

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, June 25th, 2023 | 4th Sunday After Pentecost- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 21:8-21 | Psalm 86:1-10 | Romans 6:1b-11 | Matthew 10:24-39

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Steve Dill

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

Rev. Aline Russell

OPENING SONG

“Come, Now is the Time to Worship”

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We gather to worship the God of all creation,
the God who crafted the seas and mountains,
And yet cares for each of us.

We gather to worship the God of all mystery who rejoices in our being,
And invites us to join the cosmic dance!
Let us worship God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

Gather the nations, Lord,
into your temple.
Let us be light to shine
as a beacon in this community
and outward to your world. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

#60: “Morning Has Broken”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Aline Russell

We come before God, not as despised sinners,
but as beloved children.

With the confidence of children of God,
let us humbly confess our sin.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Glorious God,
you have called us to live in peace,
but we turn to conflict and hatred.
We are witnesses of your grace and glory
but allow others to silence our praise.
You yearn for us to work together,
but we keep finding reasons
to ignore or reject each other.**

**Forgive us and show us a better way
to be your people,
your body,
your church.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Aline Russell

Jesus told us that not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from our Creator. Jesus tells us we are of more value than many sparrows. Our God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our heads are all counted, and God wants all of us to celebrate in God's kingdom, both now and forevermore.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE

“Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

See music in back of bulletin

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Aline Russell

May the peace of Christ be with you!

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.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Genesis 21:8-21 (NIV)

⁸The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰and she said to Abraham, “Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman’s son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

¹¹The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹²But God said to him, “Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring^[a] will be reckoned. ¹³I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring.”

¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she^[1] began to sob.

¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. ²¹ While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 86:1-10 (NIV)

Liturgist

A prayer of David.

- ¹ Hear me, LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.
- ² Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.
You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.
- ⁴ Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.
- ⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.
- ⁶ Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.
- ⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.
- ⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;
no deeds can compare with yours.
- ⁹ All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.
- ¹⁰ For you are great and do marvelous deeds;
you alone are God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace”

Dennis and Lori Calvin, Handbell Duet

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

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⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature^[a] God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature^[b] of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

SERMON

“Who is Hagar?”

Rev. Aline Russell

Responding to God's Word

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Spirit of the Living God"

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Aaron Wolz

Aaron is both a 2023 Pattonville High School graduate and a graduate of St Louis Community College (associate degree).

Aaron is a gifted violist and plays with the St. Charles County Youth Orchestra (7 years), St Louis Symphony Youth Orchestra (2 years), and Young Peoples Symphonic Orchestra (1 year). He also participated in the Preparatory Program at Webster University Community Music School performing with several chamber music groups. He participated in several summer music camps where he discovered his love of composing music.

He will be attending Illinois State in the fall studying Viola Performance and Music Composition.

Congratulations Aaron!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Liturgist

The church confesses its faith when it bears a present witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ.

God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ and the mission of reconciliation to which he has called his church are the heart of the gospel in any age. Our generation stands in peculiar need of reconciliation in Christ.

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men and women.

Wise and virtuous men and women through the ages have sought the highest good in devotion to freedom, justice, peace, truth, and beauty. Yet all human virtue, when seen in the light of God's love in Jesus Christ, is found to be infected by self - interest and hostility.

The cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ provides hope for women and men when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to all, moves people to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.

(Adapted from the Confession of 1967)

MUSICAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

See music in back of bulletin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Aline Russell

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

Let us present ourselves to God
as those who have been delivered from death to life.

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Aline Russell

DOXOLOGY

Sending

CLOSING SONG

#493: “It Is Well with My Soul”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Aline Russell

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JCPC Prayer List

JCPC Family

Cindy Lay
Kathy Doty
Elva Holder

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

Greg Niehoff- H. Heberer brother-in-law

Emily McDonnell- Kara Myers' friend

Debbie Richie-Raymer- Cindy Lay friend

Jessica White- R. Kinquist friend

Joys and Thanksgiving

Aaron and spouse- friends of Kelly and Bryan Maerz

Upcoming Events



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 preparation. Additional information on how you can help is coming soon- but if you are interested in helping, please contact the church office.

Faith Formation

Lectionary ON TAP! **Last Wednesday | 6-8 PM**

Each month, on the last Wednesday, we gather at the Bridgeton Sports Café (3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO, 63044) for our Lectionary ON TAP evenings where we explore lectionary texts from the previous month, theological issues and questions, and enjoy fellowship with one another! If you are interested in joining, please contact Matt Miller (mattmiller.ovd@outlook.com) We invite you to join us!

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

Join our Sunday morning women's movie discussion group as they watch and discuss the films and the various ways they connect to our faith and theology. Join us at 9 AM for a time of fellowship before we begin viewing.

Mission

Community Helping Ministry



CHM NEEDS:

Cereal (URGENT NEED)

Pasta Sauce

Dried/Canned Beans

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.

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

Jim Lueker Updated Address

Friendship Village Sunset Hills
12505 Village Circle Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63127

Apt: 367

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 JPCChurch.org

Remembering Mary Smith

We are saddened to report the passing of long-time member Mary Smith. Mary and her son Karl were very active within the JCPC community for many years. There are no additional details at this time. If you wish to send your condolences to Karl, they may be mailed to:

Karl and Vicky Smith
1328 E Wheatridge Street
Springfield MO 65803

Welcome Rev. Aline Russell

We welcome back Rev. Aline Russell who joins us this morning in leading worship! We are excited to have her joining us today.

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.

Get Involved this week!

Wednesday

6 PM | Lectionary ON TAP
@ Bridgeton Sport's Café

Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir

Sunday

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group
10:30 AM | Worship

June Birthdays

Jane Jackson	06/04
June Allen	06/06
Ellie Barnum	06/13
Derek Vogler	06/13
Aaron Wolz	06/16
Kellen Brixey	06/17
Christopher Hardy	06/18
Jo Ann Fitterling	06/22

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 1		9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering 3
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 4	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 5		11:00 am ROMEOS 7	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 8		2:00 pm Aaron Wolz Solo Recital and Graduation Celebration 10
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
11:45 am Board Game Sunday!						
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 11	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 12		11:00 am ROMEOS 13	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 14		
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 18	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 19		11:00 am ROMEOS 20	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 21		
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship				7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 25	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 26		11:00 am ROMEOS 27	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 28		
10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship			6:00 pm Living the Lectionary ON TAP!	7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		

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Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
 B \flat F B \flat F B \flat F Gm F

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
 F B \flat E \flat B \flat Gm7 C7

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
 C7 F A Dm

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
 Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying 469



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing. Lord, send your



Spir - it in this place. Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren



pray - ing. Send us love; send us power; send us grace.



This chorus from a longer song has become a popular sung prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit. Easily memorized, it makes a very suitable sung response at appropriate points during a series of prayer concerns or with repeated singing can open or close a time of prayer.

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!