

Welcome to
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

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COME TO
me
All who
ARE
WEARY & LADEN
HEAVY
AND I WILL
GIVE
you
rest
Matt 11:28

Sunday, July 9th, 2023 | 6th Sunday After Pentecost- Year A

Lectionary Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 | Psalm 45:10-17 | Romans 7:15-25a |

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Welcome- we are so glad you are here!

Gathering for God's Word

PRELUDE

Shirley Kaczmarski

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

OPENING SONG

“Forever”

Praise Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.

As we worship, we remember,

that we are the family of faith together!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist

God of the covenant,
in our baptism you called us
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.
Give us courage like you gave the apostles,
that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace
in every circumstance of life,
in the name of Jesus Christ our redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you
in unity of Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAISE SONG

“Breathe”

Praise Team

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

When we come to worship God,
we must first remember who we are,
and we are people who often sin and turn from the ways of God.
Relying on God's abundant grace,
let us offer our confession together,
knowing that we will be offered forgiveness in Christ.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love.
We have not loved our neighbors,
and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

AFFIRMATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

Hear the Good News!
Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

Praise Team

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

May the peace of Christ be with you!
And also with you!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Charles Barnum, Soloist

Proclaiming God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

Gracious God,
for generations,
your Word has brought love and life to your people.
Speak to us now;
we pray that we may hear,
and in hearing,
we may be transformed. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Liturgist

Romans 7:15-25a (NIV)

¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature.^[a] For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature^[b] a slave to the law of sin.

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 (NIV)

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

¹⁶ “To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ “We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ ¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

SERMON

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

Responding to God's Word

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION FOR THE OFFERING

Liturgist

In response to God's gracious action in our lives,
we are called to give an offering to God.
Our offering to God is our whole lives,
including a part of what we have.
Let us give an offering to God
for God's purposes in our community and the world.

OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

Thank you, God,
for all that we have and all that we are.
We take these gifts given today
and dedicate them ever and only to you. **Amen.**

DOXOLOGY

Sending

CLOSING SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

Praise Team

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

May you be strengthened for the week ahead
by the joy we have shared this day.
May the words of hope resonate the whole weeklong.
May you live for the glory of God.
And may the triune God
surround us with love and care
our whole lives long. **Amen.**

The congregational meeting scheduled for July 9th will begin immediately after worship.

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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
Virginia Messersmith

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

Chad Grellner- friend of Ken and Mary Myers

John- Lisa Schoonover's brother

Laura Barnum- niece of Charles and Susan Barnum

Rick Kraft- Mark Miller friend

Jerry Hahn- V. Messersmith brother -in-law

Jeanie Rhodes- Audrey Hahn's daughter friend

Steve- Van Buren friend

Emily McDonnell- Kara Myers' friend

Debbie Richie-Raymer- Cindy Lay friend

Jessica White- R. Kinquist friend

Edna- R. Whitten sister-in-law

Aaron and spouse- friends of Kelley and Bryan Maerz

Randy Clark- S. Kaczmarski friend

Rosalie Calvin- D. Calvin's mother

Joys and Thanksgiving

Faith Formation

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

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

Welcome Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo

We welcome Rev. Melissa Kathryn Leo who joins us this morning in leading worship! We are excited to have her joining us today.

Updated Directory Information Needed!

We are preparing an updated church directory, and we need your help in providing updated information.

Please visit JCPChurch.org/directory, or scan the QR code below, and fill out the form to provide your updated information.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.



Congregational Meeting *Sunday, July 9th*

On Sunday, July 9th we will hold a congregational meeting after worship to approve and elect Session Members for the upcoming 2023-2024 term.

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

Get Involved this week!

Sunday

9 AM | Women's Movie Discussion Group
 10:30 AM | Worship
 11:30 AM | Congregational Meeting

July Birthdays

Regan Cook	07/03
Rachelle Calvin	07/04
Sandra Barclay	07/08
Graham Schnettler	07/08
Chris Moore	07/11
Ann Thackrey	07/11
Marge Kellar	07/13
Rosalea Vogler	07/28

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						9:30 am Presbyterian Women Monthly Gathering 1
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 2 10:30 am Sunday Morning Worship 11:45 am Board Game Sunday!	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America Troop 766 3	9:00 am Bridgeton Fourth of July Parade 4	11:00 am ROMEOS 5	7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 6		7 8
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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!