love within the world.  
REFRAIN (twice)

Choir: I have chosen you, chosen you to serve; to do the work of love within the world.

## WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

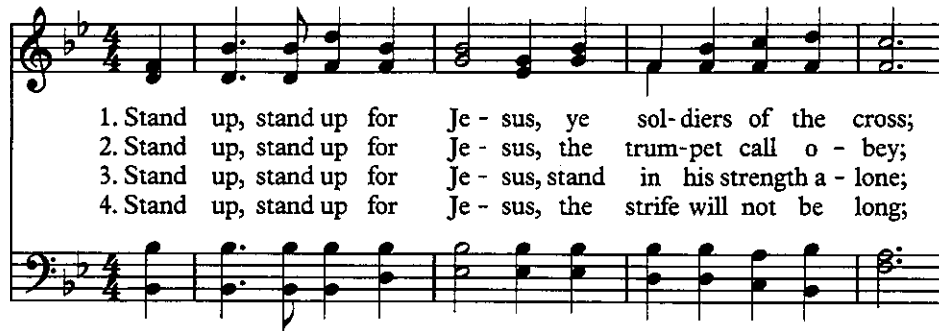
Worship Symbol Notes

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

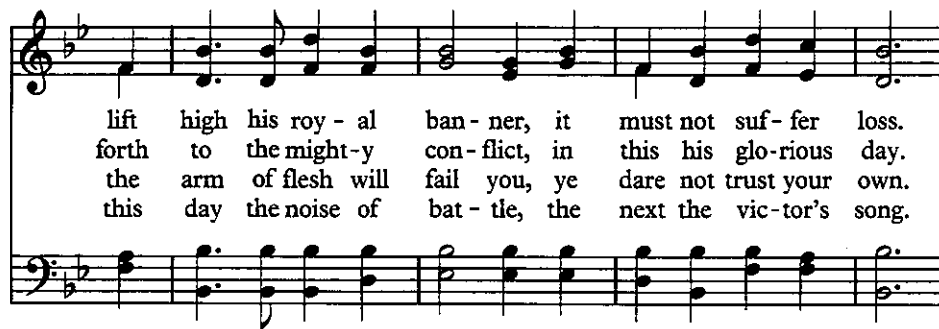
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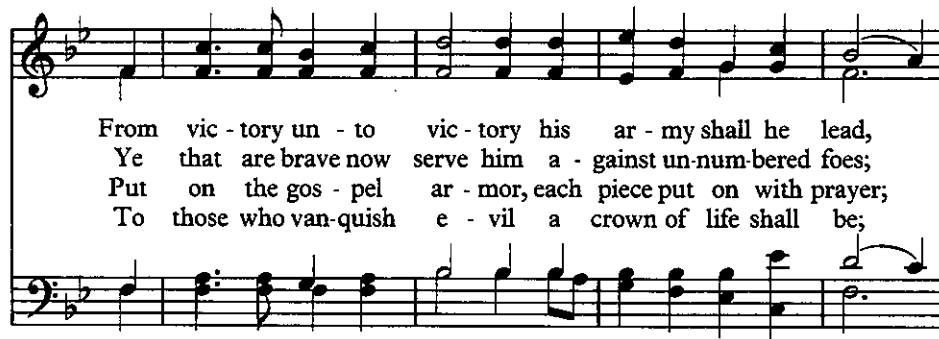
\*OPENING HYMN | *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus* | UMH 514 (1, 2, 4)



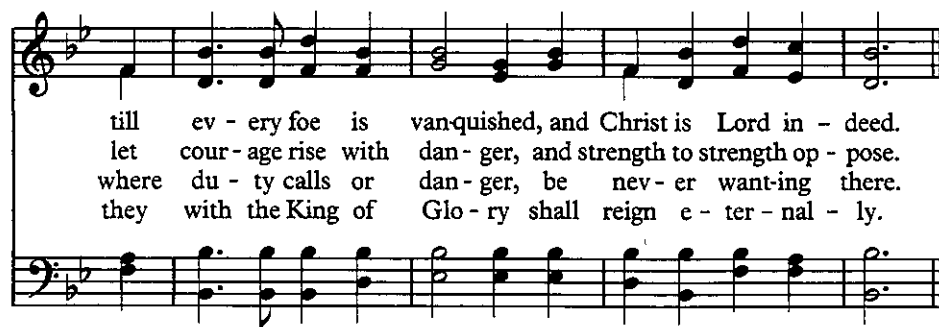
1. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;  
2. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;  
3. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;  
4. Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss.  
forth to the might - y con - flict, in this his glo - rious day.  
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
this day the noise of bat - tle, the next the vic - tor's song.



From vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,  
Ye that are brave now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with prayer;  
To those who van - quish e - vil a crown of life shall be;



till ev - ery foe is van - quished, and Christ is Lord in - deed.  
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.  
where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.  
they with the King of Glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

WORDS: George Duffield, Jr., 1858 (Eph. 6:10-17)  
MUSIC: George J. Webb, 1830

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## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

People | **We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

Leader | God is here now, ready to strengthen us and to urge us to greater faithfulness.

People | **Fill us with your goodness, O God.**

ALL | **Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us. Amen.**

(McClanahan, Peggy; *Flames of the Spirit* (Ruth C. Duck, ed.), pg. 60)

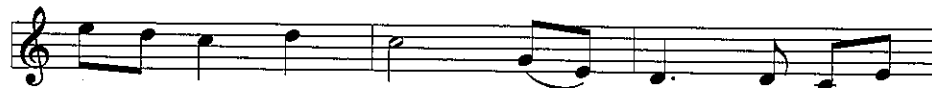
## \*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *O God Beyond All Praising*<sup>2</sup> | TFWs 2009



1. O God beyond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to -  
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we



day and sing the love a - maz - ing that  
bring, that we who know your fa - vor may



songs can - not re - pay; for we can on - ly  
serve you as our king; and whe - ther our to -



won - der at ev - ery gift you send, at  
mor - rows be filled with good or ill, we'll



bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out  
tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you



end: We lift our hearts be - fore you and  
still: To mar - vel at your beau - ty and

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wait up - on your Word, we hon - or and a -  
glo - ry in your ways, and make a joy - ful  
dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

WORDS: Michael Perry (Heb. 13:15)

MUSIC: Gustav T. Holst

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**LAY LEADER'S REPORT ON ANNUAL CONFERENCE | Lay, Leader, Jamie Senter**

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

## PRAYER JOY

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God, in memory of **Clark Evans**, and in celebration of **Flag Day**. Given with love by **Peggy Evans**.

Thank you to **Jamie & Marilyn Senter** for donating donuts for our Youth Donut Sale. All proceeds go towards a meal prepared by our Youth/Kids and delivered to Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

**The Family & Friends of Murray Blackwelder** | on his death

**The Friends & Family of Pastor David Lucas; Branson UMC** | on his death

**Katie Perryman**

**Dennis Young**

**Penelope Doehring** | Daughter of Kate and Tyler Doehring

**Jesse** | Friend of Virginia Stanzel

**Bailey Andrus** | Husband of Beth Andrus

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**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 | Lord, Here Am I<sup>2</sup> | music by John Ness Beck, 1984**  
**Sam Enriquez, baritone; Dale Morehouse, piano**

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”  
And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)

The remarkable **Fanny Crosby** (1823-1915) called on this verse as inspiration for her poem, “**Lord, Here Am I.**” Blind from the age of six weeks, Crosby memorized the first four books of the Old Testament and the four Gospels as a child. This astounding accomplishment gave her a foundation providing a treasury from which flowed her 8,000 hymns. **John Ness Beck** (1930-1987) was the first to set this poem to music in 1984, strengthening and enhancing the text and underscoring its message of dedication and commitment. On seeing God on His throne, an overwhelmed Isaiah responded, “Here am I. Send me!” As we ascertain God’s call for us, may our response be, “Ready and willing, Lord, here am I.”

*Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey;  
Only direct me, and I'll find Thy way.  
Teach me the mission appointed for me,  
What is my labor, and where it shall be.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
"Ready and willing,  
Lord, here am I."*

*Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross;  
Willing to suffer reproaches and loss.  
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead;  
Only support me with grace in my need.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
"Ready and willing,  
Lord, here am I."*

*Living, or dying I still would be Thine;  
Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.  
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right;  
Pity, and bring me again to the light.  
Master, Thou callest, and this I reply,  
"Ready and willing,  
Lord, here am I."*

(words by Fanny Crosby)

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## **SCRIPTURE | Matthew 10:1-15 | NRSVUE**

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

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

<sup>1</sup>“Scripture quotations are taken from the New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. Copyright © 2021 National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

**MESSAGE | Get On With It! | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman**

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**GENEROSITY MOMENT**

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:45) | *Give Me Oil in My Lamp*<sup>2</sup> | setting by Mary McDonald, 2026 | Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, conductor and pianist**

This traditional spiritual is based on Jesus' Parable of the Ten Virgins in which Matthew urges us to be prepared for the return of the Lord. "***Give Me Oil in My Lamp***" is a cheerful, widely loved Christian chorus often sung in churches, camps, and children's programs, using the image of a lamp needing oil as a metaphor for maintaining faith, joy, and spiritual energy. Additional verses ask for "joy," "peace," and "singing" in one's heart, reinforcing themes of devotion, perseverance, and hopeful praise through everyday life. The Byrds recorded a famous folk-rock adaptation on their album *Ballad of Easy Rider* in 1969, and it's been a hit on Veggie Tales. **Mary McDonald's** arrangement balances playful enthusiasm with reverence while preserving the song's joyful message of enduring faith and praise.

*1 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
give me oil in my lamp, I pray;  
give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning,  
keep me burning till the break of day.*

*2 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
keep me praising till the break of day.*

REFRAIN:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King!*

*3 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
keep me loving till the break of day. REFRAIN*

*4 Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day. REFRAIN*

(Traditional Spiritual)

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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 | *For the Healing of the Nations*<sup>2</sup> | UMH 428 (1, 2, 4)

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your  
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that  
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and  
earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -  
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us  
go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will  
scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we  
Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.  
die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.  
hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.  
des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965 (Rev. 21:1-22:5)  
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907  
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\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

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**June 15th to June 20th**

**Scripture Reading(s) for the week: Matthew 10:1-15; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16; Acts 1:12-14; I Corinthians 15:3-8**

I grew up being a rule follower and looking back, I think there are a couple of things that created this. First was grade school. Somehow my parents missed the deadline to enroll me in kindergarten so my first experience with school was the first grade. I must have been a rambunctious six-year-old because all I remember about my teacher was that she would pull my earlobe or a small patch of hair near my neck. Evidently, that was her way of trying to get me back in line and follow the rules. Second was the church I was raised in. A strict application of the scriptures meant that there were rules (written and unwritten) that needed to be followed to please God. Finally, being the oldest of five kids and having responsibility and accountability for my siblings. Maybe that is why I found life in the Air Force comfortable. I was more than capable of following all the rules. Even better, I became adept at enforcing them.

While in Germany, I was assigned to supervisor a buck sergeant. He was not very good at following the rules. His uniform was usually a mess. He wasn't very good at keeping his hair cut and he wasn't the most proficient at carrying out his duties. I, however, was good at using the system to coerce improvement in his behavior and the need to meet standards (or so I thought.) Unfortunately, I did not "win any friends or influence any enemies" (as the saying goes.) It wasn't part of military culture, but I do wonder what would have happened if I had approached him with compassion instead of a rule book.

The New Testament writers tell us that Jesus had lots of people who followed him. Some of them stayed on the periphery. However, there were some who became his inner circle, his friends, and his partners in ministry. Jesus selected (or called) twelve men to be his disciples. They would eventually be called his apostles meaning eyewitnesses to his ministry and later the caretakers of it. They were an interesting collection because they were not men from the religious establishment. We know that four of them were fishermen. One of them was a tax collector. Another of them was a zealot and one of them was a betrayer. Some of them were related, some were in business together, or knew each other prior to being called by Jesus. Despite their diverse backgrounds, Jesus called them to a common purpose – preach the good news of the kingdom. And he gave them the authority and power to do the same things he

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had been doing – heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead. Jesus did not give them a ministry of rules; he coached them in a ministry of compassion.

We live in a country with a vast set of rules and laws. I asked Google AI to tell me how many federal, state and local laws there are in the United States and it refused to answer or even hazard a guess. In other words, too many! But here is something to consider. What law has solved homelessness? What law feeds every hungry child? What law ends addiction? What law heals the broken hearted or mends a broken family? What law creates deeper meaning and purpose for individuals? None. But we do see the possibility of these things when they are engaged with compassion. This may be something you personally need while also recognizing that it certainly is something the world needs. As God's compassion flows over our lives in the stream of abundant grace, we should find ourselves in a place that it can overflow into the lives of our neighbors.

I invite you to take time and read each of the scriptures above followed by reflection on the questions below. Recognize God's compassion in your life and the opportunity to share it with the world. 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 human law forgave you of your sins and created new life in you?

**Tuesday** | What are the uses for human laws?

**Wednesday** | Can and how do human laws serve God's purpose?

**Thursday** | Why is it easy for us to start with rules and hard for us to start with compassion?

**Friday** | How did Jesus address the needs of people with compassion?

**Saturday** | Why do you believe Jesus' main engagement tool with the hurting was compassion?

## Actions for the Week

**Head** | Assess how you react to the world around you – rules or compassion.

**Heart** | Consider how your interactions might play out if you start with compassion.

**Hand** | Pray that God shape your heart and your responses that they might be rooted in compassion.

**Prayer** | O loving and compassionate God. How wonderful and excellent are you. How marvelous is your mercy and grace. When we try and use rules to control or accuse others, you remind us of your forgiveness. When we try to shame others for not following the rules, you remind us of repentance. When we use your Word as a stick to beat others into conforming to our understanding, you remind us of our need to be transformed. We are mindful, O God, of your love, mercy, grace, and compassion. You look upon each of us as your wandering children, sheep without a shepherd. Thank you for coming to show us a better way to be and a more compassionate way to live. Transform us into people who show your compassion to our needy world. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

# THIS WEEK

## SUNDAY | 6.14

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel Service
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
- 10:45 AM Kids/Youth Cooking for Neighbor2Neighbor | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 12:00 PM Youth Donut Sale | Rotunda

## MONDAY | 6.15

- 9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
- 9:00 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 10:45 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
- 12:15 PM Staff Birthday Lunch
- 12:30 PM Quilting Group | 205

## TUESDAY | 6.16

- 9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
- 11:30 AM Bell Choir | Choir Room

## WEDNESDAY | 6.17

- 8:00 AM Foundations for Faith | Brookside Hall
- 9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
- 6:30 PM Wise Women Bible Study | Location TBA

## THURSDAY | 6.18

- 9:00 AM PDO Summer Camp
- 6:30 PM Baby Grace Diaper Distribution | Trinity UMC

## FRIDAY | 6.19

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

## SATURDAY | 6.20

- 2:00 PM Baby Grace Diaper Distribution | Trinity UMC

## SUNDAY | 6.21

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel Service
- 9:30 AM Pathways Sunday School Cooking for N2N | Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 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](mailto: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.

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## ST. JOHN'S "TABLE 'N TOWN" (TNT) SIGN-UP NOTICE!

Sue Young and I are your Social Committee Co-Chairs at St. John's. We've been hard at work for months developing a new social program to get us around a table for dinner or a night on the town!

Here are the activities we've lined up for July. If one appeals to you, please call, text or e-mail me (Gary Whitmer; [gtwhitmer@gmail.com](mailto:gtwhitmer@gmail.com) or 816.501.8671) and I'll put you on the list. Or sign up in the Rotunda on Sunday morning.

- **DINNER AT SUE YOUNG'S** – Sunday, July 12, 5:30 PM: Hosted dinner at Sue's home – great food and conversation! Main dish and wine provided. Guests bring an appetizer, side or dessert. Suggested head count: 8-10. 7900 W. 118TH Place, Overland Park.
- **MINI-GOLF & DINNER IN OVERLAND PARK** (Aaron & Loretta Lund, hosts) Thurs., July 16th, 6:00 PM - Tap Ins at the Greenhouse, 9571 Metcalf, Overland Park. Suggested head count: 8-10. <https://tapins.golf/>
- **PIZZA & JAZZ IN EAST CROSSROADS:** (Gary Whitmer & Margaret Smith, hosts) Sat., July 18, 5:30 PM: Dinner at Grinders Pizza/Crossroads (417 E 18th St.) followed by live Jazz by Tim Whitmer's Good Time Quintet at Black Dolphin (1818 Grand). 10 min. walk from Grinders to Black Dolphin. Dutch treat. Grinders serves pizza, beer and wine. Black Dolphin has a \$10 cover charge and serves wine, beer and cocktails - no food. Suggest 8-10 and will split up tables as needed. [www.grinderspizza.com](http://www.grinderspizza.com) [www.blackdolphinlounge.com](http://www.blackdolphinlounge.com)
- **WINE-TASTING AT THE SENTERS** (Jamie & Marilyn Senter, hosts) Fri., July 31st, 6:30 PM. Each couple/single bring a bottle of wine to share. Senters will provide snacks/hors d'oeuvres/sweets. Suggested head count: 8-10. 4707 W. 80th Street, Prairie Village.

Don't wait, if interested, as these activities may fill up fast. We hope to schedule 3-4 slates of activities per year, subject to interest/enthusiasm.

# INVITATIONS

## **SIPS & DIPS**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25TH | 5:30 PM | GAIL WIEN'S HOME**

Join us for heavy appetizers & drinks. Get the chance to socialize with other parents with kids & youth at St. John's and informally discuss what you are seeking from your church. R.S.V.P. to [stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org](mailto:stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org) or text Gail Wien; 913.522.0557

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## **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](mailto:stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org)

# MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

## **BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH | 6:30-7:30 PM | TRINITY UMC**

**SATURDAY, JULY 11TH | 2-4 PM | TRINITY UMC**

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](mailto:ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com).

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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. 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](mailto:ruth.a.gerald@gmail.com).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **HELP BRIGHTEN THE SANCTUARY THIS SUMMER!**

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](mailto:stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org)



## **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](mailto:stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org)



# CHILDREN & FAMILY

## **DONUT SALE**

### **TODAY, JUNE 14TH | AFTER THE 10:45 AM SERVICE | ROTUNDA**

Help support St. John's Youth by purchasing a donut after worship. Proceeds from the sale will go towards meals prepared by the children/youth of St. John's UMC to benefit Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City. THANK YOU to **JAMIE & MARILYN SENTER** for donating donuts for the month of June. If you would like to donate donuts contact Grace Mott, Coordinator of Children & Family Ministry; [grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org](mailto:grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org).



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**BE OUR GUEST**



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**Blood Drive  
St. John's  
United Methodist Church**

Brookside Hall  
6900 Ward Pkwy  
Kansas City, MO 64113

**Monday, July 13, 2026  
2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

All presenting donors will receive a ticket to Worlds of Fun while supplies last!  
Tickets are non-transferable and cannot be exchanged for cash.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](#) and enter: SJUMC to schedule an appointment.

**Give blood July 13 to 31 for a Fandango Movie  
Reward by email to see a movie on us!  
[rcblood.org/July](#)**



Scan to schedule  
an appointment.

We need: **Donors, Volunteers, & Promoters**  
email [stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org](mailto:stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org) if you can help.

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