



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sunday, September 17, 2023
10:00 am

*You are invited to join the Amistad Praise Band in singing the songs during today's service.
Feel free to get up and dance, move around, and be filled with the Spirit as we give God praise!*

Gathering Music

*"The Sanctuary at St. John's"
"This is the Day"*

Welcome & Announcements

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Opening Song

"Where We Belong"

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Singing Our Prayers

"The Well"

Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (all together)

**Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil;
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response

"How Great is Our God"

Scripture

Psalm 114

¹When Israel came out of Egypt—when the house of Jacob came out from a people who spoke a different language—²Judah was God's sanctuary; Israel was God's territory. ³The sea saw it happen and ran away; the Jordan River retreated! ⁴The mountains leaped away like rams; the hills leaped away like lambs! ⁵Sea, why did you run away? Jordan, why did you retreat? ⁶Mountains, why did you leap away like rams? Hills, why did you leap away like lambs? ⁷Earth: Tremble before the Lord! Tremble before the God of Jacob, ⁸the one who turned that rock into a pool of water, that flint stone into a spring of water!

Children's Message

Roxanne Davenport

Scripture

Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21

¹Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: I will sing to the LORD, for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider he threw into the sea! ²The LORD is my strength and my power; he has become my salvation. This is my God, whom I will praise, the God of my ancestors, whom I will acclaim. ³The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. ⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army he hurled into the sea; his elite captains were sunk in the Reed Sea. ⁵The deep sea covered them; they sank into the deep waters like a stone. ⁶Your strong hand, LORD, is dominant in power; your strong hand, LORD, shatters the enemy! ⁷With your great surge you overthrow your opponents; you send out your hot anger; it burns them up

like straw. ⁸With the breath of your nostrils the waters swelled up, the floods surged up in a great wave; the deep waters foamed in the depths of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, "I'll pursue, I'll overtake, I'll divide the spoils of war. I'll be overfilled with them. I'll draw my sword; my hand will destroy them." ¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered over them. They sank like lead in the towering waters. ¹¹Who is like you among the gods, LORD? Who is like you, foremost in holiness, worthy of highest praise, doing awesome deeds? ²⁰Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand. All the women followed her playing tambourines and dancing. ²¹Miriam sang the refrain back to them: Sing to the LORD, for an overflowing victory! Horse and rider he threw into the sea!

Sermon

Pastor Caroline

Call to Sharing

Offering Song

"Offering"

Prayer of Dedication

from Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

O God, we thank you for these gifts. Multiply them and enable the work of love and the righteousness of your kingdom in the world. We thank and praise you. Amen.

Closing Song

"Days of Elijah"

Benediction

from Flames of the Spirit: Resources for Worship

Walk in the strength and confidence that God guides your feet.
Therefore live for God – show mercy and love one another.

May the God who protects and defends
keep you in safety, mercy, and love.
In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Blessing Song

"Day by Day"

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Join us for Family Fun Day following the service!

Birthdays this week: 09/18 Catherine Kinton, Swann Kongkeattikul and Manuel Cuesta; 09/20 Ginni Parker and Brayden Brown; 09/22 Tracey Wright, Matthew Strunk, Kyra Sollenberger and Hannah Herbert; 09/23 Carl Barton

The Flowers at the Foot of the Cross are given by Roxanne Davenport in memory of her late husband Jack.

Worship Participants:

Pastor: Rev. Caroline E. Saxton

Amistad Praise Band: Guz Mora, Roxanne Davenport, Diana Kongkeattikul, and Kathleen Mooshian

Deacon: Sarah Myers

Lector: Dale Myers

Media Coordinators: Calvin Frantz and Ginny Cairns

NEWS IN THE PEWS September 17, 2023

The Rev. Caroline E. Saxton, pastor@sjucc1811.org (641) 260-1868 (cell)
Gary Crum, Music Director | Barbara Motichka, Organist
Roxanne Davenport, Director of Children & Youth
Stephen W. Hoffman, Pastor Emeritus

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY after worship: Family Fun Day!

Monday, September 18

9:30 am Book Donation Sorting – Suite 121
6:30 pm Bible and a Beer – Trojan Diner
7:00 pm Boy Scouts – Scout Room 207

Tuesday, September 19

5:00 pm Yoga – Room 202
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study via Zoom

Thursday, September 21

10:00 am Reading Biblical Literature Bible Study – Conference Room 111
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice – Bell Room 117
7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room 103

Friday, September 22

9:30 am Book Donation Sorting – Suite 121

Saturday, September 23

1:30 pm Autumn Afternoon Tea – Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 24

8:45 am Godly Play Class – Room 119
8:45 am Spark! Elementary Church School Class – Room 115
8:45 am Teen Discussion Class – Youth Room 206
8:45 am Wired Word Church School Class – Room 116
10:00 am Sunday Service – Sanctuary

Help Needed! Volunteers will be needed to assist with our autumn afternoon tea. Set up will be Friday, September 22. We'll need help with prepping food, serving and clean-up on Saturday, September 23. Please contact Sue McMurtray to sign up to help or with any questions.

Habitat for Humanity Book Sale Donations for the book sale are now being accepted. Help with sorting the donated books is also greatly appreciated. Contact Harold Collier with questions.

Camp Celebration Saturday! An adult camp retreat is happening at church in the Fellowship Hall on October 7th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. The day will include singing camp songs, making a craft, sharing camp memories, enjoying lunch and joyful fellowship. We will start the day by making camp sticky buns for our fall fundraiser. Come for the whole day or part of the day and bring any camp photos you may have. The fee is \$15 to cover the cost of the lunch and craft. The sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Center in the front lobby or you may sign up and pay before or after church on September 24 and October 1.

St. John's T-Shirts and hoodies are on sale now!! \$12 for t-shirts and \$25 for hoodies. Sizes range from small to 2XL. Stop by the office to grab yours today!

Bible Study "Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis through Exodus" meets Thursday mornings from 10 to 11 am in Conference Room 111. The class is a combination of a 30-minute video lecture followed by 30 minutes of discussion. All are welcome and invited to attend!

Bell and Senior Choir rehearsals have resumed on Thursday nights. Interested in ringing bells or singing in the choir? Contact Gary Crum for more information.

Did You Know that there are a variety of ways that you can automate your giving? Talk with Scot Orndorff (Treasurer), Jerry Thomason (Assistant Treasurer) or Loretta Zimmerman (Office Manager) to discuss various ways of giving that support the mission and ministry of St. John's.

Plastic Bag Collection SCCAP's produce stand is in need of plastic grocery bags to help distribute fresh produce to folks in our community. You can donate your plastic bags here at the church and we'll take them to SCCAP or you can donate them to SCCAP directly. Thanks for supporting SCCAP and efforts in our community to make sure everyone has healthy, fresh food.

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed this fall to make coffee and provide simple snacks. Contact the church office or sign up on the bulletin board to help!

Prayer Chain For many people, participating in the prayer chain has become a real source of comfort and a way of knowing they can help others through the power of prayer. For others it is a source of comfort to know that fellow siblings in Christ are praying for them. If you would like to participate in the prayer chain please contact Lois Young at younglp@comcast.net

Wired Word information is located on the welcome center. Join us on Sundays at 8:45 am in Room 116! Questions or want to receive the material in advance? Contact Harold Collier.

The Pastoral Relations Committee meets on a regular basis to facilitate the healthy relationship between pastor and congregation. Members of the Committee are: Lisa A'Zary, Tena Keeney, Lee Powell, and Ernie Welch. Please feel free to bring any concerns, conflicts, and/or celebrations to any member of Pastoral Relations or to Pastor Caroline directly.