

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
2ND SUNDAY OF CREATION
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Sunday, September 12, 2021

9:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

This year's Season of Creation is focused on renewing the oikos, or "home," of God. The season lasts from Sept. 5th through Oct. 3rd and includes liturgy focused on the earth as well as other creation-care activities. To read more about the Season of Creation and this year's theme, visit www.seasonofcreation.org.

PRELUDE

"The Ash Grove"

Frank Stoldt

RINGING OF THE BELL

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



Refrain

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: TEMPLE OF PEACE, William P. Rowan, b. 1951

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GREETING

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all its creatures.

Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries, known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

(Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

“Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.” With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in childbirth” (Rom 8:22). And so we confess:

Jesus Christ could not find a place to lay his head. Because of our will to dominate, millions of our human family are displaced from their homes. Many lack access to clean water, sanitation, and dignified places for personal hygiene.

Have mercy on us, for the sake of the Earth and all that is in it.

Foxes of the field and birds of the air should have a place to call home. Because we misuse the land, the soil, water and air, habitats are desecrated, and millions of species no longer have a home.

Have mercy on us, for the sake of the Earth and all that is in it.

Your promise was to be a blessing for all the peoples of the Earth. But when we exploit the gifts of creation, Indigenous lands are devastated and those who live close to the Earth lose their ways of life.

Have mercy on us, for the sake of the Earth and all that is in it.

The mustard seed is great because it provides shelter for many. But we seek security for ourselves, instead of mutual care and faithful hospitality towards our co-creatures.

Have mercy on us, for the sake of the Earth and all that is in it.

Let us remember “that we ourselves are dust of the earth” (Gen 2:7). Our very bodies are made of her elements, we breathe her sacred air, and we receive life and refreshment from her sacred waters. May we hear it as a promise and a calling.

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us even when we are dead in sin and makes us alive again with Christ. By grace you have been made whole again. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

O God, we give you thanks for your unconditional love and acceptance. Having been forgiven, turn us now from our desire to unroot ourselves from our home in the garden, and from our will to dominate your Earth. Call us again, to till and to keep. Gather us into the power of just relationships that heal and sustain. Enlighten us by your Spirit that renews the face of your Earth and safeguards a home for all. Amen.

Adapted from *Laudato Si'*, by Pope Francis.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Word +

READING

Proverbs 1:20-33

A reading from Proverbs.

- ²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.
²¹At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:
²²“How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?
²³Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.
²⁴Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,
²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,
²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,
²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.
²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.
²⁹Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
³⁰would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
³²For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Read responsively.

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.
- ²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- ³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**
- ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.
- ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- ¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Sophia Wisdom Shows the Way

Sophia Wisdom shows the way to liberating life,
to caring for creation now, so Earth will long survive.
Awake to work and advocate to save Earth’s treasures rare,
protecting all the living ones, all nature everywhere.

The land is scarred and fractured deep; pollution fills the air,
and poisoned oceans threaten life; it’s time to show we care.
Sophia Wisdom calls to us to stop destructive ways,
to work with Her in saving life, to act without delay.

Sophia Wisdom still creates new beauty every day,
the golden trees, the dancing deer, the flowers’ wild display.
Come, join Sophia, nurturing Her precious gifts for all;
conserving life in every form fulfills our sacred call.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

**In God we are breathing, in God we are living,
in God we share the life of all creation.**

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

**In him God is breathing, in him God is living,
through him we are reconciled.**

We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life
and strengthens our faith.

**In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living,
the breath of God always moves us.**

We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all and Three-in-One.

**In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved,
in the Spirit we are all united.**

Together, we belong to the Earth, our common home.

The Earth that is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

By Per Harling

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creating God, you brought life into being and called it good. Bring new creation to lands devastated by tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, fires, and other disasters. Restore forests and curb overflowing waters.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, you dwell among all who experience hardship and the depths of distress. Twenty years later, there are still so many loose threads and upended lives on account of the terror attacks of 9/11. Empower people of good will everywhere to be weavers of our collective life and uplifters of the downtrodden. Relieve every heart that rages and mourns and will not be settled. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Protecting God, you desire all people to live in peace and safety. Provide for all who are in danger. Strengthen first responders to help meet to the complex needs of others. Provide care and compassion as they face trauma themselves. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Transforming God, you announce release to the captives and freedom to the oppressed. Break chains of discrimination and injustice. Amplify voices that go unheard and inspire us to advocate for the those who are overlooked. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Forming God, you gather this community together. Shape our communal life, that in our prayer, praise, and worship, we honor you and encourage one another. Keep our disagreements civil and increase our joy in working together. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

People of God, for what else shall we pray this day? Your prayers are invited now, either silently or aloud. (*Pause for prayers.*)

Lord, in your mercy, *or* Lord, we praise you,
Hear our prayer. **Thanks be to God.**

Redeeming God, you accompany your people through every stage of life. We give you thanks for the saints who now rest in your embrace.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PEACE

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation. One Home, One Body.

We see God around us.

We see God within us.

We give thanks to our Creator.

Let us show the caring nature you have instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness, and grace. The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

And also with you.

You are invited to care and share peace with your neighbor by embracing those in your household and waving to other households around you. You may also speak a word of peace to the land in which you gather and the creatures who share this common home.

Adapted from *Celebrating Creation: Honoring Indigenous People*, by Kelly Sherman-Conroy, ELCA.

+ Meal +

OFFERTORY

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's!

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or made online at stjohnswilmette.org/give. Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY VERSE

God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in ev'ry land
be clothed and fed.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.

**God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.**

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

**Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.

Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm.

Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

The earth is full of your glory:

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.

In Christ you bring life from death;

we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.

Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.

Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.

Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:

The earth is full of your glory:

The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,

so filled with your love for this earth.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

...Do this, and remember me.

Again, after supper...

...Do this, and remember me.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:

The earth is full of your glory:

The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living,
you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory:
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and amen.
Amen, and amen.

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LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kin-dom 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 kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION

COMMUNION

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

For those communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please put your mask back on before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the elements will be brought to you.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"The Ash Grove"

David Cherwien

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.**

**Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

+ **Sending** +

BENEDICTION

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To reflect God's glory in creation.
May you be blessed in the name of God:
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of this holy home.
Amen.

CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme. Adapted by Pastor Allison Bengfort.

SENDING HYMN

Our Calling is Clear

Come raise a new song in the day that is dawning.
Let hearts all be cheerful and spirits unite.
As sun rays come streaming, as fields swell with greening,
as dewdrops lie gleaming, come taste true delight.
We form one great chorus with flow'rs and with forests,
Behind us before us: one song and one voice.
One love we are sharing, one joy and one caring,
one spirit that's daring to sing and rejoice.

This world we have plundered, so much we have squandered
that lately we've wondered if life can endure.
God's will is revealed now: in each failing field now,
This earth must be healed now, our calling is clear.
It's time we awake for our grandchildren's sake
For the earth's not our making nor ours to deface.
Empow'r us in duty, restoring the beauty
that we may renew what we once have disgraced.

Our lives seem so distant from God's healing vision,
we've so much to risk and we've so much to lose.
We join now together and help one another
to daily uncover the path we must choose.
With love as our guide and with friends at our side
and with clearness of mind may we care for the earth
'til in good relation with all of creation
we find our true station and find our rebirth.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. This is the home of God.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Hyfrydol"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

COFFEE HOUR OUTDOORS

SERVING TODAY

<i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i>	The Rev. Allison Bengfort
<i>Assisting Minister:</i>	Molly Bolash
<i>Music Director & Organist:</i>	Dr. Robert McConnell
<i>Cantor:</i>	Christina Bernardoni
<i>Minister of the Word:</i>	Michel Hauser
<i>Children's Church:</i>	Derek Stienmetz
<i>Usher:</i>	Alan Swanson
<i>Carillon Ringer:</i>	Susan Crist
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Crist

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- † The family & friends of Joyce Rank, grandmother of Luke Rasmussen, who died 8/29/21
- † Pastor Ron Unger and wife Deborah, as they wait to return to their home in Louisiana.
- † The family & friends of Gilbert & Eleanor Basnik, father and step-mother of Linda Basnik, who died on 8/5/21 & 8/6/21
- † Sarah Rink, for recovery from chronic knee pain
- † The family & friends of Ed Woltman, who died 4/2/21
- † Jill, Stephanie & Bill Sick, friends of Michel Hauser, in need of healing
- † The family & friends of Peter Labbe, cousin of Bill Kaspar and former member, who died 5/15/21
- † Pastor John Lang, recovering from a stroke
- † Erik & Mary Kastman, son & daughter-in-law of Ken & Diane Kastman, on the birth of a baby boy
- † Candace (Witt) & Mike Yurkonis on the birth of a baby girl
- † Alla Rusz, recovering from surgery
- † Frank Ziegler, recovering from eye surgery
- † Karen Brunn, daughter of Dave & Lyn Brunn, recovering from spinal cord injury
- † Dana & Alex Salazar, daughter and son-in-law of Millie Burek, on the birth of a baby daughter, Lorena
- † Family of Judi, sister of Millie Burek, who died 2/14/21
- † Stephen Tschaikowsky, son of Alla Rusz, recovering from surgery
- † Joanni Kric, recovering from hospitalization in Aug. 2021
- † Rachel Cordts, recovering from cancer surgery
- † Cam Wise, for physical and emotional health
- † The family and friends of Matt Dossa, nephew of Jim Dossa, who died 6/7/20
- † Sylvia Cushing, cousin of Olga Domchenko, in need of healing
- † Doug Peters, who died 11/19/20
- † Linda Bengfort, mother of Pastor Allison, eye issues
- † Greyson Nester
- † Margaret (Maggie) Oxland, sister of Lyn Brunn, who died 2/11/21
- † The family and friends of Marty Anderson, family friend of Dave & Lyn Brunn, who passed away 11/15/20
- † The family of Paul Escamilla, friend of Elias & Stephanie Abudayeh
- † Sydney Johnson, her work
- † Mark Voosen
- † Lani Miller
- † Margaux Tauszig, granddaughter of Wolf Peddinghaus
- † Ed Price, friend of Sarah Rink
- † Jodi Kretzman, friend of Peter Knobel
- † Jessica Sandoval, friend of the Radde family
- † The family and friends of Helene Tadros, Olga Domchenko's sister, who died 4/6/20, and especially for William Sciarrino, Helene's caretaker
- † Natalie Domchenko & Hilaire Sainson, sister of Olga Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing

- † The family of John Genovese, father of Courtney Radde, who died 12/17/20
- † Barry and Hope Kellman, friends of Diane Kastman, for healing for Barry and comfort for Hope
- † Norma Adkerson, stepmother of Courtney, diagnosed with COVID
- † The family of Doris Regan, who died 11/25/20
- † The family & friends of Carolyn Rasmussen, grandmother of Luke Rasmussen, who died 10/9/20
- † Art Garcia, friend of Chad Johnson, recovering from a heart attack and pneumonia
- † The family and friends of Pastor Bob Stout, former pastor of the Abudayeh family, who died 9/12/20
- † Iden Nowlin, friend of the Abudayeh family, recovering from cancer surgery
- † Alan Williams, stepfather of Christi Wise, recovering from surgery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Green Team Summit: Heal with Us

Join environmentally-conscious faith leaders from around the state for an online, 3-night immersive and interactive journey into healing to reconnect to our land, body, mind, spirit, and community. From walking through vividly green wetlands in Shawnee National Forest, to touring a farm, and gathering in a racial healing circle, this virtual Summit will inspire our environmental work through healing. The Summit is hosted by Faith in Place and will be held September 12-14. Register at <https://bit.ly/HealingGTS> for free today and get a free ebook, "Rooted for Healing: A Collection of Quotes."

Wednesday Bible Study Begins In-Person & on Zoom

Weekly Bible Study has resumed for the new program year, and we meet on Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm. This week, we will meet in hybrid fashion: some of us in person in the Fellowship Hall wearing masks and others on Zoom from home. All are welcome!

Volunteers Needed for Confirmation

Confirmation has begun at St. John's. As we begin this meaningful experience with our youth, we hope to create opportunities for them to connect with our community and hear different life experiences. Therefore, we are looking for adult volunteers to attend participate in class one or more times per year. Confirmation will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm twice a month. If you want to support our youth ministries by volunteering or want to learn more, please reach out to Derek at derek@stjohnswilmette.com.

Feeling Social? Host Coffee Hour!

How wonderful it is to be together in person again! We have a lot of catching up to do with each other after being apart for so many months. Gathering after church to share a cup of coffee and a treat gives us that opportunity. Please consider signing up to host a Sunday coffee hour so we can continue this time of fellowship. Hosting involves bringing a treat/snack to share, setting up a few minutes before worship, and cleaning up after our time of fellowship. If you haven't hosted a coffee hour before, someone will be happy to guide you. Choose your Sunday by putting your name on the sign-up sheet located on the counter in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please call Jan in the church office. Let's continue to keep this time of fellowship a regular part of our Sunday morning!

Live Streaming Camera Operators Needed

As many of you already know, the cameras for the new live streaming system have been installed and the system is ready for use. The system has three cameras controlled remotely by a joystick and we need a camera operator for each Sunday service who can position the cameras and toggle between different shots. The system is a lot of fun to operate and the position offers a wonderful chance to make creative decisions about how our service will be filmed. It is our hope to get a roster of six or more individuals who would be willing to operate the system on a rotating basis on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, contact Robert at robert@stjohnswilmette.com to arrange a training session.

New Mobile App

We're excited to announce St. John's has upgraded our mobile app! Vanco, our eGiving provider, has launched an updated mobile app called Vanco Mobile to replace GivePlus Mobile. You can download the Vanco Mobile app for free from the App Store or Google Play. Search for St. John's by entering "Wilmette IL". From there, you can make a one-time donation or set up recurring giving right through the app. Just select your fund and amount, enter a payment method, and complete the donation. Vanco will be retiring GivePlus Mobile on September 30th, so please download Vanco Mobile before then. All current user's information will be seamlessly transferred to the new Vanco Mobile from GivePlus.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM	In-Person/Zoom Worship with In-Person/Zoom Children’s Church
10:30 AM	Coffee Hour

WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM	In-Person/Zoom Bible Study
6:30 PM	Confirmation Class

THURSDAY

12:00 PM	Men’s Lunch
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SATURDAY

5:00 PM	In-Person Contemplative Service
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9:30 AM	In-Person/Zoom Worship with In-Person/Zoom Children’s Church
10:30 AM	Farewell Reception for Robert McConnell

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