

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
3RD SUNDAY OF CREATION
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Sunday, September 19, 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 wells as other creation-care activities. To read more about the Season of Creation and this year's theme, visit www.seasonofcreation.org.

PRELUDE

"Andante Cantabile" from *Sonata in E-flat major, K.333* W.A. Mozart

RINGING OF THE BELL

+ Gathering +

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

Sung by cantor.
ELW 883

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

GREETING

The congregation may stand.

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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

+ Word +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM

Psalm 1

Read responsively.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

READING

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

A reading from James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and it will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Sung by cantor. The congregation may stand.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The congregation may be seated.
Pastor Allison Bengfort

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Sung by cantor.

I Shall Not Be Moved

Refrain: I shall not be, I shall not be moved.
I shall not be, I shall not be moved;
like a tree planted by the water,
I shall not be moved.

Verse 1: When my cross is heavy...

Verse 2: The church of God is marching...

Verse 3: Jesus is our captain...

Verse 4: Fighting sin and Satan...

Text African American spiritual

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The congregation may stand.

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.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of comfort, we pray for all who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. 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.**

God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints.

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

The congregation may be seated.

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!

"Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen" *German Requiem* Johannes Brahms

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

- Psalm. 84 1,2,4

OFFERTORY VERSE

Sung by cantor. The congregation may stand.

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

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.

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.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

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

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.

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. 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

The congregation may be seated.

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

"O Taste and See"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O taste and see how gracious the LORD is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.

- Psalm 34:8

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The congregation remains seated.

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 +

FAREWELL BLESSING

Robert McConnell, on October 17, 2010, this community of St. John's Lutheran Church installed you to serve among us as Music Director and Organist. Since that time, you have served faithfully, leading us in musical praise to God. Sharing our joys and sorrows, you have been a beloved part of our life together in the church of Christ, in our service to one another, and in God's mission to the whole world. As you leave this community of faith, we say farewell, and we pray for God's blessing.

People of God, members of St. John's community,
do you release Robert from service as your Music Director and Organist?
We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Robert, do you recognize and accept the completion of your ministry with St. John's?
Robert: I do, and I give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Let us pray.

All-loving God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, you equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the music ministry of Robert McConnell among the people of God in this place.

You watch over our going out and our coming in:

bless this time of ending and beginning.

You surround your people in every time and place:

keep us close in your love.

You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial:

prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together;

heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us.

All are invited to extend a hand in blessing.

Robert,

May God bless you and keep you.

May you live with courage and gladness in the future God gives you.

Just as you have been a blessing to us,

may you go forth to be a blessing to others;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The congregation may stand.

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.

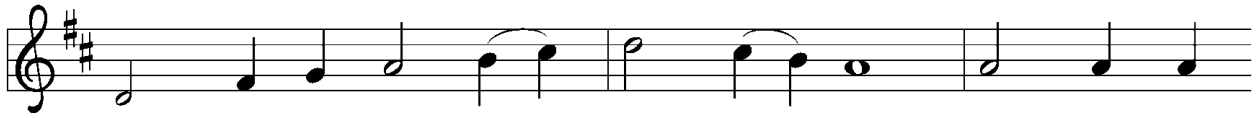
CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme. Adapted by Pastor Allison Bengfort.

SENDING HYMN

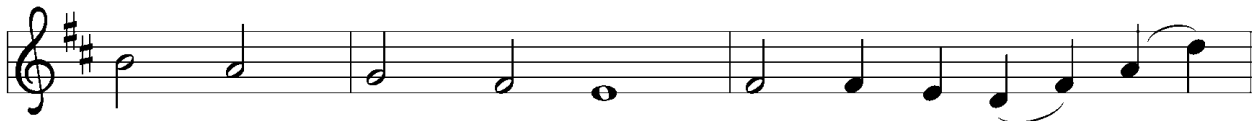
Jesus Shall Reign

All are invited to sing.

ELW 434



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. This is the home of God.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Allegro assai vivace" from *Organ Sonata No. 1*

Felix Mendelssohn

FAREWELL PARTY OUTDOORS

SERVING TODAY

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| <i>Preaching & Presiding Minister:</i> | The Rev. Allison Bengfort |
| <i>Assisting Minister:</i> | Bill Kaspar |
| <i>Music Director & Organist:</i> | Dr. Robert McConnell |
| <i>Soprano:</i> | Ashley Brewer |
| <i>Alto:</i> | Christina Bernardoni |
| <i>Tenor:</i> | Paul Hunter |
| <i>Bass:</i> | Conor Broaders |
| <i>Minister of the Word:</i> | Jan Wendel |
| <i>Children's Message:</i> | Derek Stienmetz |
| <i>Usher:</i> | Jason Shutters |
| <i>Carillon Ringer:</i> | Tina Ziegler |
| <i>Altar Guild:</i> | Cindi Rachowicz |

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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

- † 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
- Domchenko and sister's husband, in need of healing
- † 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

Farewell & Godspeed to Robert McConnell

Today we bid farewell and godspeed to Robert McConnell as he concludes his time as Music Director and Organist at St. John's. He has accepted the position of Assistant Organist at Church of the Holy Spirit Episcopal in Lake Forest. Robert has been an incredible blessing to St. John's and he will be greatly missed! All are invited to attend a farewell reception for Robert after worship this morning.

Getting Green Energy: Learn about Community Solar next Sunday

If you can't put solar panels on your home, church, or business, you can now subscribe to a community solar project with no upfront investment. We will be joined by Hal Sprague of Trajectory Energy Partners at the beginning of service on Sunday, September 26th at 9:30 am, and he will explain how we can all save money while supporting local renewable energy here in Illinois.

Pumpkin Carving & Blessing of the Animals

Our Season of Creation concludes on October 3rd with an outdoor animal blessing and pumpkin carving at 1:00 pm. You may bring your pets or pictures of beloved animals to receive a special blessing from Pastor Allison. Pumpkins and carving supplies will be available, and you are encouraged to take your newly carved jack-o-lanterns home with you. This event is hosted by our family ministries, but all are welcome! You can RSVP for the event using the link in this week's e-news. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to set up/tear down, please reach out to Derek at derek@stjohnswilmette.com.

Volunteers Needed for Confirmation & Children's Church

Confirmation and Children's Church have begun at St. John's. As we begin this meaningful experience with our youth, we hope to create opportunities for them to connect with the St. John's community and hear different life experiences. Therefore, we are looking for adult volunteers to participate in class one or more times per year. Confirmation will meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00 pm twice a month. Sunday school meets during church from 9:30-10:15 am. 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.

Wednesday Bible Study 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. We are meeting in hybrid fashion: some of us in person in the Fellowship Hall wearing masks and others on Zoom from home. All are welcome!

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. If you have questions or need assistance, please call Cindi at 224-307-3513 or email att41623@sbcglobal.net.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

9:30 AM In-Person/Zoom Worship with
Children's Message
10:30 AM Farewell Party for Robert McConnell

WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM In-Person/Zoom Bible Study

THURSDAY

12:00 PM Men's Lunch

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Fall Council Huddle
5:00 PM In-Person Contemplative Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

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