

St John Church of Christ

September 15, 2019

Order of Worship

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Worship Leader: Jerry

Gathering Song:

No. 76 How Great Thou Art (1st Verse)

Welcome: Tom

Scripture Reading: Ned

Philippians 4:4-7

Songs:

No. 144 O Worship the King

No. 74 Praise the Lord

No. 300 Praise Him! Praise Him!

No. 777 Father, Hear the Prayer
We Offer

Prayer: Tom

Song: No. 361 Nailed to the Cross

Communion: Chris

Assist: Orrin, Fred, Joe

Song: No. 574 Oh, How I Love
Jesus

Lesson: "Worship: The Missing
Dimension" John

Song: No. 907 Hark the Gentle
Voice (1st Verse)

Prayer: Richard

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TV Land Faith

John McKeel

Recently, Jan and I were watching some old television shows. You know, the ones we watched when we were children. Those certainly seemed to be happier times. Dad came home from work, hung his hat on the rack and mom had dinner on the table. Sister put the finishing touches on the flower arrangement while brother held out mom's chair. Meat and potatoes, fresh rolls slathered with butter and jam, a new chocolate layer cake every night and no one got fat. Problems were solved in half an hour and the world looked pretty good in black and white. Those were the days! Do you ever find yourself asking, "Why can't life be like that now?"

The answer, of course, is life never was like that. Time plays

tricks on us and we forget the Cold War, the Red Scare, the battle for civil rights, polio and dental care in the 1950s. Unfortunately, sometimes the same thing, nostalgia, creeps into the church. "Why can't things be like they use to be?"

It must have been very hard for the first generation of Christians after the apostles. The age of miracles was swiftly passing. Revelation was replaced by the written Word, and I'm sure the people must have cherished the past. I can hear old brother Ephraim talking about the younger generation of ministers. "Sure, they mean well, but I remember when preachers could raise the dead!"

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Likewise, as my generation is turning gray, I hear well-meaning “senior saints” talking about when everyone use to go to church on Sunday and we were the fastest growing church in America. “What’s this younger generation coming to?” Yes, things aren’t the same as they once were, and thank God for it!

Gone are the days when a person went to worship because everyone went to worship. It requires real commitment now (and maybe a little courage) to call yourself a Christian. Gone are the days when I became a Christian because my parents or even my grandparents were Christians. Now I obey the Gospel because that’s what I truly believe. The younger generation says, “Jesus is Lord!” because they have thought their faith through and know they need to be born again. Praise God the new believers know what they believe and are willing to ask the hard questions!

News & Notes

They’re Here!

Although Dixie (Jan’s mother) has been here for a while, John, Jan, and Sadie (the dog) safely arrived in St. John on Friday. They had a long and harrowing drive towing their sailboat from Connecticut (like the time in West Virginia when John downshifted into reverse at 50 MPH), they are here and excited to begin their new work with us. John is preaching for us this morning.

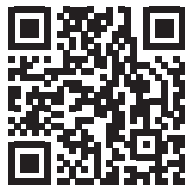
Important Announcement

The trailer with their belongings arrived this week and we *need all the help we can get this afternoon at 2:00* to unload the contents into the garage.

For the Bulletin

Do you have a prayer request, announcement, or item for the calendar? Please email or call John so we can include your requests in next week’s bulletin:

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Meeting Times

- Sundays
 - ◇ Leisure Homestead 9:30
 - ◇ Bible Study for All Ages 10:00
 - ◇ Worship 10:45
- Wednesday Nights

Elders

- Richard Brensing
- Teddy Gingrich
- Terry Sallee
- George Shelton
- Tom Turner

Deacons

- Jerry Kinnamon
- Chris Mansel
- Orrin Feril

Minister

- John McKeel