

St John UMC Augusta
May 2, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Dr. Jody Alderman, Senior Pastor
Rev. Lindsey Solomon, Associate Pastor

Eleven o'clock in the Morning

**Those who are able, standing.*

GATHERING

Welcome to St. John. Following CDC guidelines, we ask that you fellowship with one another outside before or after the service. Ushers will guide you to your seat. A bell will ring to prepare for worship. You are invited to join in spoken response where words are in bold print.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Charles Callahan

* GREETING

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

* HYMN

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Hyfrydol

1. **Love, divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**
3. **Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
4. **Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

* OPENING PRAYER

God,
you sent your Son into the world
that we might live through him.
May we abide in his risen life
so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another
and know the fullness of joy. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

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

1 John 4:7-21

ANTHEM

Beloved, Let Us Love One Another

Van Denman Thompson

SECOND LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

Crossing the Border

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

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INVITATION

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

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.

OFFERING

*Offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary as you leave today
or you may give online at stjobnaugusta.org/donate*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

BREAKING AND GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

* HYMN

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For the Bread

**1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.**

**4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.**

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Hymn Prelude on *Hyfrydol*

Ralph Vaughn Williams

*When you are ready, you may exit your pew and the sanctuary.
We ask that you fellowship with one another outside the building.*

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Ministry of Worship – 11:00

Senior Minister	Rev. Dr. Jody Alderman
Associate Minister	Rev. Lindsey Solomon
Lay Reader	Lee Herndon
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Singers	The St. John Choir
Greeters	Nancy Buckhannan, Becky Rogers, Joan Piercy, Paula Matson
Ushers	Michael Young, Gerry Aldridge, Justin Barger, Charles Piercy
Worship Technician	Nichole Kuehl
Sound Technician	Kristofer Solomon

St. John UMC extends sympathy to the family of Sara Garner who passed away April 27, 2021. Memorial services will be held Sunday, May 2nd, at 3:00 PM from the chapel of Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors with Rev. Richard Nevard officiating.

St. John UMC extends sympathy to the family of Louise Hensley who passed away on April 2, 2021.

Do you feel called to be a worship volunteer?

URGENT Help is needed in these areas:

Altar Guild, Flowers, Funeral Director: Contact Di Johnson, worship chair

Acolytes: Contact Stephanie Quattlebaum

Greeters: Contact Becky Rogers

Ushers: Contact Michael Young

Audio/Video Team: Contact Nichole Kuehl

Nursery on Sundays: Contact Nichole Kuehl

Lake Work Day this Saturday, May 8 at 9am!

Bringing your own work gloves and small tools is helpful! Please let Gerry Aldridge or Pat DeLoach know that you're coming and we'll provide lunch!

Ladies' Spring Tea

Ladies of all ages are invited for an outdoor event on Saturday, May 15 at 3:00 pm in our church courtyard. We will have fellowship, special music, iced drinks, snacks, and door prizes. Hats are encouraged!

Tickets are \$5 and available at the church office, 706-724-9641, or online.

Financial assistance available.

Because we follow CDC guidelines of safe social-distancing we will need to know who you feel comfortable sitting and eating with when you make your reservation.

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