

St John UMC Augusta
January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday of Epiphany
Reverend Matthew Nelson
Lead Minister

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENTRANCE

*Welcome to St. John. **Hearing assistance aids are available.** Usbers are available
to assist you and direct you to restrooms. A bell will ring to prepare for worship.*

**All who are able, standing*

GATHERING AND WELCOME

MISSION MOMENT

GREETING

You have come from afar and waited long and are wearied.

Let us sit side by side,

sharing the same bread drawn from the same source

to quiet the same hunger that makes us weak.

Then standing together let us share the same spirit, the same thoughts
that once again draw us together in friendship and unity and peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift Every Voice

* HYMN

103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
2. **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
3. **To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**
4. **Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

* OPENING PRAYER

O God of steadfast love,
at the wedding in Cana
your Son Jesus turned water into wine,
delighting all who were there.
Transform our hearts by your Spirit,
that we may use our hearts varied gifts
to show forth the light of your love
as one body in Christ. **Amen.**

* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory Be to the Father

Meineke

**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. Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 62:1-5

Old Testament p. 847

PSALM

Psalms 36:5-10

UMH 771

**Response: I desire to follow your way, O Lord, my God;
continue your steadfast love to me.**

- (5) Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- (6) **Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains,
your judgments are like the great deep;
O Lord, humans and animals you save!**
- (7) O God, how precious is your steadfast love!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- (8) **They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- (9) For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.
- (10) **O continue your steadfast love to those who know you,
and your salvation to the upright of heart!**

**Response: I desire to follow your way, O Lord, my God;
continue your steadfast love to me.**

SECOND LESSON
1 Corinthians 12:1-11

New Testament p. 211

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM
Many Gifts, One Spirit

Allen Pote

* GOSPEL LESSON
John 2:1-11

New Testament p. 113

SERMON

GOoD Things

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

UMH p.12

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERING

HYMN AT THE OFFERING

620 One Bread, One Body

One Bread, One Body

verses 1 and 2, seated

1. **One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.**
2. **One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.**

* DOXOLOGY 95

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH p.13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The pastor gives thanks and concludes ... And so with your people on earth and all the
company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor continues ...And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor concludes ...All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now, and for ever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

CLOSING PRAYER

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

* HYMN

569 We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Message

Refrain: **For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.**

- 1. We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light. *Refrain***
- 2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword. *Refrain***

3. **We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above hath sent us his Son
to save us, and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love. *Refrain***
4. **We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God. *Refrain***

* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* POSTLUDE

Ministry of Worship

Lead Minister	Rev. Matt Nelson
Liturgist	Jeff Pullium
Lay Reader	Sandy Hobbs
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir
Greeters	Justin Bargeron, Joan Piercy, Charles Piercy, Carol Klein
Worship Technician	Austin Jackson
Sound Technician	Allen Smith
Offering Counter	Gerry Aldridge

Weekly Stewardship	
Giving this week	\$6,100.00
Estimated 2022 Budget	\$599,513.00
YTD Expenses	\$19,255.68
YTD Giving	\$14,605.00
Attendance 1/9	Sanctuary: 82 Online Views: 30

**Do you feel called to be a
worship volunteer?**

Help is needed in these areas:

Acolytes: Contact Stephanie Quattlebaum

Greeters and Ushers:
Contact Michael Young

Audio/Video Team:
Contact Austin Jackson

Altar Guild, Flowers: Contact
Di Johnson, Worship Chair

**The Fellowship Meal scheduled for January 19 has been
postponed to February 9**

**Augusta Parish Gathering @ St Luke UMC
January 27 from 6pm-8pm**

As a Connectional Church, five urban United Methodist Congregations are working to be a vital Methodist presence in collaborative ministry in downtown, urban Augusta. Members of St John Church are invited to round table conversations for building relationships and ministry dreaming. This gathering will occur online and in-person - Thursday, January 27, 6-8pm.

Contact Rev Nelson to attend.

Announcements



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