

Welcome to

# John Calvin Presbyterian Church

Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 | 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Easter

12120 Bridgeton Square

Bridgeton, MO, 63044

JCPChurch.org

*Lectionary Scripture:*

Acts 8:26-40 | Psalm 22:25-31 | 1 John 4:7-21 | John 15:1-8



## Gathering

### WELCOME AND COMMUNITY SHARING

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

We gather this day in joy and Christian fellowship,  
**for we are the church of Jesus Christ!**  
We pray for the Holy Spirit to be among us,  
**opening our hearts and minds to the worship of God!**

#### OPENING HYMN

#60: "Morning Has Broken"

## Word

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

Liturgist

When we come before God, we remember and proclaim who God is: merciful, just, holy, and loving. We must also remember who we are, and we are a people who have not always been the people God has called us to be. We have not always been merciful, just, holy or loving. So let us confess our sin, trusting in God's goodness to forgive us and create us anew for our lives ahead.

## **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, our hearts are restless  
until they find their home in you.  
Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you.  
We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough.  
We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty.  
We turn toward the world and hope we will find peace,  
knowing the world cannot provide it.  
Forgive us, we pray, and may our wandering hearts find their rest in you  
alone.  
Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Hear the good news! In Christ, we are new creations.  
The old life is gone, thank God!  
A new life has begun.  
Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

## **PRAISE SONG**

Praise Team

“Trust in You”

## **PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

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.**

## **ANTHEM**

Praise Team

“Out of His Great Love”

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Liturgist

Gracious God, may your Holy Spirit open our hearts and minds to your words of love and grace this day. Amen.

## **GOSPEL READING**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

John 15:1-8 (NIV)

### **The Vine and the Branches**

**15** “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup>You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

## **SERMON**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

Gracious God, you have promised to hear us when we pray to you, and we desperately need your guidance and care. We are a people who often walk around with a long list of concerns and worries on our minds. What a gift it is to come and offer them to you — for you are the author of all grace and goodness.

We worry about the state of the world.  
More people die in Gaza and Ukraine, and we grieve it all.  
We pray for your peace to come to every war zone in the world  
and for leaders to be filled with a spirit of reconciliation and care.  
We worry about the state of our nation.  
In the run-up to the presidential election,  
it seems that divisiveness still reigns  
and that our very democracy is threatened.  
Remind us, Lord, of the greater good.  
May we focus not so much on ourselves, but on what we can do as a nation  
for those who need help the most.  
Let us live into our highest ideals  
and may we be agents of unity in a difficult time.  
We worry about our communities.  
May your hand be in all of our decisions as a community  
so that we can be a light unto the world.  
We worry about our those who are sick and suffering.  
It is difficult to witness illness, and we give you thanks  
for all the doctors and medical workers  
who live into their calling with grace and care.  
Help us each to offer a kind word and helping hand when we are able.  
May your Spirit be with all who suffer,  
giving them each a peace that passes all understanding  
and especially, we pray for *(JOYS AND CONCERNS)*

We worry about our families.  
We pray for your blessing on big families and small families,  
blood families and families of choice.  
We pray for our church family.  
May the bonds of loyalty and love that unite us with others  
be strengthened and may we share love with all.  
Lord, all that we know of goodness and love  
is found in the person of Jesus Christ  
and so we now join our voices together  
in the prayer that he taught us saying, **“Our Father...”**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

Amy Brixey

*Ukrainian Refugee Support Update***CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

Liturgist

Having heard the good news and being assured of God's love and grace, our only response is one of gratitude. Let us give thanks with what we have and who we are. Let us give our offering.

**OFFERING**

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

**DOXOLOGY****PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Liturgist

Gracious God, please accept these gifts and use them for the coming of your kingdom in this time and place. In gratitude for all we have and for your love for us, we pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

*Sending*

**CLOSING SONG**

JCPC Praise Team

"Down to the River"

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Rev. Jay Kanerva

May you leave this place to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in the world, offering love and grace to all you meet.

And may you be blessed by the triune God, Father, Son and Spirit. Amen.

**We Praise God and give thanks for those involved in worship today:**

**Guest Minister:** Rev. Jay Kanerva

**Praise Team:** Steve Dill, Barb Hanson, Megan Miller, Rick Kreitner

**A/V Support:** Heather Wolz, Robin Kinquist

**Online Media Support:** Kellen Brixey, Jayci England, Megan Miller

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# JCPC Prayer List

## JCPC Family

**Kathy Doty**  
**Elva Holder**  
**Kinquist Family**  
**Heather Wolz**  
**Sandra Barclay**  
**Randy Clark**

**Kelley Maerz**  
**Kara Myers**  
**Bob Barclay**  
**Linda Payeur**  
**Herm Heberer**

**Roy Farley**  
**Doug Peterman**  
**Shala Peterman**  
**Jackie Farley**  
**Cindy Lay**

## Members in a Care Facility

**Arlene Walters**

## Friends of Our JCPC Family

**Junia Thompson and Family**- Missionaries in Indonesia

**Denise Kinquist**- S. Kinquist sister

**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

**Chad Grellner**- friend of Ken and Mary Myers

**Rick Kraft**- Mark Miller friend

**Jerry Hahn**- V. Messersmith brother -in-law

**Steve Horvath and family**- Van Buren friend

**Debbie Richie-Raymer**- Cindy Lay friend

**Rosalie Calvin**- D. Calvin's mother

**Melissa**- Friend of H. Wolz

**McGee Family**- Messersmith neighbors

**Chris Hanson**- Barb Hanson son

Those dealing with mental health issues

**Prokhodov Family**

**Charlie Mills**

**Shelly Hynes**- Amy Brixey friend

**Jessica White's family**

**Tonya Collen**- J. Farley sister in-law

**Mark**- Jackie Farley cousin

**Michelle**- friend of JCPC

**Jack and Tony**- C. Lay nephew

**Brianna Foltz**- K. Myers friend

**McKenzie Williams-Harvey**- R. Kinquist family member

**S. Stevens**- Mary Myers acquaintance

**E. Kirven**- friend at Life Care Center

**Stacie Stevenson**- friend of Kelley Maerz

## Joys and Thanksgiving

**Kelly Rogers**- Van Buren friend- thankful for a successful surgery and continued recovery

**Aaron and spouse**- friends of Kelley and Bryan Maerz

**John Turner**- M. Myers brother, successful cancer treatment

## Mission

### Community Helping Ministry

#### CHM NEEDS:

*Financial Contributions*

*Cereal*

*Canned Meat*

*Jelly*

*Financial contributions* can be made via CHM mailbox in church office and food contributions can be made in the welcome 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](mailto:communityhelpingministry@yahoo.com).



### Ukrainian Refugee Support

2023-2024 Mission Campaign

**Supporting the Prokhodov Family in their move from war-torn Ukraine to St. Louis, MO.**

For more information on our 2023-2024 Mission campaign, visit [JPCChurch.org/mission](http://JPCChurch.org/mission).

To donate to this cause via PayPal, use the QR code!



## Faith Formation and Fellowship

### 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.

### GOLDTIMERS at Lazy River Grill



*Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>*

*11:30 AM*

Join our GOLDtimers for a time of fellowship and food!

Lazy River Grill  
631 Big Bend Road  
Manchester, MO, 63021  
*Please sign-up in the welcome area.*

**Please submit announcements to church office (office @jpcchurch.org) by Tuesday at 5 PM. Thank you!**



## Get Involved this week!

### Sunday (04/28/2024)

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

### Thursday

6 PM | Adult Choir  
7 PM | Property Committee Meeting

### Sunday (05/05/2024)

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

## May Birthdays

NAME	DATE
Douglas Peterman	05/12
Craig Leopard	05/15
Jennifer Lipscomb	05/16
Matthew Miller	05/18
Amy Brixey	05/24
Kathy Bell	05/25
Joyce Jackson	05/25
Terry Stotler	05/29
Mary Leopard	05/30

## May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			11:00 am ROMEOS	National Day of Prayer 6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting		
9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America   Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
Mothers Day 9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America   Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
Day of Pentecost 9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 10:30 am Worship	7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America   Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		
Ukrainian Refugee Support Sunday 9:00 am Movie Discussion Group 10:30 am Worship	Memorial Day 7:00 pm Boy Scouts of America   Troop 766		11:00 am ROMEOS	6:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous		

# 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](http://JCPChurch.org)!**

## Do you have a calling 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!