

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

*All these were
continually united
in prayer, along
with the women,
including Mary the
mother of Jesus,
and His brothers.*

Acts 1:14

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“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”

First Sunday after Pentecost

June 4, 2023

Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.

Morning Meditation

I John 5:9-13

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude #40

To God Be the Glory

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 30:1-3

L: I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up

C: and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

L: O Lord my God, I cried to You for help,

C: and You have healed me.

L: O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C: You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

*** Hymn #149**

Rock of Ages

***Exhortation**

DEARLY beloved in the Lord: Our blessed Saviour Jesus Christ instituted the Holy Communion of His Body and Blood, that it might be the abiding memorial of His atoning death; the seal of His perpetual presence in the Church through the Holy Spirit; the mystical representation of the sacrifice of Himself on the cross; the pledge of His undying love for His people; and the bond of His living union and fellowship with them to the end of time.

The celebration of the Lord's Supper has ever been regarded by the Church as the innermost sanctuary of the whole Christian worship. We have to do here not with signs merely, but with the realities which these signs represent. The Lord's Table, therefore, can be rightly approached only by those who are of a devout, repentant, and believing mind.

We cordially invite to partake of this Sacrament all who are truly grieved and penitent for their sins, who look to the Lord Jesus Christ for righteousness and salvation, who abide in the fellowship of His Church, and who desire to possess His Spirit and walk in His ways. To all such the compassionate Redeemer Himself says: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Ye, then, who have earnestly searched your own hearts and desire to forsake all sin and follow after Christian holiness, approach with me now to the throne of grace, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

***Prayer of Confession**

Congregation

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins, which we have committed against Thee by thought and word and deed, and by which we have offended against Thy holy laws, and have merited Thy condemnation, in this world and in the world to come. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our transgressions. Trusting in Thy grace and goodness, manifested in Christ Jesus our Lord, we ask Thee pardon and peace, and strength to lead a new and righteous life, by the power of Thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** Kyrie**

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

L: Christ, have mercy upon us.

C: Christ, have mercy upon us.

L: Lord, have mercy upon us.

C: Lord, have mercy upon us.

* Assurance of Pardon

Pastor

HEARKEN now unto the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Unto as many of you, therefore, beloved brethren, as truly repent of your sins, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, with full purpose of new obedience, I announce and declare, by the authority and in the Name of Christ, that your sins are forgiven, according to His promise in the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

* Gloria Patri

Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Angel Joseph – Garfield Heights, OH

Mission of the Month: Angels for the Elderly

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

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen*

Children's Message **Choosing God's Way**

Acts 1:26

Giving of Tithes and Offerings:

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

*Doxology

Scripture

Acts 1:12-26

John 21:20-25

Sermon

The End Is Never The End

The Communion

Chancel Choir

I Thank You, Lord

Martin

* The Eucharistic Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

*** Pastoral Response**

*** Seraphic Hymn**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of Thy glory;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord;
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

*** Prayer of Consecration**

*** The AGNUS DEI**

L: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy upon us.

L: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: Have mercy upon us.

L: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,

C: Grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*** Invitation**

Matthew 11.28

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Sharing the Elements

Communion Meditation

Ruth 1.16b

*Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your
people will be my people and your God my God.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Hymn – next page**

Be Thou My Vision

*** Benediction**

Numbers 6:24-26

May the Lord bless you and keep you;

May He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you;

May He lift up His countenance towards you and grant you His peace.

Postlude

*— Those who are able, please stand

Be Thou My Vision

...The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. Eph. 1:17-23



1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
 3. Be Thou my bat - tle Shield, Sword for the fight;
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Be Thou my Dig - ni - ty, Thou my De - light;
 Thou mine In - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 May I reach Heav - en's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!



Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son;
 Thou my soul's Shel - ter, Thou my high Tow'r:
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - e'er be - fall,



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
 Raise Thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of Heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
 Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: attr. to Dallan Forgaill; tr. by Mary E. Byrne, pub.1905; arr. by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912. MUSIC: "Slane"; Irish melody; har.

Scripture Readings (ESV):

Acts 1: 12-26:

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers.

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ “Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ¹⁸ (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹ And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ “For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

““May his camp become desolate,
and let there be no one to dwell in it’;
and

““Let another take his office.’

²¹ So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to His resurrection.” ²³ And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴ And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

John 21:20-25:

²⁰ Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against Him during the supper and had said, “Lord, who is it that is going to betray You?” ²¹ When Peter saw Him, he said to Jesus, “Lord, what about this man?” ²² Jesus said to him, “If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow Me!” ²³ So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, “If it is My will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?”

²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

All Church Social

St. John's Evangelical Church



Fellowship Hall—Air Conditioned
211 East Carrol Street
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Tuesday, July 11, 2023

4:00—7:00 PM



**Menu: Sandwiches, Noodles, Salads,
Pie, Cakes, Ice Cream and drinks**

Free Will Offering



Everyone is invited to fellowship and eat some of the
BEST home cooking in Hardin County!



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O taste and see that the Lord is good...
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Sermon Notes

04 June 2023

Scripture: **Acts 1:12-26; John 21:20-25**

Sermon: **The End Is Never The End**

1. How is your prayer life? Who are you praying with in this church? How can you promote prayer so we can be like the disciples when “they ALL joined together constantly in prayer” [**Acts 1:14**]?
2. Do you trust the Holy Spirit to speak to His people who have united their hearts humbly in prayer? Why then is that type of prayer not more central to the ministry and ongoing life of our church?
3. Can you see God doing a new and surprising thing like raising up a Matthias here? What areas might God desire to do such a thing? Why are people not more willing to hear and implement such a leading by the Holy Spirit?
4. Even when the calling upon our life may be difficult, are you willing to hear Jesus say unto you as He did Peter, “You must follow Me” [**John 21:22**]? Will you follow Him to the end? What can you do to demonstrate that obedience in the church this year?

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Missing Person: Today we pray for Angel Joseph missing from Garfield Heights, OH.

All Church Social: July 11 from 4-7 pm. Carry-Out Available. Meal will be a free will offering. A donation and volunteer sign-up list is in the back of the sanctuary.

Back to School Bash: August 13 from 4-6 pm at Boy Scout Lake. St. John's will once again work with area churches in Hardin County to host a fun family event with bounce houses and food and to distribute school supplies. Please mark your calendar and plan to come out and help out.

VBS: August 14-17 from 5-7:30 pm. Please see Michele with any questions or if you can help out in any way.

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

Celebrate Recovery Meal Sign Up: St. John's supplies a meal for Celebrate Recovery twice a month. The meal is the second and Fourth Tuesday of each month for approximately 10-15 people. If you are able to provide food, please sign-up in the back of the sanctuary. Please have the food at the church at 6 pm in the kitchenette across from the chapel. Any questions, please see Anna LaWarre or Jerry Pfister.

Summer Office Hours: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm M-F until July 10. Please note change.

Thank you for your flexibility. As always, call with questions.

Bulletin

Announcements: due by Friday at 8:30 AM.



Volunteers and Donations Needed

It is time again to plan for the upcoming All Church Social. It is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023, with serving between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. The social has been a success in the past several years only because of **YOUR** help. We again are asking for donations of foods and monies to help with this event. We also need as many helpers as possible on the day of the social to prepare and serve the food as well as set up for and **clean up after the social**. If you are able to help in any way, please let the church office know by returning the Volunteer postcard as soon as possible.

The following items are needed:

Cakes—5

(2) Strawberry Angel Food Cake desserts, (2) German Chocolate Cakes,
(1) Carrot or Spice Cake

Cherry Cheese Cakes—2 (9 x 13 size)

Home Made Pies (*all kinds*) - 30

Hamburger—30 lbs.

Decaf Coffee—1 Large can

CASH to purchase chicken and advertising.

- **Donated items need to be at the church by 12:00 Noon on Sunday, July 9.**
- **Pies and Cakes need to be at the church by 12:00 Noon Tuesday, July 11 (*day of social*).**

(Complete and detach below volunteer/donation card)

Thank you for all your continued support. Remember, this all church social works only because you are willing to help and make it the success it has been in the past. We need your continued support.

I will donate the following for the Church Social:

I am willing to work (*please mark which apply & times available*)

_____ **Prepare Food on Monday, July 10 starting at 10:00 AM**

_____ **Help Serve Food from 4:00 - 7:00 PM**

_____ **Clean-Up 5:30 PM - ?**

Name

Phone Number

Week at a Glance

Today, 6/4:	9:00 AM Women's Bible Study- FH 10:00 AM Worship Service 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Tuesday, 6/6:	1:00 PM First Tuesday – Blanchard Place 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 6/7:	7:00 PM Bible Study
Thursday, 6/8:	6:00 PM Church Council
Friday, 6/9:	12:00 PM Prayer 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Saturday, 6/10:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

Week at a Glance:

Attendance (5/28): 72

Envelopes:

Loose Ones:

Mission:

Ushers:

6/4: Nathan Weaver & Aly Purcell

6/11: Shane Harkenrider & Jim Bidwell

