



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



Celebrating the Mothers of St. Johns

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

May 9, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God!

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 98

Prelude

“How Great is Our God”

†Hymn of Praise and Adoration

64, “All Creatures of Our God and King”

†Litany of Christian Love (L-Leader; C-Congregation)

L: Lord Jesus, you’ve taught us the greatest commandments:

C: **Love God with heart and soul and mind and strength,**

L: And love our neighbor as our self.

C: **Empower each of us to love well.**

L: To love well involves being patient and kind,

C: **Such love teaches us to protect one another,**

L: For love always trusts, hopes and perseveres.

C: **Guide us, Lord Jesus, in loving our neighbors,**

L: Caring for their well-being and their blessing.

C: **For each of our neighbors, created in your image:**

L: The difficult and the different, and the misunderstood,

C: **The dismayed and the lonely, the sick and the prisoner,**

L: The brash and the timid, and those left out,

C: **The next door neighbor and the one across the county.**

L: As Christ as loved us, so we must love one another,

C: **Let your peace dwell within us, Lord Jesus,**

L: As we each love in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

C: **Giving thanks to God the Father through him. Amen.**

Tribute to Mothers

“In Honor of Our Moms” -From Logos, JYF & SYF

Children’s Message

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

†Sermon Hymn

#435, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17, 1 John 5:1-6

Sermon

“Remaining in Obedience”

†Closing Hymn

#556, “Now Thank We All Our God”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

608, v.1, “May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior”

†Postlude

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Scripture Readings
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Psalm 98:1-9 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. ² The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. ³ He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. ⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; ⁵ make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, ⁶ with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn-- shout for joy before the Lord, the King. ⁷ Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy; ⁹ let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

John 15:9-17 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰ If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. ¹¹ I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹² My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵ I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit -- fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

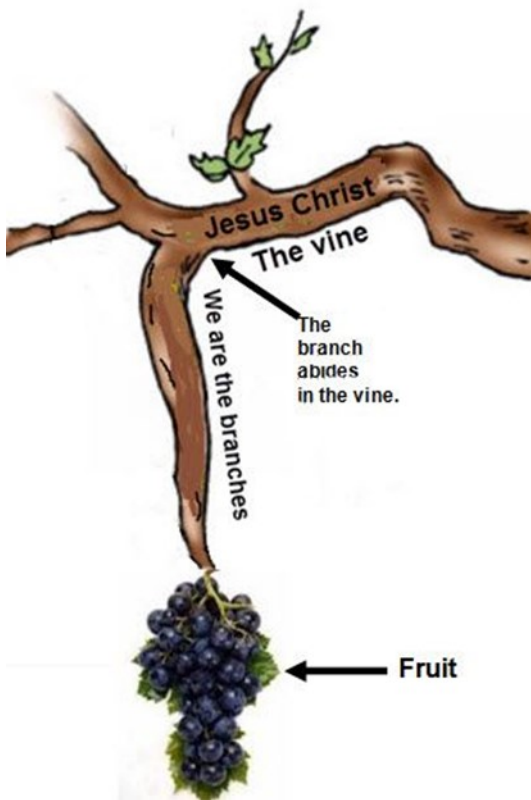
¹⁷ This is my command: Love each other.

1 John 5:1-6 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his commands. ³ This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood-- Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes – “Remaining in Obedience”

John 15:9-17, 1 John 5:1-6 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)



John 15:16– “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last.”

John 15:12-14 – “My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my if you do what I command.”

John 15:17 – “This is my command: Love each other.”

What does it mean to “remain” in Jesus’ love?

How is a Christian’s joy deemed to be complete?

Renamed – from “servants” to “friends” – for what purpose?

John 15:18-19 “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. ¹⁹ If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

May Mission-A-Month: Cherry Street Mission (cherrystreetmission.org)

Cherry Street was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men's Division, Women's Division (Sparrow's Nest) and food services.

Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation.

Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer 3 meals a day, 7 days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them.

People may donate monetarily to these ministries by marking their envelope or check with "May M-A-M" (Mission-A-Month).

Right Now Media

Right Now Media is an on-line Christian resource and video library, often described as a Christian version of Netflix. St. John's pays for the service and everyone of the congregation can have access to make use of the resources. There are resources for Bible study, small group studies, leader and volunteer training, and entertainment, for use as individuals, groups and families. We will be launching this new resource next Sunday, May 16th.

JYF/SYF Youth Breakfast

The Fellowship Committee invites our sixth through twelfth grade youth to a breakfast on May 16 during the Sunday school hour.

GIF Gals (Gathering In Faith)

GIF Gals is the name of the new women's ministry for single women of the church. Their next gathering will be at the Das Essen Haus at 5:00PM on Thursday May 13th. Women can meet at the church at 4:45PM to carpool.

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- May 9 – Universal Praise.....Psalm 100
- May 10 – United to Love.....Ephesians 4:1-6
- May 11 – United by Truth.....Ephesians 4:7-16
- May 12 – A Change of Heart.....Ephesians 4:17-24
- May 13 – The Shape of Kindness.....Ephesians:4:25-32
- May 14 – Be Who You Are.....Ephesians 5:1-7
- May 15 – Alive in Light.....Ephesians 5:8-20

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

Large Print and Children's Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Week of May 9 at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village & Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Mon	6:30PM	Stephen Ministry, Peer Supervision (Fireside Room)
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Property Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Life Planning (Gym)
Thu	5:00PM	GIF Gals (Das Essen Haus)
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	6:00PM	Seekers (Kuntz's Home)

Next Sunday, May 16, 2021

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Scriptures - Psalm 47, Luke 24:44-53, Ephesians 1:15-23

Sermon - "Is Your Mind Open?"

Congregational Prayer (Romans 12:2)

Mighty and Wondrous God, when I read the Apostle Paul's words about your good, pleasing and perfect will, I am humbled. How can I, a woeful sinner, have the gall to approach you? Then I remember, Christ died for the ungodly! Thank you, Lord, for loving me, and I pray that I will take fewer side roads this week and follow you more closely. I pray your blessing, love and counsel upon mothers. For the troubled and difficult situations that happen between mother and child, I pray for your comfort. For the wholesome and faithful nurturing of a mother and child, I thank you for your guiding will. Continue to teach me to love as you call us to love, for you are love! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(Both) Mike Meyer	
Lay Reader	Linda Heer	
Easy Worship	(Both) Mark Nafziger	
Children's Message	Nancy Rupp	
Sound Tech	(Both) James Grime	
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Cayla Swisher	
Usher	(8:00) Nancy Rupp	(10:30) Greg Walker
Nursery	Eric & Anna Yoder	(5/16) Jan Martinez

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Sue Steiner and family, upon the death of her mother, Jane Short, 103 years of age, whose memorial service was on May 4th in the chapel.
- ◆ Jon Lindsay is recovering from surgery that he had on April 29th.
- ◆ Wayne Spiess is recovering from hip surgery and is back in his room at Fairlawn.
- ◆ Mary Jane Silcox is at Fairlawn's Rupp Rehab recovering from hip surgery.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, will have an MRI in a few weeks due to the recurring headaches.
- ◆ Tracey Warren as his radiation treatments for his prostate cancer are this month.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army Nat. Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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