St. John's
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MISSION
Good Neighbors, Sharing the Good News

MESSAGE
But I Say To You
Forget "Even Steven"

DATE
Veteran's Day
November 8th, 2026
Liturgical Color - Green

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, 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
PATHWAYS ADULT BIBLE STUDY | 205

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/watch

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.

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 | II.08.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL
LAY READER | Ginny Miller
USHERS | Ginny Miller

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY
LAY READER | Drew Brought
USHERS | Leslie Ferguson
Dan Ferguson

NEXT WEEK | II.15.2026

8:30 AM | CHAPEL
LAY READER | Sharon Curtright
USHERS | Jay Curtright
Sharon Curtright

10:45 AM | SANCTUARY
LAY READER | Julie Salmon
USHERS | Louis Ridgway
Leah Ridgway

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FRENCH HORNIST ZACH REGIN IS OUR GUEST IN MUSIC OF WARMTH AND MAJESTY AS WE OFFER MESSAGES OF LOVE AND REDEEMING POWER.

PRELUDE | *Adagio, from MORCEAU DE CONCERT* | music by Camille Saint-Saens, 1887 | Zach Regin, French horn; Dale Morehouse, piano

Camille Saint-Saëns composed "***Morceau de concert, Op. 94,***" in 1887 for French horn virtuoso Henri Chaussier, who had developed a new type of valve horn. The work was designed to demonstrate its technical possibilities and expressive range, showcasing the instrument's lyrical warmth and expressive elegance. Flowing melodic lines, refined phrasing, and rich Romantic harmonies reveal the horn's capacity for tenderness and nobility, offering a moment of contemplative beauty.

INTROIT (10:45) | *Coronation*[2] | music by Craig Courtney, 1986
Chancel Choir; Zach Regin, French horn; Marie Hern and Christine Copeland, handbells; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

Craig Courtney's "***Coronation***" is a majestic sacred anthem celebrating the sovereignty and glory of Christ the King. With its expressive melodic writing, rich harmonies, and increasingly triumphant character, the work builds toward a powerful proclamation of praise. We love singing Craig's music and often share his most recent works. This is one of his earliest compositions, published 40 years ago. Crown the risen King and celebrate the defeat of the grave!

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Crown Him, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.
Crown Him the one who died and rose again to live forever more.
Crown Him, the Bread of Life, High and Holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star.
He holds the keys of death. He holds the keys of hell.
His is ruler of the kings of earth. Crown Him, behold your King.

See Him coming with the clouds. Every eye shall see Him whom they have pierced.
See Him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega.
He is the Living One, He who is and was and who is to come.
He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by His blood.
He is the mighty Son of God. Crown Him, behold your King.

Behold Him! Behold your King! Behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings!
Crown Him!
(Words based on texts from Isaiah, John, Hebrews, and Revelation)

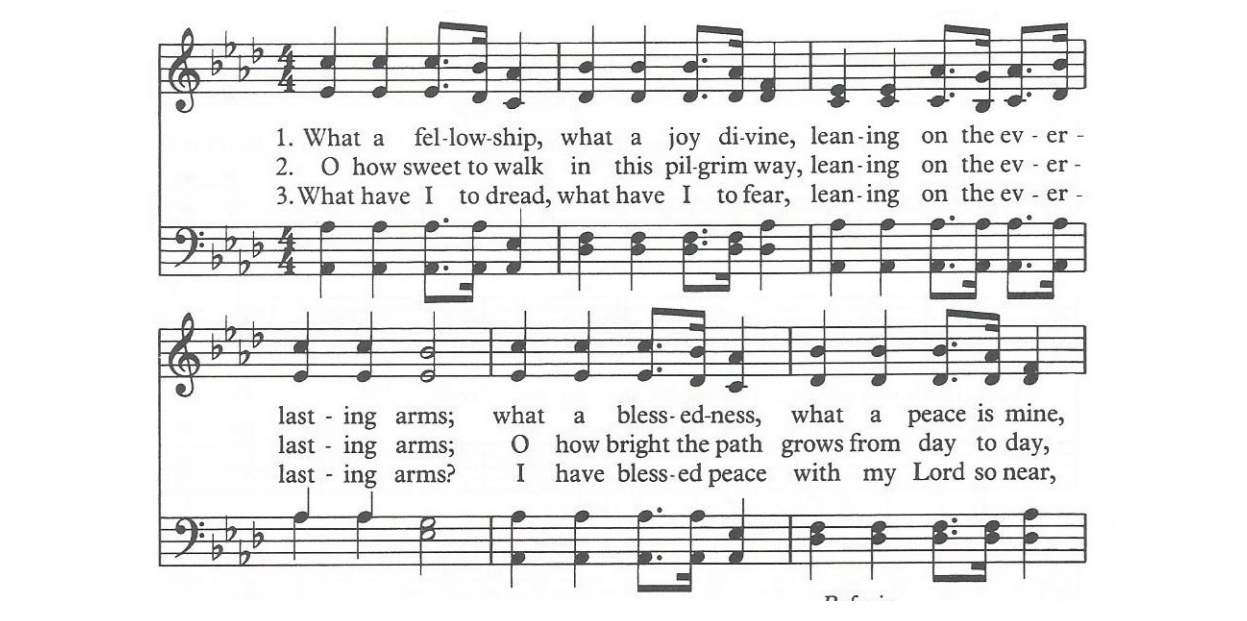
WELCOME & INVITATIONS | Rev. Dr. Jim Hoffman

Worship Symbol Notes

* | All are invited to rise in spirit and, as you are able, please stand
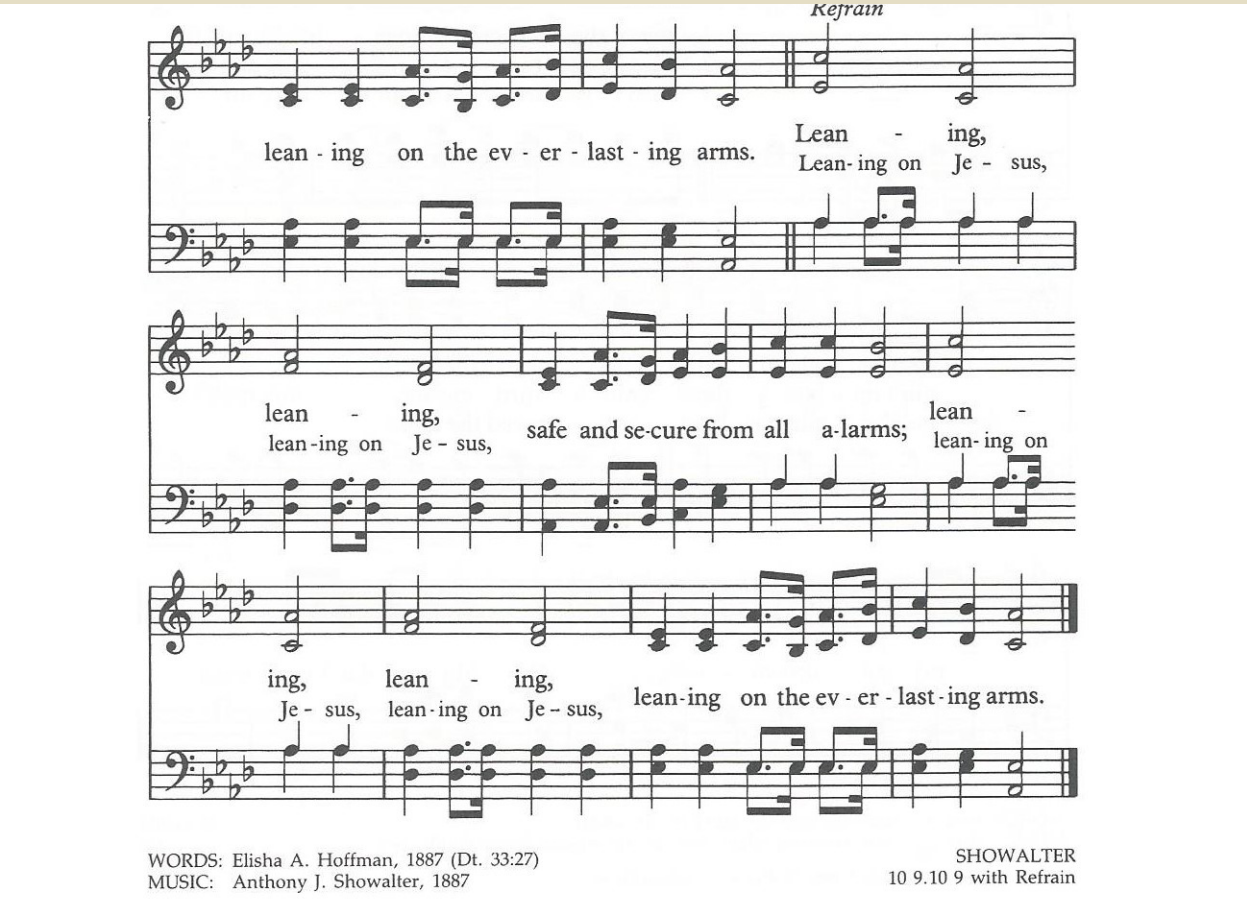
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***OPENING HYMN | *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* | UMH 133**



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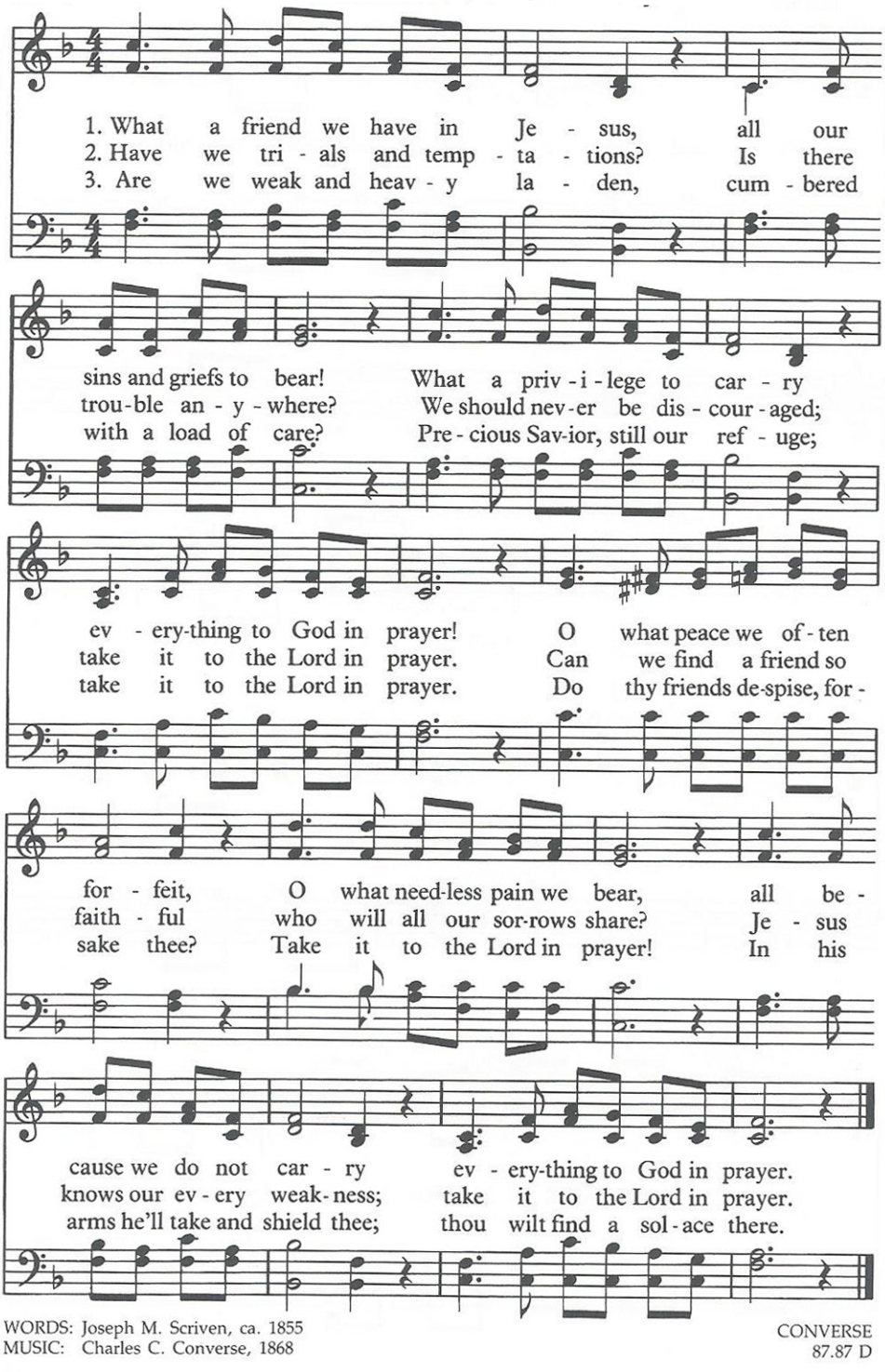


***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader | We give praise and thanks to God,
People | Who delivers us from futility and from darkened understanding.
Leader | Who is our hope in hard times -
People | our mighty and everlasting hope,
Leader | Who is our joy to please,
People | And our salvation every day.
ALL | Come, let us worship our God. Amen.

(Straw, Roger D. Flames of the Spirit (Ruth C. Duck, ed.), pg. 62-3)

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***HYMN OF PRAISE (10:45) | *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* | UMH 526**



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

DISMISSAL TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

PRAYER JOYS

Thank you **Barb Muell**er or donating cookies for all to enjoy in the Rotunda after the 10:45 Worship Service

PRAYER CONCERNS

Monique Gray | Sister of Margaret Hoffman
Paul Bergman | Father-in-Law of Becky Bergman
Jan Etherton | Friend of John Rasmus
Chris Mueller
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
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

Our "**Prayer Joys and Concerns**" list is an important reminder each week of who needs our prayers in the St. John's faith community and beyond. We are happy to keep your requests on our list for as long as you would like. And, we ask that everyone continue to pray for those that need it. We also ask to be notified of any updates to the status of your requests. Please review our current list of concerns and reach out to the church office with any updates; stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org or 816.523.6788.

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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.

SOLO | *In Christ Alone* | Getty-Larson
Sam Enriquez, baritone; Dale Morehouse, piano

Written in 2002, "***In Christ Alone***" was a collaborative effort between **Stuart Townend** and **Keith Getty**. "The song came about in an unusual way," Townend explains. "Keith and I met in the autumn of 2000 at a worship event, and we resolved to try to work together on some songs. A few weeks later Keith sent some melody ideas, and the first one was a magnificent, haunting melody that I loved, and immediately started writing down some lyrical ideas on what I felt should be a timeless theme commensurate with the melody. So the theme of the life, death, resurrection of Christ, and the implications of that for us just began to tumble out."

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

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No guilt in life, no fear and death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me,
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand!

SCRIPTURE | Matthew 5:38-42 [1] | NRSVUE

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you: Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also, and if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, give your coat as well, and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

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

[1]"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.

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GENEROSITY MOMENT

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OFFERTORY SOLO (10:45) | *Set Me as a Seal* | music by Richard Nance, 2000
Chancel Choir; Zach Regin, French horn; Dale Morehouse, pianist and conductor

This text from Song of Solomon has inspired many composers, and this exquisite setting features soaring vocal lines, dynamic contrasts and a sweeping accompaniment for piano and French horn. The Romantic nuance of the work is masterfully handled and its depth of expression is perfectly suited to the meaningful text. New Mexico-born **Richard Nance** is Professor and Conductor of the Choir of the West at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.
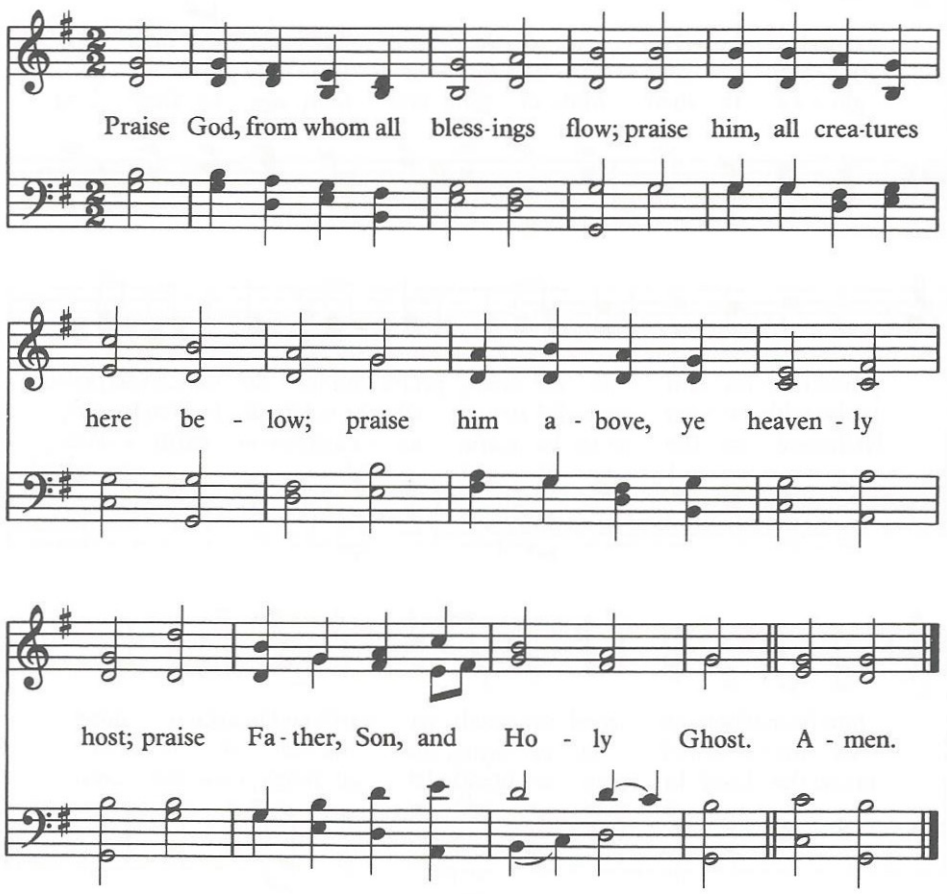
A seal is what confirms the authenticity of something, certifying that it is real, true, and reliable. A seal was an impression made by the ring of a monarch, pressed upon wax. It would be imprinted upon any correspondence so all would know that this correspondence and these words were indeed from him. So the bride of Solomon desires to know, to be assured, to have him guarantee to her that she is stamped upon his heart. This is also the desire of the children of God concerning our relationship to Jesus Christ. God has set us as a seal upon His Son's heart, and He has authenticated it. From all eternity God in free grace wrote the name of every believer upon the heart of Jesus Christ, engraving them upon His heart.

"Set me as a seal upon your heart, for love is a strong as death.
Many waters cannot quench love."

(Song of Solomon)

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

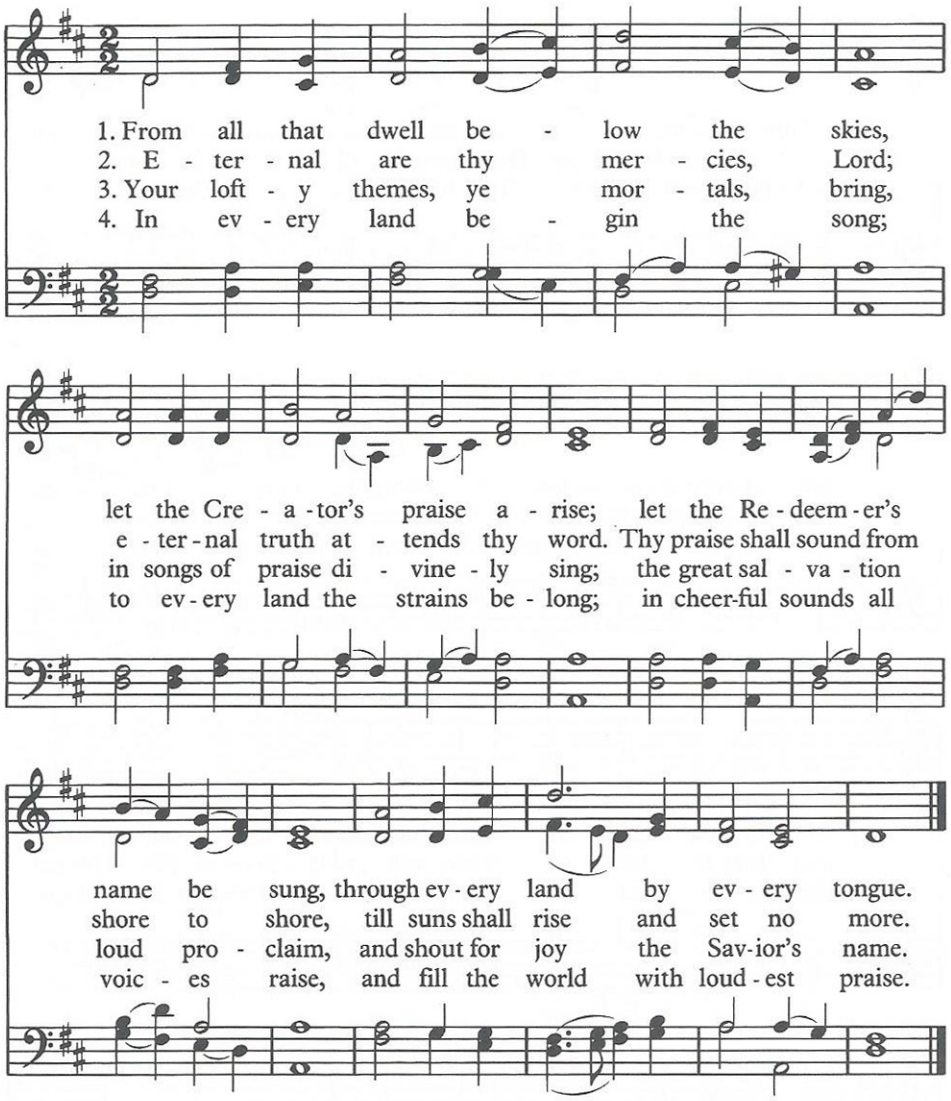


WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674
MUSIC: Attr. to Louis Bourgeois, 1551

OLD 100th
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***HYMN OF SENDING FORTH | *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* | UMH 101 (1, 2, 4)**



WORDS: Sts. 1-2, Isaac Watts; sts. 3-4, anon., ca. 1781 (Ps. 117)
MUSIC: John Hatton, 1793

DUKE STREET
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***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE | Dale Morehouse, organ**

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY | 11.8
8:30 AM Worship Service | Chapel
10:45 AM Worship Service | Sanctuary
5:00 PM Stage Right Rehearsal | Susanna Wesley Hall

MONDAY | 11.9
9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
9:00 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Prep | Brookside Hall Kitchen
9:30 AM Staff Meeting | Library
10:45 AM Neighbor 2 Neighbor Lunch Served | St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
1:00 PM Quilting Group | 205

TUESDAY | 11.10
9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Bible Study | 205
11:30 AM St. John's Bell Choir Rehearsal | Susanna Wesley Hall
7:00 PM Mandolin Orchestra of Kansas City | Brookside Hall

WEDNESDAY | 11.11
9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session
6:00 PM Pastor's Bible Study | 205

THURSDAY | 11.12
9:00 AM PDO/PS Fall Session

FRIDAY | 11.13
1:00 PM Living Streams | Zoom

SATURDAY | 11.14
10:00 AM Charge Conference | St. James UMC
2:00 PM Baby Grace Clothing Drive & Diaper Distribution | Trinity UMC

SUNDAY | 11.15
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
5:00 PM Stage Right Rehearsal | Susanna Wesley Hall

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November 9th to November 14th
Scripture Reading(s) for the week: Matthew 5:38-42; Exodus 21:23-25; Leviticus 24:13-23; Deuteronomy 19:20-21; Romans 12:14-21; 1 Peter 3:8-9

For the past few weeks, I have been watching with intrigue, the uprising in European cities. My humble assessment is that the oppressed are revolting against the oppressors who are defined as those who benefit greatly from western culture and capitalism. The mobs' tools are violence against those who they believe to be violent (economically and socially) to them. Admittedly my assessment could be wrong.

In 1968, Paulo Freire wrote a book titled, "Pedagogy of the Oppressed." In it he wrote, "the oppressed, instead of striving for liberation, tend themselves to become oppressors." He argues that oppressed groups often internalize the worldview of their oppressors, leading them to replicate oppressive behaviors when they gain power. As an example, I offer the following couple of incidents from recent headlines.

A group called Liberty Under Fire USA recently held a free-speech event on the campus of the University of Michigan. Their topic was "Is Islam compatible with western culture?" One student got into a loud and heated debate over the group's right to even be on campus. When she was challenged about this, it appears that she clap-slapped one man and then pushed another participant (a woman) to the ground. When the campus police tried to detain her, she resisted arrest and then, while being placed in the police cruiser she shouted, "I should have killed you." Several days earlier, Senator Elissa Slotkin of Michigan, openly talked about using the law or threat of the law as a weapon to discourage young people from participating in a Republican administration. These are two instances that make it apparent that we are heading toward an even deeper division within our country and that few, if anyone, are looking for ways to heal the divide.

Consider this - how do we remedy being wronged? Your answer might consist of elements of the following – intimidation, influence peddling, the police, criminal charges, civil lawsuit, financial or property lean, or a combination of these. We try to strong arm others into submission – we oppress dissenters.

During his sermon on the mount Jesus comes to the ancient teaching from the law of Moses. "You have heard it said, 'an eye for an eye, a tooth for tooth.'" The law of retribution – literally getting even for any offense, was still in full effect in Jesus' day. It was the only way to remedy being wronged – wronged by those they had power over but also being wronged by those who had power over them. Jesus names five instances where someone had disregard for the other – striking, robbery, begging, confiscation, and consumption. But instead of getting even, Jesus says

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react with love. Since God has been so generous with grace freely flowing in our lives, we are to be people who replicate that in our lives – it is to be our remedy.

There are currently about 12,187 nuclear weapons held by nine countries with another five NATO countries housing part of the US nuclear arsenal. What keeps countries like Russia, China, or North Korea from using one is the strategy of proportional retaliation. An opposing state would inflict upon them the same level of destruction they caused by using a nuclear weapon. Not exactly how Jesus wants us to live.

In personal moments, the answer is avoid doing everything you can to maintain social standing, honor, prestige, privilege, or possessions. We do not use worldly remedies to get even. Instead, we follow the counsel of Paul and Peter who said, "do not repay evil with evil." When someone offends us, hurts us, or abuses us, we are to repay them with a blessing. It reminds me of some of Jesus' last words from the cross when he prayed, "Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Even if we think the other person knows exactly what they are doing and they have malice in their heart toward us, we are instructed by Jesus to respond with love.

I invite you to take time and read each of the scriptures above followed by reflection on the questions below. Consider how you react when you feel offended by another and if it aligns with Jesus' teaching on retaliation. 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 is your view on the current state of division in our country?
Tuesday: Under what circumstances would you legitimize physically attacking a person you disagree with?
Wednesday: How did you respond the last time someone offended you?
Thursday: Have you ever felt the need to use social or judicial tools to remedy a wrong? Why?
Friday: How are you trying to help de-escalate the tension in our world?
Saturday: How are you living out Jesus' teaching to resist retaliating against those who abuse you?

Actions for the Week:
Head: Define the disconnect between the world's teachings and Jesus' on retaliation.
Heart: Assess the depth of your commitment to follow the teachings and way of Jesus .
Hand: Strive to respond to aggression and hurt with God's love and forgiveness.

Prayer: Great and gracious Redeemer, remind us, each moment of each day, how you have forgiven us. We are debtors with no means to pay our debt, offenders with no means by which to make restitution. Teach us to be forgiving and loving in the same way as you did, even at the crucifixion. Forgive us as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. Amen.

INVITATIONS

2026 CHARGE CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH | 10:00 AM | ST. JAMES UMC

It is the time of year for UMC churches to participate in their annual charge conference. We will be in a cluster conference with several other churches from the Northwest District. All of our required forms have been completed, reviewed, and voted on by our church board, and submitted to the district office. Members of the church board are invited to be present for the called charge conference; members of the congregation are welcome to attend as observers. **Questions?** stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org

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ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND | 12:00 PM

Please join us to decorate the church for the Advent and Christmas season. All are welcome to help us make our sanctuary and chapel look "Merry and Bright" for this special time in the life of the church. **Questions?** Church Office; 816.523.6788 or stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org.

THANKSGIVING DINNER WITH YOUR ST. JOHNS FRIENDS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH | 5:00 PM | SUE YOUNG'S HOME

All are invited to a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at Sue Young's house. Please RSVP to and request address from Sue; 913.461.1798 (text or call) or Sbyoung01@hotmail.com

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

IT'S TURKEY (EQUIVALENT) TIME

Now through **Sunday, November 22nd** we are collecting monetary donations for Harvesters to support their Holiday meal program. YOUR CONTRIBUTION is important: it will help provide a meal for a food insecure family this holiday season. Your part is easy…just donate "turkey equivalents" – which are $25 each. **Cash or checks made out to St. John's with "Harvesters" in the memo line can be dropped off at SJUMC anytime between now and the 22nd.** You can also donate online at https://tinyurl.com/2027Turkeys or Scan the QR code. Thank you for your generosity. **Questions?** Julie Salmon; julie.r.salmon@gmail.com or 816.547.6906.

MISSIONS, SERVICE, & JUSTICE

LAST CALL FOR DONATIONS!

BABY GRACE OF KANSAS CITY FALL/WINTER CLOTHES CLOSET

We continue our final quarter of the year with a **November Distribution of Winter Clothing and Child Care items** and a **December Distribution of Toys & Books**.

PLEASE HELP US FILL THE CLOTHES CLOSET. We can use all sizes (newborn to 5T). However we urgently need 2-T to 5-T. Used clothing is perfect: or shop for items on sale or in thrift stores. **CLOTHING DONATIONS ARE DUE NOW AND NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 10TH**. Please donate respectfully with clean clothing in good condition and make sure it is seasonal and can be used right now.

Thanks you for showing these children that they are special and are loved unconditionally.

WE WILL ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH THROUGH 14TH AT TRINITY UMC to finalize sorting all clothing and to help with distribution. A sign up will be available on Sunday mornings in the Rotunda. For sorting at St. Johns, contact Christine Copeland; christinecopeland49@gmail.com or sign up in the Rotunda.

HELP SUPPORT HOPE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

St. John's has been a community partner for Hope Leadership Academy since 2016. As partners we help support their student scholars and teachers by donating supplies and uniforms, delivering Back Snacks and volunteering as classroom buddies. HLA currently needs:

- Boys underwear (sizes 5 - 16)
- Clear plastic backpacks

Donations can be brought to church and left in the bin in the rotunda.

The school has on-going needs, often identified on short notice. You can also help by contributing to the **Hope Leadership Academy Fund** at St. John's. This fund allows us to provide supplies and materials to the school when they are needed. Donations can be made by checks payable to SJUMC with HLA in the memo line, or online at stjohnsumc.org/give (Choose Fund: Hope Leadership Academy) If you'd like more information about Hope Leadership Academy and ways to help, please contact the church office; 816.523.6788 or stjohnsumc@stjohnsumc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2026 UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NUT SALE

It's time to order your nuts for Thanksgiving and Christmas! We have nuts for eating, cooking, and gift giving! Pick up an order form in the Rotunda or scan the QR code or visit: https://tinyurl.com/2026SJUMCNutSale for a printable order form. **Questions?** Paula Rector; 913.226.4643

Thanksgiving – Order needed TODAY
(pick up at church on November 15th or November 22nd)

Christmas – Order needed by December 6th
(pick up at church December 13th or December 20th)

SUNDAY MORNING FLOWER DONATIONS NEEDED!

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

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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

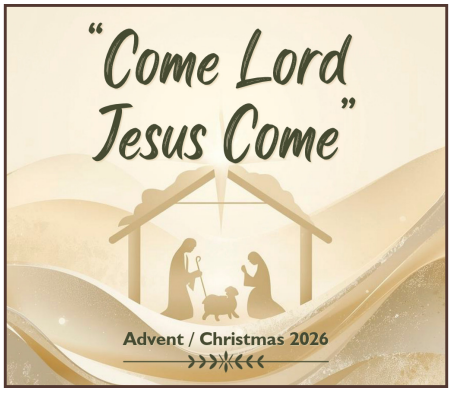
ST. JOHN'S KIDS & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELPERS NEEDED

We're looking for Sunday School volunteers! No weekly commitment needed—even helping occasionally makes a big difference. Come help our children learn, grow, and experience God's love. A sign up sheet will be in the rotunda every Sunday until the slots are full! **Questions?** Grace Mott; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org

PREPARING FOR ADVENT

ADVENT INVITATION



Recently there have been moments when I have asked the question, "***how much longer God?***" How much longer do we have to deal with the disorder and dysfunction of this broken world? How much longer before you determine that enough is enough? How much longer until your "kingdom come, your will be done . . .?" Advent and Christmas are not simply times for decorations, gifts, and holiday food. It is the season of preparation – time to prepare our hearts, minds, and lives for the coming of Jesus. For some it may be into their heart and life. For others it may be coming into this broken world. The purpose in either case is restoration. You are invited to join us for this series as we seek assurance that God is still actively marching toward God's vision and that we will realize it when Jesus comes again B**eginning, Sunday, November 29th at the 8:30 AM or 10:45 AM Worship Service.**

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:30 AM | CHAPEL
10:45 AM | SANCTUARY

SUN 11.29	**Hanging of the Greens** ~ "Longing to See God Again"
SAT 12.5	**Cozy Christmas Project Community Event** Scan the QR code for more information and to register!
SUN 12.6	"Prepare to Be Delivered"
SUN 12.13	**Christmas Cantata** ~ Cookies & Cocoa (no 8:30 AM service) More info to come!
SUN 12.22	"A New Spirit Cometh"
SUN 12.24	**Christmas Eve** - "The Righteous Reign of the Coming King" 4:00 PM - Live Nativity Christmas Eve Service 6:00 PM - Traditional Christmas Eve Service

Cozy Christmas Project

HANGING OF THE GREENS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH | 10:45 AM SERVICE | SANCTUARY

Join us on the 1st Sunday of Advent to kick off the Advent season with our traditional "Hanging of the Greens" ceremony. "Hanging of the Greens" refers to the practice of adding evergreen plants (live or artificial) to our Sanctuary. The symbolism of evergreens points to the unending life of the age to come when Christ returns, the dead are raised, and the righteous enter life in the new creation. (umc.org) If you would like your child and/or grandchild to participate in this special event please contact Grace Mott; grace.mott@stjohnsumc.org.

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