

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 7th, 2023 | Fifth Sunday of Easter- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | 1 Peter 2:2-10 | John 14:1-14

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Steve Dill

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Gather us, O God.

There is room for us all.

Dwell with us, O God.

Show us the way.

Guide us, O God.

We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth and life.

PRAISE SONG

"Facedown"

Praise Team

COMMUNITY SHARING

CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

No one is lost to God.

All our welcome to witness and receive God's saving grace.

Let us confess our sins before our Savior.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Christ, our way, our truth, our life,
You have shown us the way, so clearly and fully
You have not simply told us how to live,
you have *shown* us,
but we still don't get it.
We do not believe all you have said to us;
We do not trust the way you have shown us.
Help us, O God. Forgive us.
Open our ears to your truth,
Open our eyes to your way,
And lead us into new life.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Laryetta Ellis

Christ has transformed us. Christ has renewed us.
Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation,
ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
**We are God's own people.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

RESPONSE

“Gloria Patri”

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Savior God, your Word is a lamp to our feet on this discipleship road.
Walk with us.
Guide us with your wisdom and grace.
Open us to discerning your will and your way. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

1 Peter 2:2-10 (NIV)

² Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

The Living Stone and a Chosen People

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him— ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house^[a] to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For in Scripture it says:

“See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who trusts in him
will never be put to shame.”^[b]

⁷ Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”^[c]

⁸ and,

“A stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”^[d]

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

GOSPEL READING

John 14:1-14 (NIV)

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Jesus Comforts His Disciples

14 “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. **2** My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? **3** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **4** You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus the Way to the Father

5 Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

6 Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **7** If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

8 Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.”

9 Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? **10** Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. **11** Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. **12** Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.”

SERMON

“Comforting Words During Anxious Times”

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

Responding to God's Word

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

Humbled by God's generosity,
let us offer our gifts to God and God's ministries through Christ's church.
What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?
Let us life up the cup of salvation
And call on the name of the Lord.

OFFERING

Offerings can be made near the sanctuary entrance prior to worship or at the communion table following worship.

PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

✠ DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - here be - low;

6
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Holy Communion

HYMN OF PREPERATION

“Feed Us, Lord” (verse 1 only)

Feed Us, Lord 501

D G/B Asus A D G/B Asus A G D/F#

1 Feed us, Lord. Feed us, Lord. In the bro - ken bread,
2 Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord. On this thirst - y ground,
3 Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord, with the bread and wine
4 Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord, nour-ished here by Christ,

G A B Em D/F# G D

be re - vealed a - gain. Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.
may your love flow down. Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.
of the ris - en Christ. Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.
giv - en strength for life. Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

FEEDING OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

✠ **CLOSING SONG**
“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

see music in back of bulletin

✠ **CHARGE**

Rev. Larryetta Ellis

✠ **BENEDICTION**

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder
Brixey Family

Mary Smith
Bob Messersmith
Kelley Maerz
Kinquist Family

Heather Wolz
Donna Lindsey

Members in a Care Facility

Arlene Walters

Friends of Our JCPC Family

Junia Thompson and Family- Missionaries
in Indonesia

Denise Kinquist- S. Kinquist sister

Friend of Heather Wolz

Mark Kesner, K. Doty's cousin

Melanie Williams-Harvey, R. Kinquist
sister

Charles Barnes, S. Tyler's son-in-law

Amelia Sanchez, S. Tyler's great
granddaughter

Kelly Koch, H. Wolz' uncle

Marie Gross, C. Lay's stepmother

Lola- H. Wolz niece

Rob Hanson- Barb Hanson's son

Bea Albers- Lisa Schoonover's friend

John- Lisa Schoonover's brother

Chad Grellner- friend of Ken and Mary
Myers

Laura Barnum- niece of Charles and Susan
Barnum

Rick Kraft- Mark Miller friend

Jerry Hahn- V. Messersmith brother -in-law

Norma Milisitch- H. Heberer & S. Tyler
friend

Jeanie Rhodes- Audrey Hahn's daughter
friend

Steve- Van Buren friend

Jean- W. Myer's aunt

Greg Niehoff- H. Heberer brother-in-law

Emily McDonnell- Kara Myers' friend

Debbie Richie-Raymer- Cindy Lay friend

Joys and Thanksgiving

Upcoming Events



GOLDTIMERS at Candicci's Restraunt and Bar

Friday, May 12th | 11:30 AM

We invite you to join our GOLDtimers on Friday, May 12th at Candicci's Restraunt (100 Holloway Rd., Ballwin, MO, 63017) for a time of food, fellowship, and fun!



**PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS**

Pentecost Sunday | May 28th

Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost Sunday. This year's special PC(USA) Pentecost Offering will be divided in support of special youth projects and initiatives (see special insert). We hope you will faithfully consider how you can give to this year's special offering.



Bridgeton Fourth of July Parade *Tuesday, July 4th*

Believe it or not- its time to start preparing for the City of Bridgeton's upcoming Fourth of July parade! JCPC is planning on having a float and walking in the parade again this year, and we will need a variety of help in preperation. Additional information on how you can help is coming soon- but if you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Faith Formation

Living the Lectionary Bible Study

Wednesdays | 6-7:30 PM

We invite you to join us Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 PM for our Living the Lectionary Bible Study. Each week we will explore how the upcoming lectionary texts speak to our daily lives and experiences as a people of faith. There is no preperation work necessary, and all are welcome to come and explore how these texts apply

throughout our lives. Each month, on the last Wednesday, we gather at a local restaurant (Bridgeton Sports Café) for our Living the Lectionary ON TAP evenings (sign-up sheet available in welcome area). We invite you to join us in whatever way you feel most comfortable.

**Women's Movie
Discussion Group**
Sunday Mornings | 9 AM

Join our Sunday morning women's movie discussion group as they watch and discuss the film *Yentl* from April 16th to May 14th. Women are invited to arrive at 9 AM for a time of fellowship before we begin watching the film. We hope to see you soon!

Mission

Community Helping Ministry



CHM NEEDS: Jelly | Rice | Dinner mixes| Financial contributions can be made via CHM mailbox in church office and food contributions can be made in the **welcome area**. Please do not leave donated food in warehouse area.

CHM April Service Report

TOTAL CONTACTS MADE WITH FAMILIES: 120

Families Receiving Assistance in Office: 40

INDIVIDUALS IN FAMILIES RECEIVING ASSISTANCE: 116

NEW FAMILIES REQUESTING ASSISTANCE: 11

TOTAL VALUE OF IN-KIND SERVICES: \$5144.00

Are you or your family in need of food or any other kind of assistance?

Please contact Liza Browning at (314) 770-2216 or email communityhelpingministry@yahoo.com.

Worship at Life Care Center

Our outreach committee is looking for volunteers who may be interested in helping lead worship at the Bridgeton Life Care center. We are currently planning to hold a service each month at their facility as a ministry to those who call the Life Care Center home. We are looking for a variety of help, and if you are interested, please reach out to Amy Brixey (bisskut27@gmail.com).

Community

Sunday Morning Help Needed

We are looking for help with counting following Sunday morning worship and are looking for someone who can volunteer once or twice a month after worship. For additional details please contact Gil Elliott or the church office. Some computer experience requested.

Don't Miss Out on our Weekly Update email!

Don't miss out on receiving our weekly update email each Friday. This email provides important updates regarding life at JCPC and links to sign up for a variety of opportunities. To sign up to receive this email, visit JCPChurch.org.

Aaron Wolz Upcoming Performances!

Sunday, May 7th- Meramac Community College Theatre

Sunday, May 14th- Powell Hall- St. Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra

Word Cloud from Griffin Brixey

We are grateful to Griffin Brixey for his design of the Word Cloud on the back cover of the bulletin! Thank you, Griffin for sharing your gifts and talents with JCPC!

Please submit announcements and information for weekly bulletin and website to Matt Miller (jcpcovd@gmail.com) no later than by the Tuesday of the desired week.

546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling,

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

This hymn of corporate benediction is one of several using the same first line. It was written by a Baptist pastor who dedicated his entire ministry to a small church in rural Yorkshire. The tune used here was first transcribed from Sicilian sailors in the late 18th century.

TEXT: Ann, John Fawcett, 1773, alt.; stanza 3, alt. Geoffrey King, 1880, alt.
 MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th cent.

SICILIAN ANCHOR
 D. 212

Get Involved this week!

Monday

7 PM | Boy Scouts Troop 766

Wednesday

6 PM | Living the Lectionary Bible Study

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

Sunday

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group

10:30 AM | Worship

May Birthdays

Jeremiah Dill	05/01
Doug Peterman	05/12
Craig Leopard	05/15
Jennifer Lipscomb	05/16
Matt Miller	05/18
Amy Brixey	05/24
Joyce Jackson	05/25
Terry Stotler	05/29
Tracy Cook	05/30
Mary Leopard	05/30
Shadi Peterman	05/31

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 ¹					
			11:00 am ROMEOS ³ 6:00 pm Living the Lectionary Bible Study	6:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm Property Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering ⁶
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Welcome to John Calvin Presbyterian Church

We are so glad you are here!

- ✦ Please feel free to stop by our welcome area and get a nametag if you do not already have one.
- ✦ Our worship and communion services are open to all. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make your time with us more welcoming and comfortable.
- ✦ Please see any of our greeters or ushers if you have any accessibility needs/requests.
- ✦ **Restrooms** are located across the hall from the sanctuary entrance as well as in the fellowship area. Please see an usher if you need directions.
- ✦ Please feel free to join us for fellowship time following worship!

For more information on John Calvin Presbyterian Church, please visit JCPChurch.org!

Do you have a passion to serve?

We are always in need of members and volunteers to help serve in various ways at John Calvin Presbyterian Church! If you feel called to serve, please contact the church office, or see any of the worship stewards, and we will be happy to connect you with the appropriate team!

**“There is one body, but many parts. But all parts make up one body.
So it is with Christ.”**

-1 Corinthians 12:12-

Thank you for your consideration!