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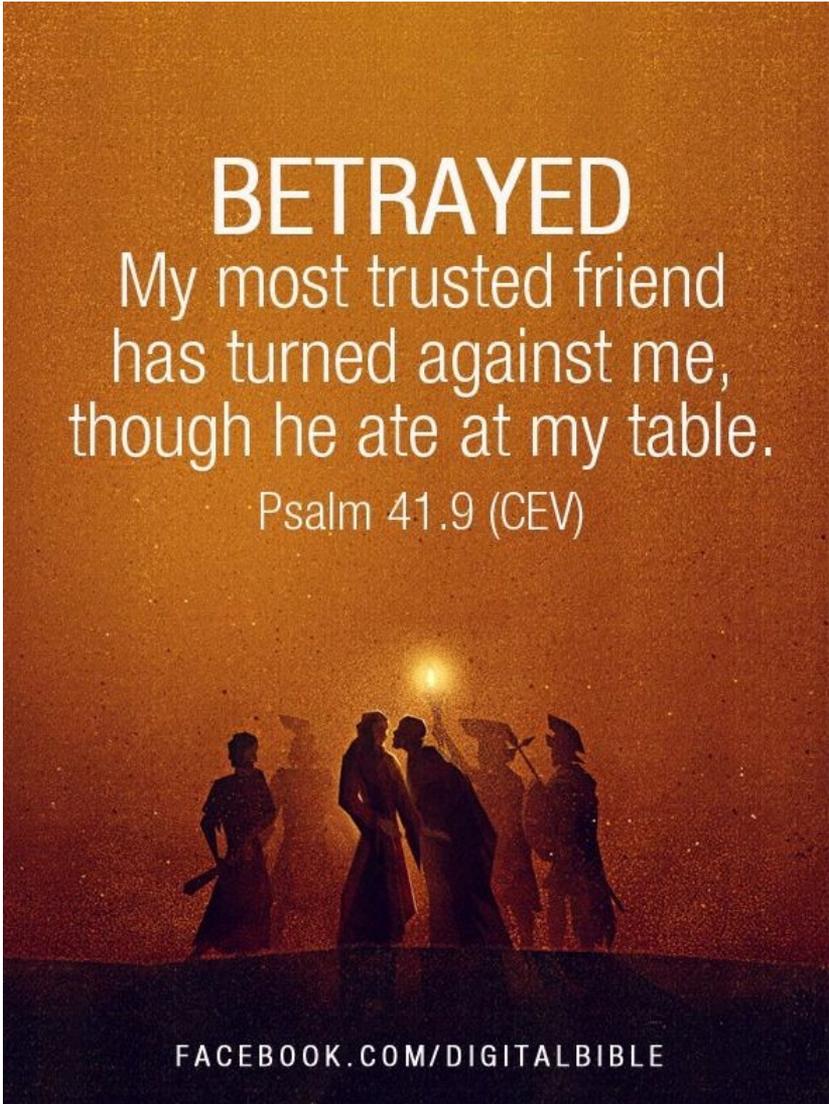
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**St. John's:  
Making and Maturing  
Disciples of Jesus Christ**

**BETRAYED**

My most trusted friend  
has turned against me,  
though he ate at my table.

Psalm 41.9 (CEV)



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**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
211 EAST CARROL STREET  
KENTON, OH 43326**

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## “Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

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### Welcome

### Prelude

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* J. Dykes  
in the setting of *Jesu, Joy of Man's*; arr. C. Berry

### \*Praise

#### *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Open our eyes Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him,  
And say that we love Him.  
Open our ears Lord,  
And help us to listen;  
Open our eyes Lord,  
We want to see Jesus.  
Repeat.....

### \*Call to Worship

Janice Rall

L: Leader C: Congregation

#### Psalm 137:4-6

L: How shall we sing the Lord's song  
in a foreign land?

**C: If I forget you, O Jerusalem,  
let my right hand forget its skill!**

L: Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth,  
if I do not remember you,

**C: if I do not set Jerusalem  
above my highest joy!**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Child: Victoria Gavina- Columbus, OH

Mission of the Month: Fairhaven – Upper Sandusky

The Lord's Prayer (*Debts/Debtors*)

**Children's Message    What Would You Give Me?**

Matthew 26:48

*(children please remain in your seats)*

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings:**

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

**Special Music**    *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*    Dorsey/Schroder  
Teresa Broseke

**Scripture**

**Genesis 9:1-7**

**Matthew 26:47-56**

*(The scripture can be found on the chancel walls.)*

**Sermon**

**Put Away Your Sword**

**\*Hymn #392**

*Take Time to Be Holy*

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Because He Lives*

Gaither/Bock

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\*— Those who are able, please stand



**Welcome to  
St. John's Church!**

## **Scripture Readings (ESV):**

### **Genesis 9:1-7:**

<sup>1</sup>And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. <sup>3</sup>Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. <sup>4</sup>But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. <sup>5</sup>And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

<sup>6</sup>“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in His own image. <sup>7</sup>And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”

### **Matthew 26:47-56:**

<sup>47</sup> While He was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. <sup>48</sup> Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is the Man; seize Him.” <sup>49</sup> And he came up to Jesus at once and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” And he kissed Him. <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, “Friend, do what you came to do.” Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized Him. <sup>51</sup> And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. <sup>52</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. <sup>53</sup> Do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once send Me more than twelve legions of angels? <sup>54</sup> But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?” <sup>55</sup> At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, “Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture Me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize Me. <sup>56</sup> But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled.” Then all the disciples left Him and fled.

## Sermon Notes

**12 July 2020**

Scripture: **Genesis 9:1-7; Matthew 26:47-56**

### Sermon: **Put Away Your Sword**

1. How did Jesus respond to Judas' betrayal? Did Jesus just resign Himself to His fate (**Matthew 26:50**) or was this Jesus being brave and courageous in the face of overwhelming odds? Why?
2. Why do you think Judas betrayed Jesus? How do you think Jesus failed in Judas' eyes? Do you point the finger of accusation at others instead of learning to be more faithful to God and growing in faith? How will you commit to faithfully follow God?
3. Jesus knew He had protection (**Matthew 26:53**), but He chose to submit to fulfill scripture (**26:54**). Do you have such confidence in God's promises and protection? Will you choose faithfulness over popular opinion?
4. At the end of this passage, the disciples flee and Jesus is left alone. How do you discern when to follow God and His Word over the crowd? Can you stay the faithful path when the surveys and popularity polls say to do otherwise? How do you choose for God over people? How will you?

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Child:** our prayers today go out to Victoria Gavina missing since June 30, 2020 from Columbus, OH.

**Mission of the Month:** Fairhaven – Upper Sandusky

**Passion Play Costumes:** If anyone still has their costume from the Passion Play, please return it as soon as possible to the church. Nancy will return to the prop room for storage. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you in advance!

**Collecting Donations for Kenton Nursing Rehab Ctr.:** KNRC has responded to a request of how the community can help. Here are a few donations that they are in need of: Crafts, Snacks, Yarn, Cards, and Handwritten letters. A tote will be placed in the back of the sanctuary for donations or can be dropped off at the church office.

**VBS Donation Request:** any construction type things for decorating. May include: safety glasses, safety vests, hard hats. plastic fencing, plastic blueprints, safety signs etc. Please place your donations in the tote beside the VBS table in the back of the sanctuary. See Trish Wilcox or Michele Sherman with any questions.

**Hardin County Collective Kick off:** July 25 from 6-10 PM at the Kenton City Pools. This is for youth grades 6-12. Dinner is provided. You will need to have a ride home

**Forest Court Cook out:** August 1 from 1-3 pm. We will be passing out hot dogs, cookies, chips and bottled water. We will also be taking activities for the kids and taking hand sanitizer and hand wipes. Sign up in the back of the sanctuary if you plan to attend or let Trish know.

**Kenton Village Cookout:** August 9 from 1-3 pm. We will be passing out hot dogs, cookies, chips and bottled water. We will also be taking activities for the kids and taking hand sanitizer and hand wipes.

**Bulletin Announcements:** due by Friday at 9:00 AM.



**Praise Team Interest:** Anyone interested in being part of the praise team, please contact the office and please note how you would like to be involved: singing, playing an instrument (which one?), helping with sound, etc.

**VBS- Concrete & Cranes- Building on the Love of Jesus:**

September 19 & 20 from 3-6 pm for preschool (potty trained) - grade 5. This fall we will build on the love of Jesus. So, grab your hard hat and tool belt! As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will discover that skyscrapers aren't the only things that need a rock-solid foundation. If you plan to attend or volunteer, please Pre-Register online by September 16 at <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=54591>. Reservations are very helpful for preparation purposes. Volunteers can complete a form located on the VBS table in the back of the sanctuary.



**Big Brother Needed in Kenton area:** J is an active, nine year old boy who loves to play tackle football! He likes to be outside. He has three siblings. This is a good family looking for strong support for J. It would be nice to find him a strong male role model with whom he can play and be a kid. A couple would also be a great match for him as he would benefit from a strong family bond. If interested or need additional information, please contact John Neville, Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters at 419-222-8500 or [jneville@bbbsallen.com](mailto:jneville@bbbsallen.com).



**Seeking suggestions for hymns and praise songs - feel free to leave in the collection baskets**

***Song Requests***

## **Prayer of Repentance and Salvation**

**Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, and for His death on the Cross for my sins and for the sins of the whole world.**

**I repent of my sins and turn to You for salvation. I surrender my life to You; come live in me.**

**Change me, cleanse me, forgive me, and make me the person that You want me to be in this world.**

**I receive You, Jesus Christ, as my personal Lord and Savior, today and forever more.**

**In Your holy name I pray. Amen.**

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### **WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Randall J. Forester

Chancel Choir Director: David Beazley

Children's Choir Director: Hope Cauley

Bell Choir Director: Jane Baker

Organist/Pianists: Randall S. Rogers, Teresa Broseke, Linda Zeigler

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Pastor Randall & Kathy will be out of the office this week, July 13-19. Volunteers will be in the office answering phones during regular office hours, 9-1 Monday – Friday. In case of an emergency in need of a Pastor, we have two Pastors on call:

Pastor Steve Walter – 419-674-7924

Pastor Mark Bishop – 419-788-5698