

MAY 29, 2022 | 8:00AM & 10:30AM



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



**"GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS: TO LAY
DOWN ONE'S LIFE FOR ONE'S FRIENDS."**

John 15:13

COME HEAR THE REASON WE'RE INSPIRED TO SERVE TOGETHER

*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.*

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

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 scanning the QR code, 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 one of the literature racks.



Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Stations/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary for nursing mothers and/or mothers with young children. Diaper changing stations are located in both the Mother's Room and Nursery. Please ask an usher for locations if needed. We are striving to restart our 10:30am Nursery Care ministry, which has been affected by sporadic need for care and difficulty in scheduling volunteers. People interested in helping are asked to contact the church office.

Children's Busy Bags are located in the sanctuary narthex for children ages one-year to third grade. Bags are marked by age (**Pink** = Ages 1-2; **Green** = Ages 3-5; **Yellow** = Grades K-3). Please be sure to return bags at the end of our service today. If you would like to mark a bag specifically for your child(ren) each week, please contact the church office.

Give & Take Board

Do you need a little peace in your day? Confidence? What about self-control? Are you in need of a spiritual pick-me-up? Could you use a quick bit of kindness after a long week? Or do you have these things to spare? Then stop by the Give and Take Board outside of the Preschool Room! Give what you can and take what you need - you just might feel or fill someone's heart with the love of God and make their week brighter!

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

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



WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP OF GOD!

Ringing of the Tower Bells and Lighting of the Altar Candles

Welcome and Announcements

†Passing of the Peace

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 97 (pg. 592)

Prelude

“The Church's One Foundation”

†Call to Worship

†Opening Hymn of Praise

#573, “God of Our Fathers”

†Unison Prayer - **Lord Jesus Christ, we thank You for Your prayers for us. Thank You for still thinking of us while we were still lost and far away from You. Thank you for making us one with You and one with the Church. May the world see Your glory when they see the oneness we have with You and with each other. Help us to love each other and to love the world as You have loved us. Give us Your heart that lovingly seeks out the lost and that desires for them to spend eternity with us. Help us to make You known in this world by the help of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

†Hymn of Praise and Adoration

#297, “I Love to Tell the Story”

Children’s Message

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

†Sermon Hymn

#286, “Blest be the Tie that Binds”

Scripture Reading

John 17:20-26 (pg. 1071)

Sermon

“Jesus Prays”

Sharing our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“For Such a Time As This”

†Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

#316, “Macedonia”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#313, “Lord, Lay Some Soul upon My Heart”

†Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 97 ¹ The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. ² Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ³ Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. ⁴ His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory. ⁷ All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols - worship him, all you gods! ⁸ Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, O Lord. ⁹ For you, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods. ¹⁰ Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked. ¹¹ Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. ¹² Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.

John 17:20-26 ²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: ²³ I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. ²⁵ "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Thank You, dear Lord, for sending Your Son Jesus Christ to free us from death, sin, and Satan. We thank You for Your continual love and intercession in our lives. We ask that by the help of Your Holy Spirit we would make good use of this new freedom - that we would use this freedom for the sake of serving our neighbor - that You would create in us a servant-like heart that prays, serves, and intercedes for those around us. May we have hearts not just for those who believe like us, but also for those outside the faith who desperately still need to hear of Your wonderful Good News. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

Sermon - "Jesus Prays"

Scriptures - John 17:20-26

Jesus' Prayer

1. John 17 is an extended prayer - described as serene and meditative
2. Prayed for himself and for his disciples, and for all believers
3. His prayer builds upon the themes of his teaching in John 14-16
4. Point of reference - "those who will believe in me" refers to disciples or followers

Passage Outline

1. Jesus desires his disciples to be united LIKE him (17:20-23)
 - a. Jesus PRAYS for his disciples' unity (17:20-21)
 - i. Focus - present and future disciples
 - ii. Content - unity like God and with God
 - iii. Purpose - an effective witness
 - b. Jesus ACTS for his disciples' unity (17:22-23)
 - i. Nature - revealing God's glory
 - ii. Initial purpose - unity
 - iii. Ultimate purpose - an effective witness
2. Jesus desires his disciples to be united WITH him (17:24-26)
 - a. Jesus PRAYS for his disciples to be united with him (17:24)
 - i. Content - presence
 - ii. Purpose - glory
 - iii. Basis - love
 - b. Jesus ACTS for his disciples to be united with him (17:25-26)
 - i. Unites by revealing God's name
 - ii. Unites to fully enjoy divine love and unity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Community Meals** - Going through the end of June, and possibly for the remainder of the summer, SJCC will be hosting each weekly community meal. Pastor Erich is striving to form three meal teams to coordinate the meals, and he's looking for more volunteers to help each week, every other week, or once a month - helping with set-up, serving food and coffee, and cleaning up. A "Community Meal Helper" sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.
- ◆ **GIF Gals** - Any and all single ladies are invited to join the GIF Gals on **Thursday, June 9th** for an outing to Sauder Village. Ladies should meet at the Welcome Center at 1:00PM. If you've never been to a GIF Gals event, this is the perfect opportunity to see what our outings look like! If you're planning to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board so that we have a good idea of final cost; however, you're welcome to just show up on the day of the event too.

WEEK OF MAY 29TH AT ST. JOHN'S CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	3:45PM	GIF Gals (Meet in South Lot of Church)
Mon	<i>Memorial Day - Church Office Closed</i>	
Tue	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	5:00PM	Community Meal - SJCC (Parish Hall)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Building Committee (Fireside Room)
Fri	12:00PM	Parish Hall Reserved
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
	6:00PM	Seekers (Short's Pond)

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH - PENTECOST SUNDAY

Scripture - Acts 2:1-21

Sermon - "Beyond Supposing," Pastor Erich Christman

DISCOVERY DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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 29 A Praising People ----- Psalm 148
May 30 Anointed to Serve ----- Exodus 30:22-38
May 31 Made Me ----- Exodus 31:1-18
June 1 Pop Idol-----Exodus 32:1-24
June 2 Gospel Hammer -----Exodus 32:25-33:6
June 3 People of the Presence-----Exodus 33:7-23
June 4 What a Good God-----Exodus 34:1-17

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVANTS

Accompanist	(Both) Lynne Christman	
Song Leader	(8:00) Roger Zimmerman	
Acolytes	(8:00) Evy Roth	(10:30) Brie Grime
Easy Worship	(Both) Kelly Ducey	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream	(10:30) Jocelyn Walker	
8:00 Usher	Doug & Nancy Rupp	
Head Usher	Greg Walker	
10:30 Ushers	Ben & Sue Buehrer, Adam Walker, Adam Swisher	

CONSISTORY CONTACT INFORMATION

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PRAYER JOYS, CONCERNS, AND REQUESTS:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Jessica Lindsay and Tristan Kast, who were married in the Sanctuary on Friday.
- ◆ Anna Yoder, who had hip surgery on Thursday, and all went well.
- ◆ Rod & Joyce Kinsman, as Rod undergoes some medical testing.
- ◆ Gary & Judy Sears, as Gary will have surgery on June 1st for his cancer treatment.
- ◆ Kyle, Katie, Kamy and Kassi Link, as their 16-year-old niece and cousin, Allie Herman, passed away peacefully on May 22, after living with cancer for three and a half years.
- ◆ Dean Beck and family, upon the death of his brother, Jay Beck, at the age of 99.
- ◆ Chloe Merillat, granddaughter of Roger & Kay, and her parents, Keith & Jawn, as they evaluate options and have decisions to make.
- ◆ The Volkman family, as Stanka and the boys settle into their new home after making the move to Ohio this weekend.
- ◆ Gary Beck, son of Bud and Tootie, as he continues to struggle through various health issues, and has not been doing well recently.
- ◆ Leah Nafziger, as she continues to be in treatment.
- ◆ Paulette Spotts, as she undergoes cancer treatments.
- ◆ Tracey and Sodie Warren as they work through his health issues, which is keeping him from working.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Oak Grove, KY (Army) (Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Suffolk, VA (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Newton Falls, OH, attending Kent State (OANG) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ MAJ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Shayne Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Husband of Taylor)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)

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