

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 8:00am In Person Worship 10:15am Online/In Person Worship

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak



#### St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you to be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

Episcopal Congregation

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we

have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016

### Everyone is Welcome! Everyone Belongs! Welcome Newcomers!

Young Children – with all their sounds and wiggles - are very welcome in this church!

If you are here for the first time, please help us to get to know you by filling out a yellow card found in each pew. Place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. We are so pleased that you are here and want to do everything we can to help you make the most of St. John's Episcopal Church and its resources for your spiritual journey.

All are welcome to communion, where we share one bread, one body. To facilitate this, our communion bread is all Gluten Free. All are welcome to St. John's programs and events.

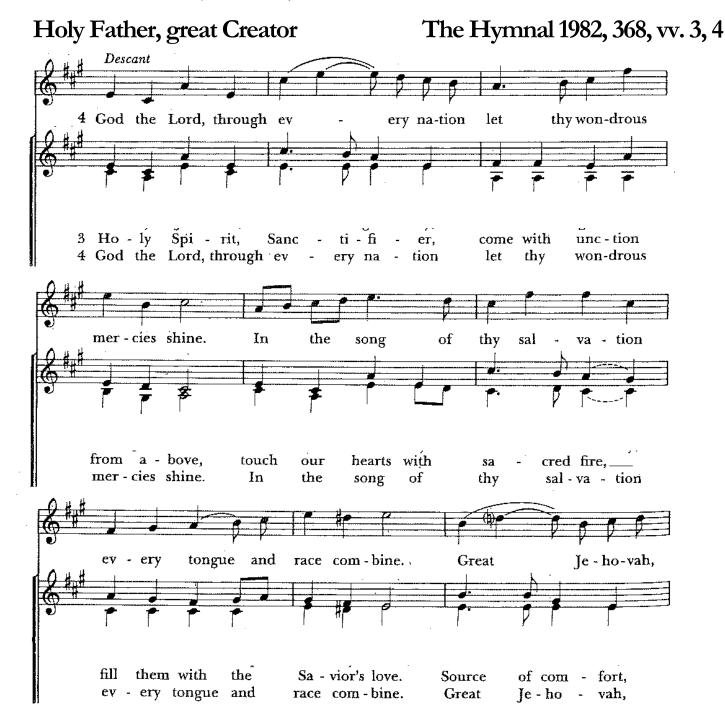
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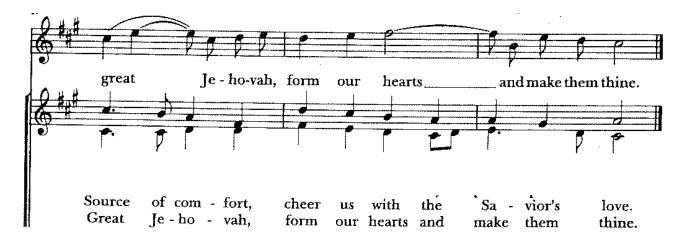
#### **PRELUDE**

#### THE WORD OF GOD

At the ringing of a bell, the people stand.

#### **ENTRANCE HYMN** (at 10:15am)





#### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Presider †Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

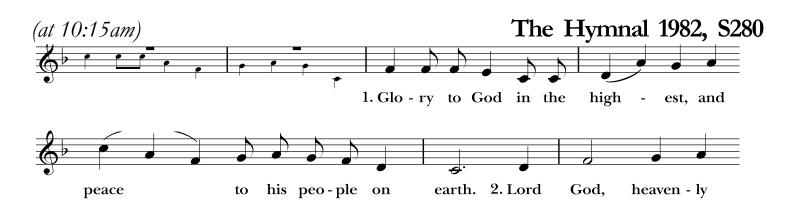
**GLORIA** (at the 8:00am)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,

Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,





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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**.

The people are seated.

#### THE FIRST LESSON

Amos 8:1-12

Lector A reading from Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the Lord said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by. The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day, "says the Lord God; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds. Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight. I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

Lector The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 52

1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \* against the godly all day long?

2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*

O worker of deception.

3 You love evil more than good \* and lying more than speaking the truth.

4 You love all words that hurt, \*

O you deceitful tongue.

5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \* topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living!
6 The righteous shall see and tremble, \* and they shall laugh at you, saying,

7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \* but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness."

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \* I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done \* and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:15-28

Lector A reading from the letter to the Colossians.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Lector The Word of the LordPeople Thanks be to God.

The people stand and sing (at 10:15) as the Gospel book is processed to the center of the nave.

#### **GOSPEL HYMN**



3 Still down the a - ges ring the pro-phet's stern com-mands.



To mer - chant, work - er, king he brings God's high de - mands.

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Gospeler †The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Gospeler The Gospel of Christ

People Praise to you, Lord Christ

#### **HOMILY**

The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

A period of silence is kept.

NICENE CREED (The people stand.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the †resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Clergy In confidence that the Lord hears our prayers, we offer them up saying:

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For God's people throughout the world; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop;

for Bonnie, our bishop; for Maryjane and Gerardo, our clergy; for

priests, deacons and lay leaders in their many ministries.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That the church may always fix its gaze on the life that lasts forever

through a faithful witness to you. We pray especially for the people of St. John's Plymouth, Church of the Redeemer Southfield, and All Saints, La

Romana, Dominican Republic.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That each of us may open the door to whomever knocks in search of a

rewarding life with you.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: That we may be instrumental in alleviating the pains of oppression, by

reaching out to the poor, the homeless, and the neglected.

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: That our own community, and families, may know God's presence and

embody God's love.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For the sick and suffering, especially, Gloria, Sue, Sandor, Kathy,

Madiba, Trudy, Gayle, Bob, Arthur, Kevin, Debbie, Gabriel, Kim,

Maryann and those we now name either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_

May we provide support and comfort them.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We pray for the †departed that we may always remember them, especially

those we now name, either silently or aloud \_\_\_\_\_. Inspire us anew

with the assurance of resurrection.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Presider: Creator of the world, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and

grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **CONFESSION**

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people stand or kneel.

All Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

The people stand to receive the absolution.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, †forgive you all your sins through the

grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power

of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

#### THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The peace is exchanged in place among the people.

#### **GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **INVITATION TO THE OFFERTORY**

Oblation bearers bring forward the bread and wine on behalf of the congregation. The ushers collect our gifts of pledges and other offerings. Gifts of pledges and offerings may also be placed in collection baskets at the steps of the altar. Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's.



Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE

Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

Mail: St. John's, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067

OR scan this code to be directed to the giving page.

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC** (at 10:15)

Oblation bearers bring forward the gifts of bread and wine on behalf of the congregation.

8:00am - Gifts of pledges and other offerings may be placed in collection baskets at the steps of the altar.

10:15am - The ushers pass collection baskets to gather our gifts of pledges and other offerings. At the Presentation Hymn, all stand. The ushers present our gifts at the altar. The Eucharistic ministers join the clergy to prepare for Eucharist.

#### PRESENTATION HYMN (at 10:15)

#### The Hymnal 1982 43, v. 4 Praise to thee, my God 2 4 Praise God, all from whom bless - ings flow; praise allhere be - low; praise him, crea - tures him a - bove, heaven - ly Fa - ther, Son, host: praise and Ho - ly

This hymn may be sung unaccompanied as a four-part canon at the distance of one measure.

#### ————THE HOLY EUCHARIST ———

Please stand as you are able

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The table of bread and wine is now made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

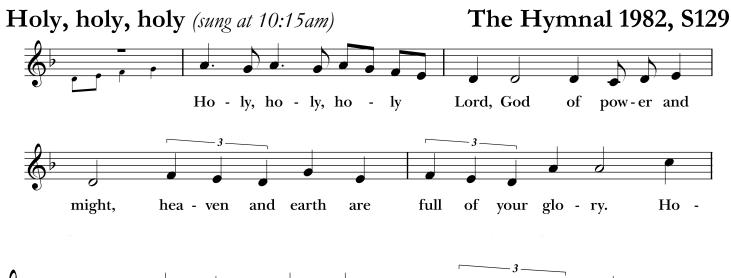
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

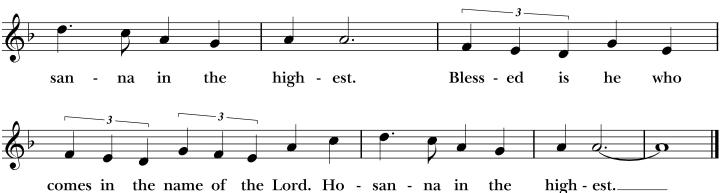
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

#### **SANCTUS** (spoken at 8:00am)

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

†Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.





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The people stand or kneel. The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore according to his command O God,

All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

†Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with Blessed John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/FRACTION ANTHEM

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. (spoken at 8:00am)

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### Celtic Alleluia (at 10:15am)

Gather, 266



Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider These are the gifts of God

People And we are the people of God.

Presider Behold who you are, and become what you receive.

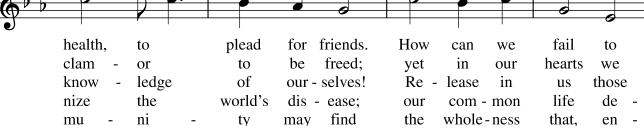
This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The bread used for Holy Eucharist at St. John's is gluten free.

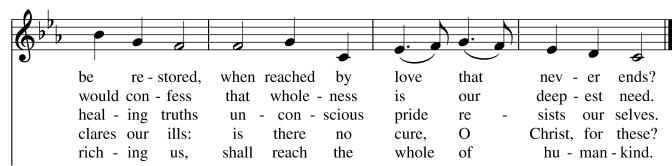
Healing - Those who would like prayers for healing may go to the healing station in the west transept for prayers during communion.

#### **COMMUNION HYMNS** (at 10:15am)

#### O Christ the healer, we have come Wonder, Love, and Praise, 819

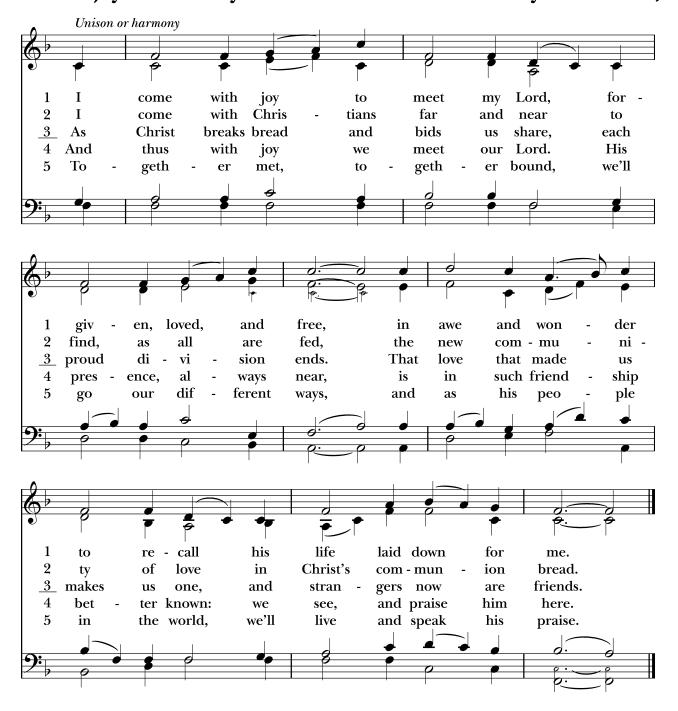






#### I come with joy to meet my Lord

#### The Hymnal 1982, 304



After Communion - The children and youth are invited forward at the end of communion to consume all the bread that has been blessed or consecrated for communion. This is a tradition at St. John's.

#### SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Clergy In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People We, who are many, are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All stand and pray.

Eternal God,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### **BLESSING**

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you this day, and remain with your forever. *Amen.* 

#### CLOSING HYMN (at 10:15am)

# From Thee all skills and science flow The Hymnal 1982, 566 1 From thee all skill and science flow, all pi - ty, care, and love, 2 And has-ten, Lord, that per-fect day when pain and death shall cease,



#### **DISMISSAL**

Clergy Let us go forth into the world,

Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

#### Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In thanksgiving for

Maria Walter, Lisa Machesky, Paul Johnson, and Eric Babcock

for serving as the Audit Team

#### Ministers of Today's Service: The People of St. John's

8:00am Lectors Barbara Lugger – First Lesson and Psalm;

Mary Gilhuly – Second Lesson and Prayers

of the People

8:00am Acolyte Yve Jones

8:00am Greeter/Usher Gregory Gmerek 8:00am Greeter during service Brent McFeaters

8:00am Eucharistic Ministers Barbara Lugger, Joey Spano

8:00am Healing MinisterElizabeth Swanchara8:00am Altar GuildRay Kwiatkowski

**10:15am Lectors** Aubrey Muth – First Lesson; Christopher Bosley –

Psalm; Christy Scott – Second Lesson; Nicole Stewart – Prayers of the People

10:15am Acolytes Ian Babcock, Julian Griffin, Ryley Griffin

**10:15am Greeters** Lisa Philips, Marie Donigan

**10:15am Greeter during service** Steve Fairman

**10:15am Ushers** Bruce Donigan, Chris Davis, Greg Taub

10:15am Eucharistic Ministers Jonatan Ascarruz-Asencios, Nicole Stewart, Sharon

Kennedy

**10:15am Healing Minister** Joyce Morey

**10:15am Altar Guild** Barb Moran, Denise Barnett, Mary Ann Morrow

Bread Baker Linda Tucker

Tech Team Tales Lima, Laurie McLaughlin, Chris Bosley

VergersRachel Andrews, Kevin McLoganOpener/CloserRay Kwiatkowski, John OginskyParking Lot GreetersGreg Barnett, Veronica GriffithMusiciansDr. Steve McGhee, Music DirectorAssociate RectorThe Rev. Dr. Gerardo Aponte-Safe

**Interim Rector** The Rev. Dr. Maryjane Peck

#### Additional Prayer List

Persons being prayed for:	•	Requested by:
Sarah	Rachel Andrews	
Briana, Wettona, Ezra, Vic, Jackie	Gloria Brown	
Sandi	Jen Bruns	
Willa		Janet Craft
Edward, Ariana, Glenn	Sandy Curtis	
Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim	Carolyn Darling	
Larry, Lois	Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton	
Gary, Patrick	Ann Davis	
Jeanette, Evelyn	Cheryl Donigan	
Angelina, Jamie	Allyson Frank	
Donna, MaryPat, Linda, Debbie	Diana Graor	
Kae, Lois, Peggy, Linda		Elaine Kapelanski
JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia		Kathy Kustowski
Lorie, Patty, Betty, Gail, Dot, Wilma, Nan, Mike	Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker	
Jennifer, Richard, Mark	Richard LeJeune	
Mike	Leah Lynady	
Gabrielle	Pam Lupinski	
Linda	Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda	
Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria	Mapley Extended Family	
Bill, Dorothy	Barl	bara & Chris Moran
Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda, Joe, Dennis, Norma, Ashley,	Jake, Carson	Mary Ann Morrow
Gail, Phil, Steven, Paul		Bob & Trudy Nagaj
Gwen	Scout Osborn	& Kristine Sprague
Arthur, Dan, Winnie		Janice Pedersen
Randy, Kelly, Charlotte		Marilyn Robinson
Adam, Don		Jeff & Nancy Sever
Bob, Jennifer, Scott		Joey Spano
Barbara, Bob, Cathy		Bob Stevens
David, David	E	Elizabeth Swanchara
Dominic, Pam, Nancy, Miles, Tom, Clyde		The Sykes Family
June		Barbara Thornton
Gabriel	Kim Unraı	ı & Maryann Maiuri
Brian		Bob Walsh
Debbie, Marion, Harvey		Tamra Zakar

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



The Search Committee cordially invites you to participate in our "Community Conversation" meetings. These sessions provide an opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with fellow members of the St. John's community as we collaborate to define our identity, future direction, and the qualities we

seek in our next Rector. Your input is critical as we work to complete our parish profile! Grab a friend and sign up using this QR code or see a search committee member in the Narthex after the service.

Curious about the discussion topics? A worksheet containing the questions for consideration is available on the bulletin board or on the table in the narthex.



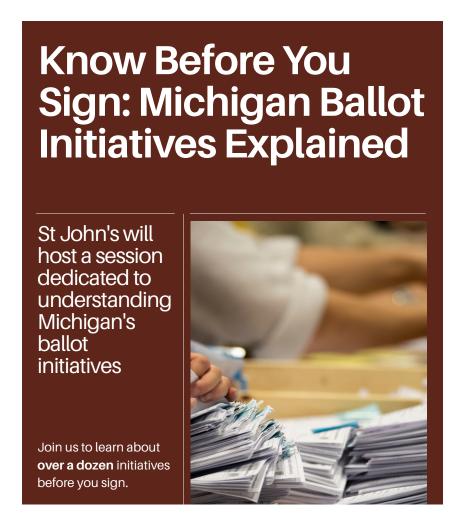


#### Help us spread the word about our open position!

Interested in applying? Please reach out to our Pastors, Maryjane or Gerardo, at 248-546-1255

Director of Family Ministries
Part time position starting as soon as possible

We are seeking a person who loves working with children, youth, and families who will partner with clergy, staff, parents, leaders and community to nurture and grow our ministries with young people and families. We are looking for someone who is creative, collaborative, joyful, a good listener, organized, and who is excited to join progressive, welcoming, and inclusive communities of faith. This position will administer, adapt, and create formation programs to support youth of all ages and their families in their spiritual growth, including coordinating Sunday School Teachers and Youth Leaders. St. John's, Royal Oak and St. James', Birmingham are partnering to hire this position, which will serve our congregations 12 hours a week each (24 hours a week total).



Wednesday, August 27 at 7pm on Zoom (link on St. John's website)