



SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

DAY OF PENTECOST

JUNE 5, 2022 † 8:30 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH † NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA

Welcome to worship at St. John's!

We especially welcome all who are visiting this morning!

*All are invited to **sign the welcome sheets** in the black folders at the end of the pews.*

*Please pass them to the center and then back
so you can greet those worshipping around you.*

Ushers will gather these following worship.

*In the red hymnal (Evangelical Lutheran Worship), or purple hymnal
(All Creation Sings), hymn numbers are at the top of the page in the hymn section,
and page numbers are at the bottom of the page in the front section.*

An asterisk () invites you to stand as you are able.*

P Pastor, **L** Leader (Assisting Minister), **C** Congregation

Children are welcome to participate throughout our
worship service, including at Holy Communion.

*Parents, please assist children when they come forward for communion
to extend their hands if they are to receive the bread and wine.*

Children's Bibles and activity bags
*are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary
and scribble cards are available in the pews.*

*Hearing assistance devices are available outside the Sanctuary or from an usher.
For those with hearing aids, the Sanctuary is equipped with a hearing loop.*

Large print bulletins are available for worship services.



*St. John's Lutheran Church is a community grounded in the promise of God's grace
and called to extend Christ's welcome to all people. Every day, Christ meets us all just as
we are, extending love to people of every age, race or ethnicity, physical appearance,
sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, marital or
relationship status, economic circumstance, educational achievement,
political affiliation, or religious background.*

*While we do not always agree, we choose to walk and grow in faith together,
believing that God creates diversity, and loves and welcomes us.*

We warmly welcome you here.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Creator Spirit, heavenly dove,
descend upon us from above;
with graces manifold restore
your creatures as they were before.*

—Rhabanus Maurus, 776–856

Prelude — “Creator Spirit, Heavenly Dove”

Libby Larsen

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Hymn** — ELW No. 407

“O Living Breath of God”

***Greeting**

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **And also with you.**

***Prayer of the Day**

- ☐ God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples
of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering
our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody — Psalm 104

Setting by Marty Haugen

Refrain: (first time cantor, then all singing)

Send forth your spir - it, O God, send forth your spir - it, O God,
and re - new the earth, re - new the earth, send forth your spir - it, O God.

*O God, how countless are your works! By your wisdom you fashioned them all.
All the earth is filled with your creatures, oceans teem with the life you made.
All that lives looks to you in hope to give them their food in due season:
you open your hand, they feast on good things, you hide your face and they are lost.*
Refrain — all

*May the glory of God endure forever and may God rejoice in all these works: God,
who looks on the earth and it trembles; at the touch of God, the mountains smoke.
I will sing to my God while I live; may the prayer of my heart please my Lord.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, praise the Holy One! Forevermore give praise to God.*
Refrain — all

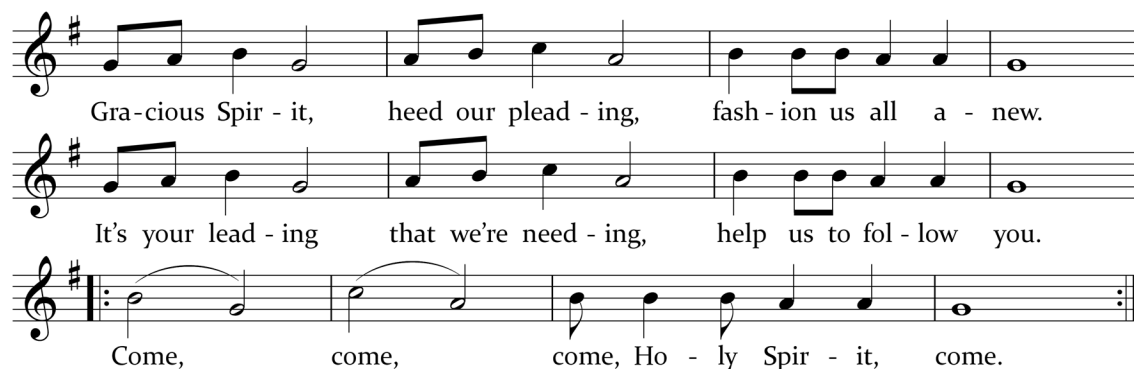
Second Reading — Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

 The word of the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation — “Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading” NJOO KWETO, ROHO MWEMA



Gra-cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.

It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.

Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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***Gospel — John 14:8-17, 25-27**

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁸Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Pam Fickenscher

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

Hymn of the Day — ACS No. 944

“O Spirit All-Embracing”

***The Nicene Creed — Front of ACS hymnal, page 16**

***Prayers of Intercession**

After each petition:

L Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

*Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C** And also with you.

You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.

Offering of Our Gifts

Music at the Offering:

“As the Wind Song”

Lim Swee Hong, arr. David Sims

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God. Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown bringing life, bringing power to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God. As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again, so it is with the Spirit of God, as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it is with the Spirit of God, making worlds that are new, making peace come true, bringing gifts, bringing love to the world, as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it is with the Spirit of God. —Shirley Erena Murray

*Offering Hymn — “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless-ing.

Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the

bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

pres - ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

*Offering Prayer

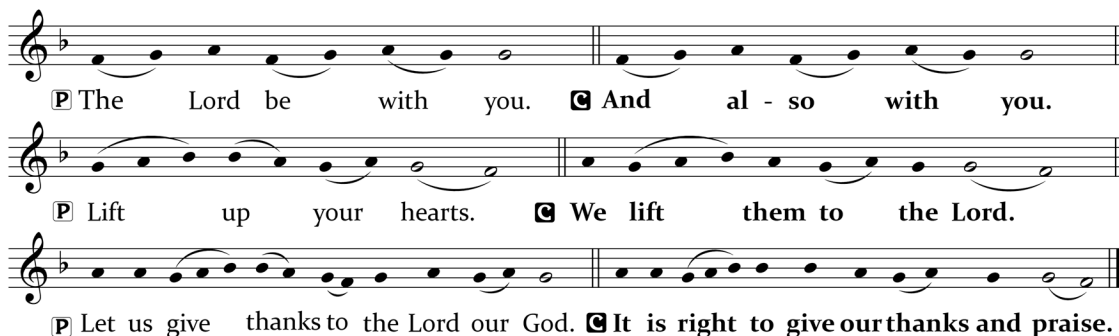
L Let us pray.

C God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

SHARING THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Great Thanksgiving

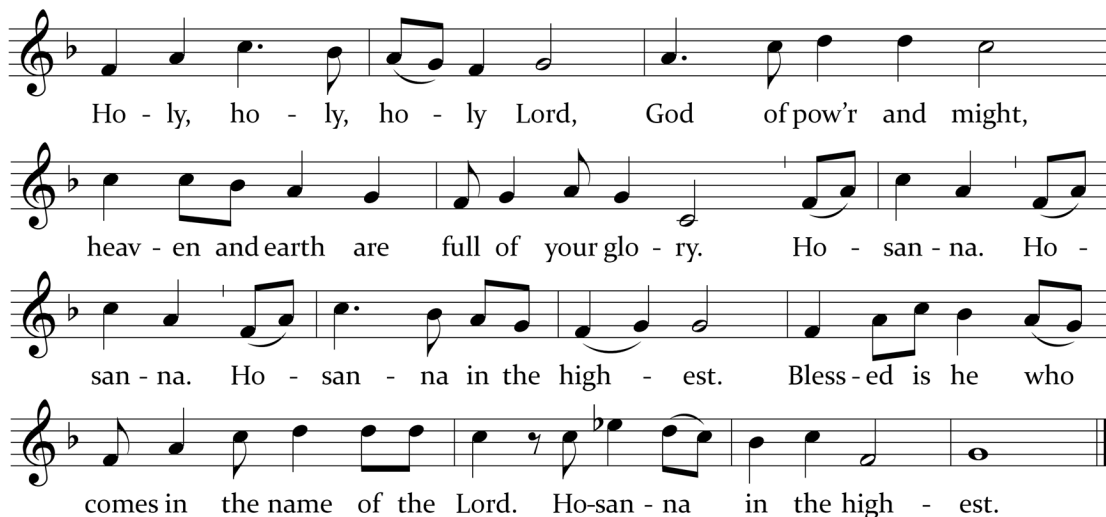


P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

*The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

*Communion will be received standing at stations in the front of sanctuary;
ushers will direct you forward. **Gluten-free wafers** are available in the center.
After you have been served the bread you will be offered wine or grape juice.
The grape juice is white and is located in the center of the tray.
**If you are unable to come forward, let an usher know,
and communion will be brought to you.***

Music during Communion

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Solo — "My Eyes for Beauty Pine"

Herbert Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for Goddes grace; no other care nor hope is mine,
to heaven I turn my face. One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above:
'Tis named when God's name is said, 'Tis Love, 'tis heavenly Love. And every gentle
heart that burns with true desire, is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*
—Robert Bridges

***Post-Communion Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

℣ Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

☞ Amen.

***Blessing**

Response:

☞ Amen.

***Sending Hymn** — ACS No. 942

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

***Dismissal**

℣ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God!

Postlude — “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Spiritual, arr. Aaron David Miller



SERVING AT ST. JOHN'S TODAY:

Presiding	Pastor Jonathan Davis
Preaching	Pastor Pam Fickenschier
Assisting Ministers	(8:30) Eric Sponheim (10:00) Peterson Family
Organist	Nathan Proctor
Cantor	Sara Liu
Communion Service	Angie Gehring
Coffee and Refreshments	Angie Gehring
Counters	Sue Brockman, Chris and Martha Erickson
Ushers	(8:30) Doug Child, Rick Hillard, Doug Johnson, Jim Sharrow (10:45) Kent Rommereim, Dale Gehring, Alison Kavanaugh, Jon Kavanaugh

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Children and Youth Ministries

Vacation Bible School is Coming

An outdoor Family VBS provided by Bethel, St. John's, St. Peter's, and Emmaus.

When: Wednesdays, June 15 & 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Where: Outdoors at Bethel (We will move indoors if raining.)

Who: Designed for Kids up through Elementary

Cost: \$20 per family

Register Online: <https://forms.gle/kWGJ6vxZo4qMdB6W6>

Open Door Preschool is taking registrations for the 2022–2023 school year!

Open Door Preschool provides a safe, gentle, and inclusive learning environment that allows your child to grow socially, emotionally, creatively, and academically. To learn more, go to their website at www.opendoorpreschoolnorthfield.org.

Announcements

Today's Radio Broadcast is given in by Bob and Sandra Nyvall in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary. Sunday services are broadcast on KYMN Radio 1080AM / 95.1FM at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast (cost is \$160), please contact Leah Garlie at 507-645-4429 or office@StJohnsNorthfield.org. Available Dates: June 19 & 26 and August 7 & 21.

Today during the late service 3rd and 4th graders will be receiving communion from the clay cup and plate they made during their holy communion retreat. We thank Joel, Berit, and Sam Froehle for helping them create their pottery pieces!

St. John's Nursery Reopens This Summer

Starting next Sunday, June 12, St. John's Nursery will reopen during the 10:00 a.m. worship service in June and August and during the 9:30 a.m. service in July. The Nursery is open for ages 6 and younger. We ask that children wear a mask.

Church Softball League Game

Tonight, 7:20 p.m. and 8:20 p.m., Babcock

St. John's vs. St. Dominic Johnny's and St. John's vs. Cornerstone

Join the fun! Come cheer our team on! For the full summer schedule, check the bulletin board in the Commons.

Patio Theology—Why Do We Suffer? A Four-Part Series

Tomorrow, Monday, June 6, 6:00–7:30 p.m., Home of Jean Wakely

Topic: *Why do bad things happen to good people? Why does a loving, all-powerful God allow for innocent suffering in the world?*

The question can be phrased in many different ways, but we have all asked it—why do we suffer? Throughout Christian history and theology, there have been many answers given, some satisfying and some not. During Patio Theology this month, we will spend time learning about what is called “the problem of evil,” the most common answers that have been suggested by people of faith, and the strengths and weaknesses of each answer. While, in the end, we might not discover *the* answer for each one of us, we will learn and grow together while wrestling with one of the most important questions of faith. Join us!

Event at Valley Grove Church

Tuesday, June 21, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

The Adult Ministry & Education Board invites you to an ice cream social at Valley Grove Church. Jeff Sauve will talk about the history of the buildings, the cemetery, and the congregation's connections with the Lutheran churches in the area. Gary Wagenbach will introduce participants to the 50 acres of natural area surrounding the building site and cemetery. Celebrate the longest day of the year with other St. John's members at Valley Grove Church!

Announcements (continued)

St. John's is Hiring this Summer!

Do you know someone who would be interested in serving as our Facility Manager? Maybe someone who could be a children's choir director or handbell director? St. John's [employment link](#) on our website is the place to send them as we seek new partners in ministry.

One Usher Still Needed for the Late Service on the 3rd Sunday of the Month

If you'd like to help with this important role, please contact Angie Gehring at 507-645-4429 or sharedministry@StJohnsNorthfield.org. No prior experience is necessary - you will receive instructions/training. This role is just one service per month, and substitutes can be contacted if needed. This is a great way to serve during worship!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, June 16, from 1:00–6:00 p.m.

Please consider helping by donating blood at our upcoming blood drive. Sign up at <https://www.redcross.org/give-blood.html> or by calling 1-800-RED-CROSS.

From the St. John's Church Library. . .

We encourage you to browse our wonderful selection of books for all ages! There are new books that have been added to our collection over the past year. Summer is a great time to read! The library is "open" whenever the church building is open. You can check out a book for a few days or weeks by simply filling out the library card in the back of the book with your name and the date, then placing it in the basket on the counter. We hope you stop on by and have a look!

Life in the Time of COVID

The Faith & Health Board thanks those who submitted a personal story or reflection. You are invited to read these stories on the website at <https://stjohnsnorthfield.org/about/history/life-in-the-time-of-covid/>.

Thank You for supporting the Blessing Box at St. John's!

The Blessing Box is located on the north side of St. John's and contains hygiene and food products as a "stop and go" location for anyone needing a helping hand. It's been a busy site this past year and the need is great at this time! All donations have been greatly appreciated. Items that go quickly are: toilet paper, hand soap/sanitizer, toothpaste and toothbrushes, deodorant and feminine products, as well as take-and-eat food items. Feel free to donate items directly to the Blessing Box. Questions? Email Julie Brehmer at children@StJohnsNorthfield.org.

Prayer Requests

We are called to remember one another in prayer. The church office has been made aware of the following persons for whom we pray today. This list is also for your use this week.

Healing and Support

Those in the hospital or in need of healing

Bob Flaten, Ruth Hansen, Carolyn Jennings, Paul Peterson, Audrey Moe,
Karl Jacobson (son of Pastor Del Jacobson), Rich Rizzo (brother of Bill Rizzo)

Those mourning the loss of a loved one

Family of Carole Nesheim

Those with ongoing health concerns

Elvin Heiberg, Donna James, Delores Nelson, Becky Ness, John Quam,
Scott Quinnell, Julie Westerback, Laila Burns Hedstrom

All who are homebound, including

Lyla Arneson Paulson, Janice Helgeson, Arlene Sivanich

Involved in the mission of the church who have ties to St. John's

The Savior (El Salvador) Lutheran Church in El Cocuy, Colombia;
Iambi Lutheran Church in Iambi, Tanzania; Katie Larson, ELCA missionary in Colombia

Prayer Requests / Stephen Ministry Requests

Stephen Ministry Requests

Call one of the pastors at 507-645-4429.

Prayer Chain Requests

Contact Mary Cisar at 507-663-1097 or macisar@gmail.com, or contact a pastor.

Lectionary Readings for Next Week (June 12):

First Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 + Psalm 8 + Romans 5:1-5 + John 16:12-15

This Week At-a-Glance

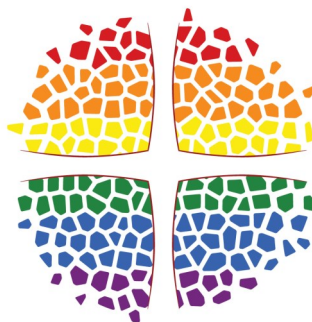
*The full calendar of events and building usage can be accessed
on our website at www.StJohnsNorthfield.org.*

Monday, June 6	12:00 p.m.	Lunchtime Text Study via Zoom
	5:15 p.m.	Girl Scout Troop #27517, Undercroft
	6:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts, St. John's Hall
Tuesday, June 7	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting, Fireside Room
	1:00 p.m.	Worship Planning for Staff, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, Fellowship Hall
		NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Health), Youth Room
Wednesday, June 8	9:30 a.m.	Lydia and Paul Circles, St. John's Library
Thursday, June 9	9:00 a.m.	Quilters, Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitters, St. John's Library
	4:00 p.m.	Courageous Conversations Book Group via Zoom
Friday, June 10	9:00 a.m.	S.A.I.L. Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
	1:00 p.m.	Mary Circle, Fireside Room
	7:00 p.m.	NAMI Support Group, Fireside Room
Saturday, June 11	9:00 a.m.	Women's Breakfast Group, St. John's Library
	11:30 a.m.	Funeral - Lois Rand, Sanctuary
Sunday, June 12	8:30 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary
	9:30 a.m.	Coffee and Fellowship, St. John's Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Worship, Sanctuary



Summer Worship Schedule for June

8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship Between Services



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Nathan Proctor, *Organist and Director of Worship, Music & Arts*

Call the church office or check the website for a complete listing of staff emails.