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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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MESSAGE

A Letter From Paul
"Be All That You Can Be"

DATE

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 16th, 2026
Liturgical Color - Green

WORSHIP GUIDE

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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

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SERVING

THIS WEEK | 8.16.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY LEADER | John Rasmus

USHERS | John Rasmus

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY LEADER | Drew Brought

USHERS | Margaret Smith
Gary Whitmer

NEXT WEEK | 8.23.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL

LAY LEADER | Sharon Curtright

USHERS | Jay Curtright
Sharon Curtright

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

LAY LEADER | Jack Dunbar

USHERS | Stephanie Toigo
Bethany Trogstad

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A CLASSIC SOLO AND MODERN ANTHEMS GUIDE US IN OUR
SUMMER WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY.

PRELUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ

INTROIT (10:45) | *The First Song of Isaiah* | Jack Noble White
Chancel Choir and Congregation; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

I knew **Jack Noble White** when we were both working in Ft. Worth, TX: he was Director of the Texas Boys Choir and I was teaching at Texas Wesleyan University. His ***First Song of Isaiah*** is a vibrant choral setting of Isaiah 12:2–6, proclaiming God's salvation with joy and confidence. Rhythmic vitality, memorable melodies, and jubilant accompaniment make it a favorite for worship and concert use. The anthem invites singers and listeners alike to "cry aloud and shout" in praise. Please join us in singing this song of praise.

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THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Words:
ISAIAH 12:2-6*

Ecce, Deus

Music by
JACK NOBLE WHITE
SAB voicing by
LEE DENGLER

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me. I will trust in Him and not be a -
fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and
He will be my Sav - ior.

VERSE

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
give thanks to the Lord, and call upon His name.

REFRAIN

VERSE

Make His deeds known among the peoples.
See that they remember that His name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

REFRAIN

VERSE

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion.
Ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

REFRAIN (sung twice)

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***OPENING HYMN | To God Be the Glory | UMH 98**

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 3/4 time, with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. To God be the glo-ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
2. O per - fect re-demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev-ery be -
3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
joic-ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high-er, and

tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par-don re - ceives.
great-er will be our won-der, our trans-port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, let the peo-ple re - joice! O come to the Fa-ther thru

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875
MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1875

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader | God has created us, called us from our mother's wombs and formed of us a people.

People | **No longer are we lonely individuals, but part of the whole human race, living and sharing with others.**

Leader | We discover life to be so complex. It is tears; it is smiles; it is joy; it is sorrow.

People | **It is a gift from God. Laugh, cry, sing, be silent; in whatever way we live, be thankful unto God.**

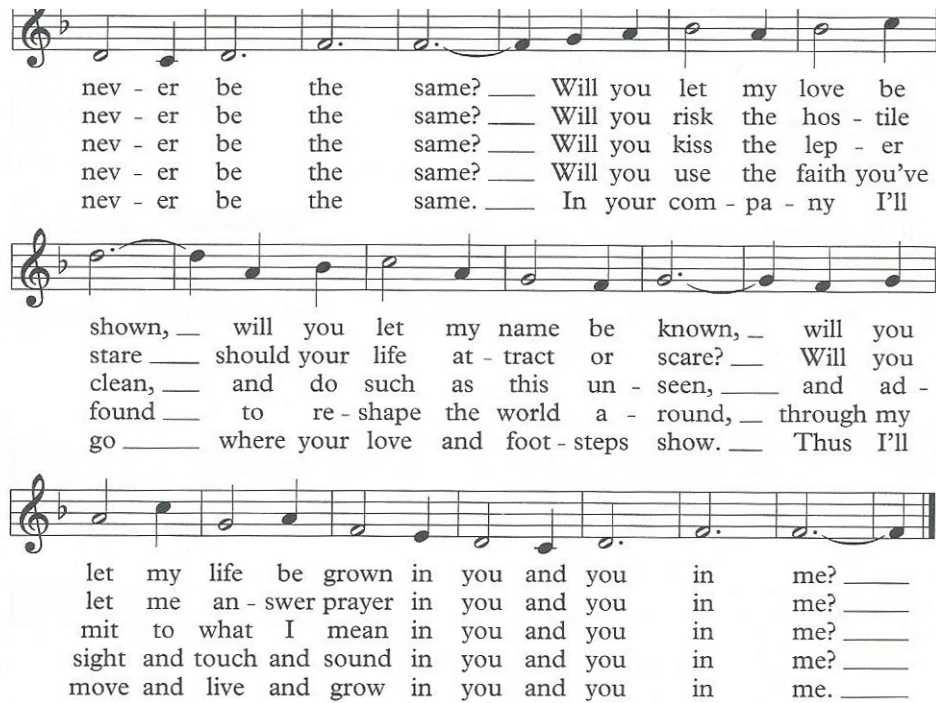
ALL | **Amen.**

(Jones-Witthun, Bonnie. *Flames of the Spirit* (Ruth C. Duck, ed.), pg. 65)

*HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *The Summons*² | TFWS 2130 (1, 2, 4, 5)



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nev - er be the same? — Will you let my love be
nev - er be the same? — Will you risk the hos - tile
nev - er be the same? — Will you kiss the lep - er
nev - er be the same? — Will you use the faith you've
nev - er be the same. — In your com - pa - ny I'll

shown, — will you let my name be known, — will you
stare — should your life at - tract or scare? — Will you
clean, — and do such as this un - seen, — and ad -
found — to re - shape the world a - round, — through my
go — where your love and foot - steps show. — Thus I'll

let my life be grown in you and you in me? —
let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? —
mit to what I mean in you and you in me? —
sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? —
move and live and grow in you and you in me. —

WORDS: John Bell

MUSIC: Traditional Scottish

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THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

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.

David and Carolyn - what name has been given to the child that you present today for baptism?

Jenevieve Francesca Salay

To the parents:

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers in 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

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serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

To the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in Christian faith and live and include Jenevieve now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Jenevieve with a community of love and forgiveness that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her, that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us pray: Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and on those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness through their lives, that dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory. Amen.

Jenevieve Francesca Salay, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born of the water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

To congregation and family: Congregation please join me in the commendation and welcome.

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

We give thanks for all that 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 to faithfully 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.

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

DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL | Kids/Youth Cooking for Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City

PRAYER JOYS

Thank you **Paula** and **John Rector** for donating donuts for the Youth Donut Sale. All proceeds go towards items purchased and prepared by our children/youth for Neighbor2Neighbor of KC.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the baptism of **Jenevieve Francesca Salay**. Given with love by her grandparent's, **Jenny** and **Rick Wolf**.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Marcia Kelly | Friend of Linda Potter

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

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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 | Now Heaven in Fullest Glory Shone from THE CREATION | music by Franz Josef Haydn, 1798 | Sam Enriquez, baritone; Dale Morehouse, piano

Franz Josef Haydn's *THE CREATION* (1798) is one of the supreme achievements of the Classical era, depicting the biblical story of creation through vivid orchestral painting, expressive choruses, and radiant solo writing. In this Sixth Day scene, the archangel Raphael marvels at the earth's newly created creatures before celebrating the creation of humankind in God's image. Richly descriptive and profoundly joyful, the music reflects both Haydn's deep faith and his extraordinary gift for musical storytelling.

Recitative (Raphael)

And God said:
Let the earth bring forth the living creature
after his kind:
cattle, and creeping thing,
and beast of the earth,
after his kind.

Recitative (Raphael)

Straight opening her fertile womb,
the earth obey'd the word,
and teem'd creatures numberless,
in perfect forms,
and fully grown.
Cheerful, roaring, stands the tawny lion.
With sudden leap
the flexible tiger appears.
The nimble stag
bears up his branching head.
With flying mane and fiery look,
impatient neighs the noble steed.
The cattle, in herds,
already seek their food
on fields and meadows green.
And o'er the ground,

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*as plants, are spread
the fleecy, meek, and bleating flocks.
Unnumber'd as the sands,
in swarms arose
the host of insects.
In long dimension
creeps with sinuous trace
the worm.*

Aria (Raphael) — “Now Heaven in Fullest Glory Shone”

*Now heaven in fullest glory shone;
earth smiles in all her rich attire.
The room of air with fowl is fill'd;
the water swell'd by shoals of fish;
by heavy beasts the ground is trod.
But all the work was not complete:
there wanted yet that wondrous being
that, grateful, should God's power admire,
with heart and voice
His goodness praise.
And God created Man
in His own image.
In the image of God created He him.
Male and female created He them.
He breathed into his nostrils
the breath of life,
and man became a living soul.*

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 | **“Be All That You Can Be”** | **Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman**

GENEROSITY MOMENT

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:45) | *If You Love Me*² | words and music by Joel Raney, 2019
Chancel Choir; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

Joel Raney’s *If You Love Me* is a warm, lyrical setting of Jesus’ words from John 14:15–21. Flowing melodies, expressive harmonies, and sensitive accompaniment underscore Christ’s promise of the Holy Spirit and His abiding presence. The anthem encourages believers to respond to God’s love through faithful obedience, trust, and hope. With a text utilizing Jesus’ words to his disciples in the upper room, this anthem reminds us of the peace we can find in Christ.

*My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,
And I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me, keep my commandments.*

*Though I may leave you, I will return for you.
I’ll go prepare for you a place beside me.
And if you love me, keep my commandments.*

*Because I live, you, too, shall live.
I bring you peace that the world cannot give.*

*My peace I give you, my peace I leave with you,
And I will comfort you in times of trouble.
And if you love me, keep my commandments.*

(based on John 14: 15, 27)

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

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 2/2 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line and ends with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures

here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly

host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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

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***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | O God, Our Help in Ages Past² | UMH 117 (1, 3, 5, 6)**

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of thy throne, still may we dwell se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges, in thy sight, are like an eve - ning gone;
5. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, bears all who breathe a - way;
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come;

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!
suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing, thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night, be - fore the ris - ing sun.
they fly for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the open - ing day.
be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

WORDS: Isaac Watts, 1719 (Ps. 90)
MUSIC: Attr. to William Croft, 1708; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861

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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ**

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 8.16

- 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 Stewardship Committee Meeting | Library

MONDAY | 8.17

Church Office Hours: 1 - 4 PM

- 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 | 8.18

Church Office Hours: 9 AM - 12 PM

No Scheduled Activities

WEDNESDAY | 8.19

Church Office Hours: 1 - 4 PM

- 6:30 PM Wise Women | Location TBA

THURSDAY | 8.20

- 9:00 AM PDO Open House | Rotunda

FRIDAY | 8.21

- 1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 8.22

No Scheduled Activities

SUNDAY | 8.23

- 8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
- 9:30 AM Pathways Adult Bible Study - Cooking for Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City
Brookside Hall Kitchen
- 10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary

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August 17th to August 22nd

Scripture Reading(s) for the week: Romans 12:9-21; Colossians 3:12-17; Psalm 97:10; Amos 5:14-15

From 2001 to 2006 the United States Army had a recruitment program dubbed Army of One. Their campaign slogan was “Be all that you can be.” They ran television commercials with voiceovers that emphasized personal power. One of the lines was this: “Even though there are 1,045,690 soldiers like me, I am my own force. I am an Army of One.” This synced well with the individual ethos of our culture and the need for individual achievement and recognition. I did not find a study on the effects of this paradigm, but I question if and how it promoted cohesion and teamwork within the ranks.

I struggle with politically biased news sources and their promotion or undermining of things that are going on in our society. One outlet will be the champions of diversity, equity, and inclusion. They praise the individual choice of personal pronouns, gender identity, groupings, education, and progress. But change the channel and you will hear another outlet lament these things as detrimental to a cohesive society. Subsequently I think about meetings that I attend and the request for my demographic information. Do I have personal pronouns that I want on my name badge? What gender do I identify as? What is my ethnicity and my age range? Education level sometimes appears. I wonder who cares about this information and why does it matter? I feel like it segregates me into an individual even within a context where we are colleagues and community. Now I am aware that is my way in which I experience the promotion of the individual over the community, and it is my way in which I see fragmentation continuing to emerge at the expense of unity. Maybe this is simply human nature at work and we cannot help ourselves.

This reminds me of our dearly beloved and now departed Sadie. Margaret and I got her when she was a four-month-old puppy, and she was with us for the next 17 years. Early on we bought her squeaky toys. We brought it home, took the price tag off it, and waved it in her face until she grabbed it and then ran off with it. We watched as she shook it violently from side to side and then chomped down on it in the process of ripping it to shreds. Within a matter of minutes stuffing would be all over the floor and the squeaker would be ripped out like a prize discovered at the bottom of a Cracker Jacks box. We learned that she was adept at shredding our hard earned but not well spent dollars. I ponder the rise of the individual in our culture and how it is shredding apart the fabric of our community.

In Paul’s letter to the Roman church, he comes to a section that Biblical translators later gave a heading. They titled it “Marks of the True Christian.” In these verses Paul presents his list of actions that prove a Christian’s love to be genuine. Here they are again: Hate evil, hold fast to what is good. Put others before self. Be diligent in serving, rejoice in hope, be patient in troubles, and persist in prayer. Bless those who curse you. Repay evil with kindness. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and align yourself with the lowly. Be

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humble. I see these as Paul's version of beatitudes. They certainly are counter-cultural to Rome's system of individual and familial honor and shame. But what speaks to me the most is the fact that none of these attributes and actions have anything to do with personal growth for the individual's benefit. Paul did not encourage the church to live in these so one might feel better about oneself. That was because true Christian love is not rooted in how the giver benefits. The object of love is always the other and how love in action benefits them.

Identifying as a follower of Jesus Christ comes with ethical demands. The challenge to love like Jesus loved and love those whom Jesus loved. The demand to pursue "building up" others in love for the purpose of mercy, healing, justice, and community. The challenge of resisting the winds and whims that tear apart and separate us. My soul is weary of all the acrimony, discord, and pitting of neighbor against neighbor. As I read Paul's words, I feel challenged to "be all that I can be" but not for my benefit. I experience the conviction that I need to live into these "beatitudes" so that I can be the best representation of Christ's love for the benefit of others.

I invite you to take time and read each of the scriptures above followed by reflection on the questions below. Assess your interpretation of what it means to be a follower of Jesus both in word and deed. Lastly, I pray that God bless the reading of God's Word and the meditations of your heart.

Questions to Consider this week:

- **Monday:** How do you interpret the phrase "be all that you can be?"
- **Tuesday:** How much of your calendar is filled with pursuits that benefit you and your family?
- **Wednesday:** How are you experiencing the fragmentation of social and family life?
- **Thursday:** What are the practices in your daily life that reflect that you are a follower of Jesus?
- **Friday:** Where do you see opportunities to be a deeper follower of Jesus?
- **Saturday:** How are you daily attempting to be a beacon of Christ's mercy, grace, and love?

Actions for the Week:

- **Head:** Contemplate the ways in which you are deepening connections with your community.
- **Heart:** Assess the weight of anger and despair you feel and how it is affecting your soul.
- **Hand:** Strive to develop one mark of Christian love as defined by Paul.

Prayer: Gracious Lord. You know our struggles, especially within a culture saturated with "individualism." We battle the forces that encourage us to focus on ourselves first and foremost. We see how this leaves others behind and out. Remind us that we are called to come and follow the way of Jesus in both word and deed. Help us to see clearly that we are being formed and shaped for the benefit of others. Make our love complete in Christ so that we might share it with others – even our enemies. We pray this in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATIONS

WISE WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19TH | 6:30 PM | LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED

Each month the “Wise Women” of St. John’s gather to discuss topics in a biblical context using “The Wired Word.” Discussions lead to deeper understandings of each other and our lives as Christians in today’s world. All women are invited to join us. Our group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM. Location is determined before each meeting. If you are interested, contact the church office at 816.523.6788 or stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

PATHWAYS SUNDAY SCHOOL COOKS FOR N2N

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD | 9:30 AM | BROOKSIDE HALL KITCHEN

Pathways is on break for the Summer. However they will be in the kitchen cooking a meal for Neighbor 2 Neighbor of Kansas City (N2N). N2N is a local ministry that serves the homeless and near homeless in the Kansas City area. **Questions?** Cheri Leigh; cleigh@leok.com.

If you cannot donate your time please consider a monetary donation. Scan the QR code to donate. Any material donations 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.



ST. JOHN’S BOOK GROUP

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25TH | 7:00 PM | LIBRARY & ZOOM

The St. John’s book club meets every four to six weeks. Selections rotate between classic literature, current fiction, and nonfiction. It is open to everyone who enjoys good discussions about good books. Our current selection is **My Antonia**, by Willa Cather. The book will be discussed on **Tuesday, August 25**. We will also be deciding our next reading selection which will be nonfiction. Contact Ginny Miller; virginiamillerkc72@gmail.com if you would like to participate by Zoom.

FOUNDATIONS FOR FAITH STUDY - STARTS IN SEPT.!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH | 8:00 AM | BROOKSIDE HALL

This group is based on 4 forms of faith: Believing, Trusting, Faithfulness and Vision and meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month at 8:00 AM, September – May. There will be reading, sharing, and praying. **Questions?** Garth Leigh; jgarthleigh@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL WITH ALTAR FLOWERS

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

Questions? Church Office; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

*Note: Unclaimed donations will be delivered as needed to KC Hospice House.



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?**

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MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY DIAPER DISTRIBUTION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH | 1:30 PM - 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. Scan the QR code to donate
- 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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**A WARM WELCOME TO
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 baptized here at St. Johns. Jeff and Cathy currently reside in Vero Beach, Florida.

Guest Preacher 8.23 & 8.30