

# St. John Presbyterian Church

## Sunday, August 7, 2022

**Welcome & Announcements: Pastor Allen Colwell**

**Prelude: “Andante (Fughetta)”**

(J. Rheinberger)

**\*Call to Worship:**

God has called us to this place. What do we see?

**We see people who model for us**

**God’ joyous embrace of all people.**

God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

**We hear God’s hope that we are able to see each person  
as our sister or brother.**

God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

**We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in God’s name!**

**\*Opening Hymn: #369** (All verses)

**“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”**

- 1 I’m gonna live so (live so)  
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (Anytime!)  
I’m gonna live so (live so)  
God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime!
- 2 I’m gonna work so (work so)  
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (Anytime!)  
I’m gonna work (work so) so  
God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime!
- 3 I’m gonna pray so (pray so)  
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (Anytime!)  
I’m gonna pray so (pray so) so  
God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (Anytime!)
- 4 I’m gonna sing so (sing so)  
God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (Anytime!)  
I’m gonna sing so (sing so)  
God can use me anywhere, Lord, (my Lord) anytime! (Anytime!)

### **\*Confession of Sin:**

**God of hope and glory, through Christ hear our prayer and renew a right spirit within us. Hostility rages and battles continue; warfare is not ended and lives are lost. We yield to suspicion; our envy creates enemies. We confess that Christ came to create a new order, yet we continue complacently to dwell amid strife. O God, have mercy upon us.**

### **\*Assurance of Pardon:**

The good news is that God forgives us. Forgive others and forgive yourselves.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*Glory Be to the Father, #579:** (All verses) (Gloria Patri)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. A-men, A-men.**

### **First Reading: “1 Peter 5:1-14”**

#### **Tending the Flock of God**

Now as an elder myself and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as one who shares in the glory to be revealed, I exhort the elders among you to tend the flock of God that is in your charge, exercising the oversight, not under compulsion but willingly, as God would have you do it—not for sordid gain but eagerly. Do not lord it over those in your charge, but be examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away. In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you must clothe yourselves with humility in your dealings with one another, for ‘God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Final Greetings and Benediction**

Through Silvanus, whom I consider a faithful brother, I have written this short letter to encourage you, and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. Your sister church in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings;

and so, does my son Mark. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

**Special Music:** “When I get to Heaven I will Sing” (J. Clemens)  
(Choral Ensemble)

**Second Reading:** “Matthew 20:25-28”

But Jesus called them to him and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.’

**Sermon:** “Tending the Flock””

**\*Hymn of Invitation, #510** (All verses)

**“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”**

- 1 Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,  
Thou fount of life, Thou light of all,  
From the best bliss that earth imparts  
We turn, unfilled, to heed Thy call.
- 2 Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood;  
Thou savest those that on Thee call;  
To them that seek Thee Thou art good,  
To them that find Thee, all in all.
- 3 We taste Thee, O Thou living bread,  
And long to feast upon Thee still;  
We drink of Thee, the fountainhead,  
And thirst our souls from Thee to fill.
- 4 Our restless spirits yearn for Thee,  
Wherever our changeful lot is cast,  
Glad when Thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.
- 5 O Jesus, ever with us stay,  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
O chase the night of sin away,  
Shed over the world Thy holy light.

**\*Affirmation of Faith: (The Apostles' Creed)**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\*Call to the Table:**

May the God who embraces us be with you.

**And also, with you.**

Children of God, lift your hearts to the One who makes you welcome in every moment.

**We lift them to the Lord our God who is our host at this meal.**

People of God, offer your praise and thanksgiving to the One who comes bringing new life to us.

**The sad dirges of our lives become praise songs for the One who makes us whole.**

**Great Thanksgiving:**

**Breaking the Bread and Sharing the Supper:**

**\*Prayer after the Supper:**

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

**\*Call to Prayer: #392 (verse 1)**

**"Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord"**

- 1 Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray,  
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;  
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;  
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

**Prayers of the People: "Lord's Prayer" - (Sung in unison)**

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## Offering

### \*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom All Blessing Flow, #592

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Offertory Prayer

### \*Closing Hymn: #275 (All verses)

#### **“God of Our Life”**

- 1 God of our life, through all the circling years,  
we trust in Thee;  
in all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
Thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
we own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.
- 2 God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;  
with us abide.  
Lead us by faith, to hope's true Promised Land;  
be Thou our guide.  
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
and faith's fair vision changes into sight.
- 3 God of the coming years, through paths unknown  
we follow Thee;  
when we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
our refuge be.  
Be now for us in life our daily bread,  
our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

### \*Prayer of the Day:

**Almighty God,  
Your Son, Jesus Christ, fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the  
Word of his kingdom. Renew Your people with Your heavenly grace, and in  
all our weakness sustain us by Your true and living bread, Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and forever. Amen**

**\*Blessing & Charge:**

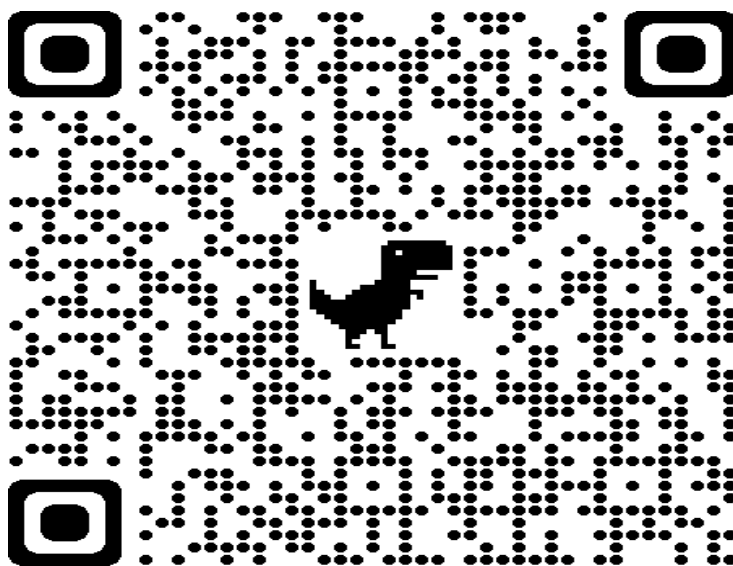
**Postlude: “Postlude in C”**

(E. L. Ashford)

(\*Please stand)

**Announcements:**

- Lyrics reprinted with permission under CCLI#2848404.
- Sunday worship will be available to stream later on Sunday afternoon on YouTube.
- If you are a visitor fill out the form attached to the QR code to let us know a little about you.



**Special Announcement:**

- Ushers/Greeters needed weekly.
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/>
  - Thank you to our weekly Ushers/Greeters.
  - **July 31st, 2022**
  - Don Lopp – Head Usher
  - Sherry Dorner – Ramp – Ramp @ Elm Street
  - (XXX) – 13<sup>th</sup> Street

- **August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022**
- Don Lopp – Head Usher
- Karen & Bob Goodwell – Ramp – Ramp @ Elm Street
- (Need a volunteer) – 13<sup>th</sup> Street

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## **Simon, Peter, The Rock**

What do we know about the disciple, Peter? 1. His given name was Simon, he was a fisherman, he was a denier, and he ran away and hid. 2. He was a brother to Andrew, he was a friend, he was a leader and Jesus called him to be one of His disciples. When Peter needed prodding, Jesus called him Simon. Jesus recognized the leadership qualities in Peter.

However, Jesus knew that Peter needed to be honed, molded, nurtured, and shaped into the man Jesus had chosen to spread His word after His death and resurrection. Jesus knew He had to lean on Peter. By calling him Simon, Jesus was trying to discipline Peter and set him on the right course. But Peter was human and made human mistakes. On the night of Jesus' arrest, Peter failed Jesus again. Before the cock crowed, Peter had denied Jesus three (3) times.

As the days months and years went by, Jesus taught Peter many ways of using his leadership skills the right way. Peter learned submission over being the boss. He learned restraint over outspokenness. He learned to show humility over his pride. Jesus washing the disciple's feet, taught Peter to be a loving servant to others.

Compassion for others is hard for some people. However, showing compassion when someone is hurting is what Jesus' love is all about. Peter also learned how to have courage. When the Holy Spirit settled on the crowd at Pentecost, Peter found the courage he needed to preach the Word of God to all who would listen. Peter was now the "ROCK" THAT Jesus knew was inside Peter.

### **Spiritual Exercise:**

1. Examine your life as you live to serve God. Are you submissive to God, do you show restraint, are you humble, are you the loving servant, do you show compassion when others are hurting, and do you have the courage to stand up for your beliefs?

### **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father,  
Guide us as we try to follow in Peter's steps.  
Forgive us when we fail to follow You.  
Show us Your will for us in all we do.  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
Amen