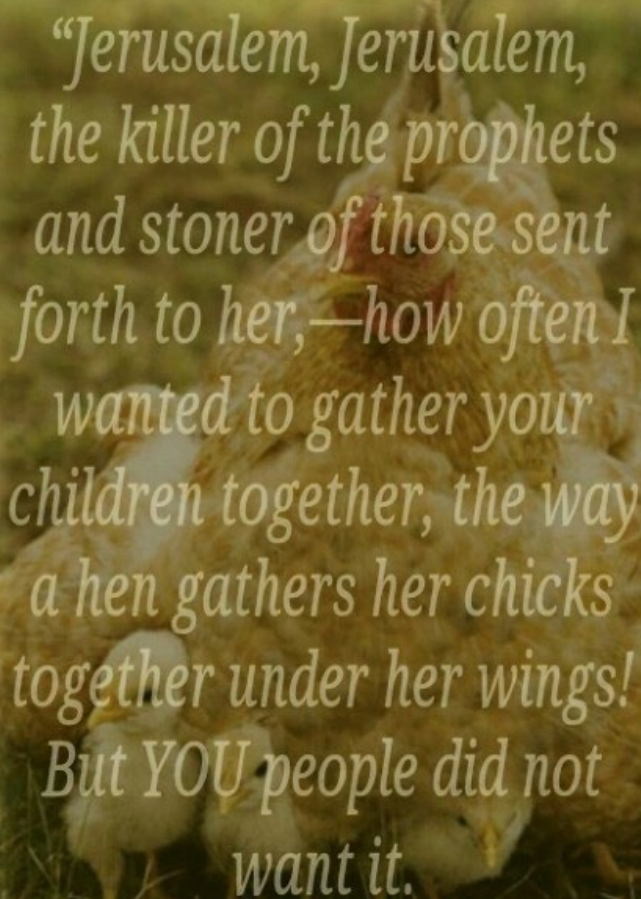


St. John's:
Making and Maturing
Disciples of Jesus Christ



*“Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
the killer of the prophets
and stoner of those sent
forth to her,—how often I
wanted to gather your
children together, the way
a hen gathers her chicks
together under her wings!
But YOU people did not
want it.*

Matthew 23:37

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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

M. Hayes

***Hymn #134**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

***Call to Worship**

Matthew 21:1-11

L: Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to Me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Behold, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and He sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before Him and that followed Him were shouting,

C: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

L; And when He entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” And the crowds said,

C: “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

***Gloria Patri**

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Nate Staugh – Lancaster, OH

Mission of the Month: SOUP

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

Children's Message The King Is Coming Matthew 21:1-11

Chancel Choir Hosanna, Blessed is He Berry

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

***Doxology**

Scripture

Psalm 147:1-6

Matthew 23:37-24:8

Sermon

Gathered Children

***Hymn #131**

All Glory, Laud and Honor

***Benediction**

Postlude

Lamb of Glory

Nelson/McHugh

*— Those who are able, please stand



**The church office will be open this week during morning hours only
Monday- Friday, 8:30-10:30 am. Thank you for your understanding.**

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Psalm 147:1-6:

¹ Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

² The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.

⁵ Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

⁶ The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

Matthew 23:37-24:8:

³⁷ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁸ See, your house is left to you desolate. ³⁹ For I tell you, you will not see Me again, until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

24 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when His disciples came to point out to Him the buildings of the temple. ² But He answered them, “You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.”

³ As He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of Your coming and of the end of the age?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “See that no one leads you astray. ⁵ For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and they will lead many astray. ⁶ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.”

Sermon Notes

02 April 2023

Scripture: **Psalm 147:1-6; Matthew 23:37-24:8**

Sermon: **Gathered Children**

1. How is God stirring up His children, His Church to reach new heights in these days (**Deuteronomy 32:11**)? How is that occurring in your life personally? What is God calling us to do as a church?
2. What does a cruciform life look like to you? How does that stretch you spiritually, especially when it leads us to a paschal/sacrificial death?
3. Do you have a brokenheart for those trapped in sin and rebellion? Does knowing that God stands with the brokenhearted and the oppressed (**Psalm 147:3, 6**) empower you to love sinners, to pray for them, and to minister to them? How? What steps will you take to do these acts of Christ?
4. What acts would cause you to weep over Kenton, Hardin County, Ohio, our country, our world as Jesus wept for Jerusalem (**Matthew 23:37**)? How encouraged or discouraged in knowing that what we face now is but the beginning of the birth pains (**Matthew 24:8**)? What enables you to continue to sacrifice just as Jesus continued to the Cross and led to the end His cruciform life and endured the paschal death?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Nate Staugh missing from Lancaster, OH.

HCC Youth Meeting: Today from 4-6 pm at St. John's. Easter Escape Room with Pizza.

Maundy Thursday Meal & Informal Service: April 6 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship we will share a soup and bread meal followed by an informal service with communion. All are welcome and food is provided.



Community Sunrise Service: April 9 at 7 am at the small pavilion at Boy Scout Lake. You may want to bring your own chair. We will try to Facebook Live the service that morning.

Easter Festival Service: Traditional Festival Service on April 9 at 10 am. The younger kids will have an Egg Hunt at 9:30 am and Jr. Church after the children's sermon.

Women of Faith: Embrace Your Breakthrough (virtual event): April 25-26 from 2-5 pm each day. For any Christian woman seeking to experience a deeper relationship with Jesus. Please visit www.womenoffaith.com for more information or to register.

Carl Lotz Scholarship Applications: Purpose: To provide a scholarship to a Hardin County student or church member who plans to further their education and/or training for their career. Application, eligibility requirements, and procedure list is available online at <https://forms.gle/BxSY59hvCfpdEM2J6>. A copy of the application can also be found on the church website at www.stjohnskenton.org. Deadline to apply is April 28 (Must complete All 3 steps).

Operation Christmas Child: A decorated box is located in the skylight room to place any items for this year's OCC shoeboxes. See Toni Pfister with any questions.

Jr. Church Volunteers: Everything is prepared for you. Please see Michele with questions and to volunteer.

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30-10:30 & 12:30 – 2:30. Hours will change if a delay/closing. Please call if any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Bulletin Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.



Please join us for the First Annual Blessing of Bikes hosted by St. John's Evangelical Church and God's Thunder.



May 21, 2023

211 E. Carrol St., Kenton, OH

11:30 - Coffee and Donuts served

12:00 - Blessing of the Bikes

Open invitation to all to attend worship service beginning at 10am.

Sponsored by:

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Association, God's Thunder*



The Chosen Bible Study: We are gaging interest in starting a Bible Study in the fall on The Chosen Series. We have received permission to view the episodes at church. There are study guides available on Angel Studio's website on each season. We are looking at Saturday mornings from 8:30-10. It takes approx. an hour to watch an episode and 30 minutes for discussion. If you would be interested in this Bible Study, please contact Anna LaWarre or the church office.

Week at a Glance

Today, 4/2:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study – FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 4-6 PM HCC Youth @ St. John's 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Tuesday, 4/4:	11:00 AM MaeBelle McPherson Funeral 1:00 PM First Tuesday – Blanchard Place 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 4/5:	7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:15 PM Bible Study – Chapel
Thursday, 4/6:	6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Meal & Service - FH
Friday, 4/7:	11:30 AM Friday w/ Friends – Tony's (Findlay) 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Saturday, 4/8:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (3/26): 111

Envelopes: \$4890

Loose Ones: \$6

Mission (CEF): \$225

Ushers:

4/2: Barb Scott & Peggy Cahill

4/9: Joy VanHorn & Janice Rall

