

St. John's Presbyterian Church

Communion Sunday

June 2, 2024
10:30 a.m.



"Do this in remembrance of me."

—Luke 22:19

Vision Statement

Worship God

Love One Another

Serve the World

Worship Participants

The Rev. Kent Meads, Interim Pastor
Elaine York, Pastor
Maria Winchester, Lay Reader
Randy Smith, Music Director
Eric Kao, Organist
Chancel Choir

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*Please stand in Body or Spirit

BOLD People Response

GATHERING

Prelude (Eric Kao, Pianist)

Welcome/Announcements (The Rev. Kent Meads)

Please sign our Ministry of Friendship pad and pass it to the person sitting next to you.

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the Lord,

People: who daily bears us up;

Leader: God is our salvation,

People: and to God the Lord we sing.

*Hymn No. 139 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

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*Call to Confession (Maria Winchester, Lay Reader)

God's grace and mercy never fall short. With confidence in God's blessing, let us confess our sins to God.

*Prayer of Confession

God, our rock and refuge, there are plenty of things that we allow to erode our faith in You. When life gets stormy, we let our uncertainty cloud our trust in You. We think we know better and start relying on ourselves to be able to weather the rain. Forgive our lack of hope and the disbelief that drowns us. Help us to build our lives on the foundation of Your love. In the name of Jesus Christ, our stalwart and our shelter. (Silent Personal Confession.) Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon

God sacrificed His only Son, Jesus, that our sins may be forgiven, paying for our transgressions through Jesus's blood. Rejoice! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and can live in peace.

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

People: And also with you.

(Please greet one another and exchange signs of peace.)

*Hymn

Glory Be to the Father

—The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 577; CCLI# 221194

Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD

Congregational Hymn (Randy Smith, Choir Director)
Chancel Choir *The Bond of Love*

Otis Skillings
—One License# 38771

The Bond of Love

By this shall all men know...if ye have love one to another. John 13:35

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1. We are one in the bond of love; We are one in the
2. Let us sing now, ev - ery - one; Let us feel His

bond of love. We have joined our spir - it with the
love be - gun. Let us join our hands that the

Spir - it of God; We are one in the bond of love.
world will know We are one in the bond of love.

Message

Formation of Joy and the Mind of Christ
Two Examples of Caring for Others

The Rev. Kent Meads

Philippians 2.19-30

¹⁹I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I may be cheered by news of you. ²⁰I have no one like him who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. ²¹All of them are seeking their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. ²²But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. ²³I hope therefore to send him as soon as I see how things go with me; ²⁴and I trust in the Lord that I will also come soon. ²⁵Still, I think it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus—my brother and co-worker and fellow soldier, your messenger and minister to my need; ²⁶for he has been longing for all of you, and has been distressed because you heard that he was ill. ²⁷He was indeed so ill that he nearly died. But God had mercy on him, and not only on him but on me also, so that I would not have one sorrow after another. ²⁸I am the more eager to send him, therefore, in order that you may rejoice at seeing him again, and that I may be less anxious. ²⁹Welcome him then in the Lord with all joy, and honor such people, ³⁰because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to make up for those services that you could not give me.

What is your love or care quotient?

Paul turns to 2 companions as examples of caring: Timothy and Epaphroditus.

The first example is Epaphroditus, vv. 25-30. Epaphroditus means «handsome, charming.» The earlier church called him «Parabolani» or «Risker.»

As one person said, “Caring is a trait of the living. Not of the dead.”

He is Paul's companion in love, in work, in peril—“common sympathy, common work, and common danger.” (Robertson, 93)

Paul scores Epaphroditus's care quotient—a 9.

The second example is Timothy vv. 19-24. Three **traits** show Timothy as a caring person. The first trait is: he is a «soul brother.»

Literally, it means ‘of equal soul’ or ‘sharing the same feelings.’

Next trait, he possess a **genuine** care for other Christians.

The word “genuinely” has the sense of ‘something possessed by spiritual parentage.’

Timothy saw and learned about caring for others through Paul's example of caring for people.

Do you have a model for what caring looks like?

Another trait of his care is he outstrips everyone else in his **faithfulness** to Christ.

In other words, Timothy is like His Lord who took “the very nature of a slave” (2.7) and of his mentor, Paul, who saw his work as that of a slave, too (1.1).

As Mother Teresa says, “Never be so busy as not to think of others.”

Some very practical things that we can do:

1. Rate on a scale of 1 to 10 how you experience being cared for or loved at St John's.

2. What are the things that encourage a church to love and care for each other?

Here were some of the responses to the question:

Praying for one another	Follow-up to needs of members
Hugs	Helping with sick parents
Warm handshakes	Providing meals during illness
Smiles	Financial aid when necessary
People who listen	Sharing work
Saying, I love you	Providing transportation
Appreciation for a task well done	Mother's outings
Welcoming visitors	Being friendly after worship
Noticing absences	Secret pals
Being included in activities	Just being there
Sharing	People who accept you

HUGS story

Receiving the Morning Offering (Elaine York, Pastor)

Offertory

*Doxology *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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Prayers of the People (Pray for the future Pastor)

THE EUCHARIST

Communion

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Invitation
Institution
Prayer
Distribution of the Elements

Communion Music

Commissioning of the Servants

Hymn No. 440 *The Lord's Prayer*

See page 4

—Hymns for the Family of God; One License# FBC-A018046

SENDING

*Charge and Benediction

*Join us for Fellowship Time
in Martin Hall after our worship service*

The Lord's Prayer

*And when thou hast shut thy door, pray to the Father . . . — Matthew 6:6*MALOTTE
Albert Hay Malotte
Arranged by Fred Bock

Matthew 6:9-13

Unison

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en, hal - low - ed
be Thy name. Thy king - dom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly
bread, and for - give us our debts as we for - give our
debt - ors. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
e - vil, for Thine is the King - dom and the Pow - er and the
Glo - ry, for - ev - er. A - men.

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WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE HYMN

During the Summer we would like to sing your favorite hymns. They will be sung in the choir slot when we do not have special music planned. Pick your favorite hymns from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* or *The Faith We Sing* hymnal (located in the Pews) or the Hymn Sing binder (located in the Narthex).

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN (PW) will meet Wednesday, June 5 at 10:30 am in the Clawson Memorial library to discuss Chapter 9 in the *Sacred Encounters with Jesus* Bible study. Please plan to stay afterward for lunch to celebrate the completion of the Bible study. PW Study will resume in September with a new study. RSVP to Doris Bennett at (775) 348-1689 or June Rosta (775) 747-3386.

YOUTH COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for Youth, preferably 15-18, who are interested in securing volunteer community hours, or we can provide a nominal stipend - \$50 for the week.

Those interested must be available and present at St. John's from 8:30 am -12:15pm Monday 6/17 and then 8:45 am - 12:15pm Tuesday through Friday, 6/18-21.

You will be working in pairs (possibly with adults) leading our groups of children from activity to activity and may have some responsibilities for recreation time.

You will be expected to engage and interact with the children. This will be a CELLPHONE-FREE event.

Scan the QR code to volunteer TODAY!



Staff

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Elaine York, Pastor
Maria Winchester, Administrative Assistant
Liz Salas, Financial Secretary
Lucas Parke, Security Sexton

Music Staff

Randy Smith, Music Director
David Brock, Organist

Elders

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