

21 May 2023

Sixth Sunday after Easter

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

**Luke 14:23**



**And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out  
into the highways and hedges, and compel  
them to come in, that my house may be filled.**

**ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
211 EAST CARROL STREET  
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## **“Making and Maturing Disciples of Jesus Christ”**

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**Fifth Sunday after Easter**

**May 14, 2023**

*Nursery is provided off the sanctuary for Infants –Kindergarten.*

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### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **\*Praise**

#### **Let Us Pray Unto the Lord:**

The Pastoral Prayer

Missing Person: Brandon Sinclair – North Ridgeville, OH

Mission of the Month: Bryan & Katie Crabtree- Thailand

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

#### **Children's Message**

**Left Out**

**Luke 14:12-14**

#### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings:**

Offering Prayer

Offerings can be placed in the baskets in back of sanctuary

### **St. John's Graduate Recognition**

Liberty Cummings – Riverdale High School – will be attending Bowling Green State University for Health & Human Services. She is the daughter of Alison Scott & granddaughter of Barbara Scott.

Jayson Dyer – Kenton High School – will be attending Ohio Wesleyan University for genetics. He is the son of Cory and Mandy Dyer.

Natalie Horton – Kenton High School – will be attending UNOH for business administration and Ohio State Beauty Academy for her cosmetology license. She is the daughter of Houston and Teresa Horton.

## **Carl Lotz Scholarship Recipients**

Cadence Coy, Eleanor Curlis, Jaret Dyer, Jayson Dyer, Augustin Forester,  
Madison Lombardi, Owen Styer, & Zeb Wilson

**Scripture**

**Esther 9:20-22**

**Luke 14:12-24**

**Mission Moment – Christian Motorcyclists Association (CMA)**

**Sermon**

**Come to the Banquet**

**\*Praise**

**\*Benediction**

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\*— Those who are able, please stand



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

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

### **Esther 9:20-22:**

<sup>20</sup> And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, <sup>21</sup> obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, <sup>22</sup> as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

### **Luke 14:12-24:**

<sup>12</sup> He said also to the man who had invited him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup> and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

<sup>15</sup> When one of those who reclined at table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, “Blessed is everyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!” <sup>16</sup> But He said to him, “A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. <sup>17</sup> And at the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’ <sup>18</sup> But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.’ <sup>19</sup> And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’ <sup>20</sup> And another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ <sup>21</sup> So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.’ <sup>22</sup> And the servant said, ‘Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.’ <sup>23</sup> And the master said to the servant, ‘Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet.’”

## Sermon Notes

**21 May 2023**

Scripture: **Esther 9:20-22; Luke 14:12-24**

### Sermon: **Come to the Banquet**

1. How do you celebrate your deliverance and salvation? Do you celebrate as the Jews did at the institution of Purim in Esther's day? Do you include the poor in your celebrations (**Esther 9:22**)?
  
2. Do you heed Jesus' counsel and include the poor, crippled, blind and lame (**Luke 14:13**) when you host a celebration or do you invite your 'inner circle,' those who can repay you with an invitation to their next celebration?
  
3. When you hear Christ's invitation, do you respond wholeheartedly, or do you only respond when it's convenient, when nothing 'better' is going on, or when you want to receive something from His hand?
  
4. Today, how will you respond to God's call upon your life? Will you dedicate yourself—and all your days and all your ways—to His service? Will you love those that God loves, and will you serve them as He has served you? Bonus question: will you take time to meet our guests—those who have come to have their bikes blessed—and make them feel welcome?

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

**Missing Person:** Today we pray for Brandon Sinclair missing from North Ridgeville, OH.

**Blessing of the Bikes:** Today with coffee and donuts at 11:30 am and the bike blessing at 12 pm. All are welcome!

**All Church Social:** July 11

**Women's Celebration:** November 16 at 6:30 pm

**Summer Preaching:** Feel free to submit topics, themes, or scriptures for summer sermons. Also, you may submit songs or hymns or other elements of worship (like a call to worship or prayer of confession) that you may like to see as part of the worship life of the church. You may contact the pastor or the church office by phone or email, or you may put your suggestions in the offering plate during the worship services. With the pastor's return and recovery dictating events, these items may or may not be used in worship. Still, Pastor Randall would like to begin the process as he continues to reflect on worship and his service here to St. John's Evangelical Church.

**Texas Roadhouse Peanut Fundraiser:** Hardin County Collective Youth are selling Texas Roadhouse Peanuts again. \$5/bag plus a coupon for a free appetizer (with purchase of meal). The proceeds will help with the cost of food each month and activities which include, bowling, movies, swimming, camp etc. Please contact Michele to purchase them.

**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.

**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.

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



## A Prayer for Graduates

At this exciting time of changes and challenges,  
no matter what life brings, may you always be:

**G**racious, your life a reflection of our good and gracious God.  
*"Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus," 2 Pet. 3:18*  
*"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit," Phil. 1:25*

**R**eliant, on God in every area of life, work, and relationships.  
*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding," Proverbs 3:5*

**A**ssured, of God's love, presence and protection always.  
*"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you," Hebrews 13:5*  
*"I have loved you with an everlasting love," Jeremiah 31:3*

**D**iligent, remembering always—you serve the Lord Jesus.  
*"Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," 1 Corinthians 10:31*

**U**nwavering, in your commitment to what is right.  
*"So be careful to do what the LORD your God has commanded you; do not turn aside to the right or to the left." Deut. 5:32*

**A**ttentive to your Lord because he promises to guide you.  
*"Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.' Isaiah 30:21*

**T**ruthful, never lying in any way to yourself or others.  
*"Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment." Proverbs 12:19*

**E**ternally-focused, so all else in life is in proper perspective because:

*"Only one life, will soon be past.  
Only what's done for Christ, will last."*



## Week at a Glance

Today, 5/21:	10:00 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Blessing of the Bikes 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Tuesday, 5/23:	6:00 PM Women's Ministry 6:30 PM Celebrate Recovery – Chapel
Wednesday, 5/24:	7:00 PM Bible Study – Chapel
Friday, 5/26:	12:00 PM Prayer – Sanctuary 7:00 PM NA Meeting – Chapel
Saturday, 5/27:	7:30 AM Men's Bible Study – Chapel

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### Week at a Glance:

Attendance (5/14): 71

Envelopes:

Loose Ones:

Mission (Crabtree):

Ushers:

5/21: Cinda Shea & Lynda Zaring

5/28: Janie Risner & Jane Wyndham



*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:*

*St. John's Evangelical Church  
and Christian Motorcycle  
Association, God's Thunder*

