

St John Church of Christ

June 28, 2020

ONLINE

Children's Bible Class

10:00 A.M.

Join Pete and Penelope online at 10:00 A.M.

Adult Bible Class

10:30 - 10:45 A.M.

The Apostle Paul describes a new kind of love – Agape: Christian Love – by passing it through a prism and giving us a 15-color rainbow. Today's description concerns being "kind."

LIVE & ONLINE

Worship

11:00 - 11:45 A.M.

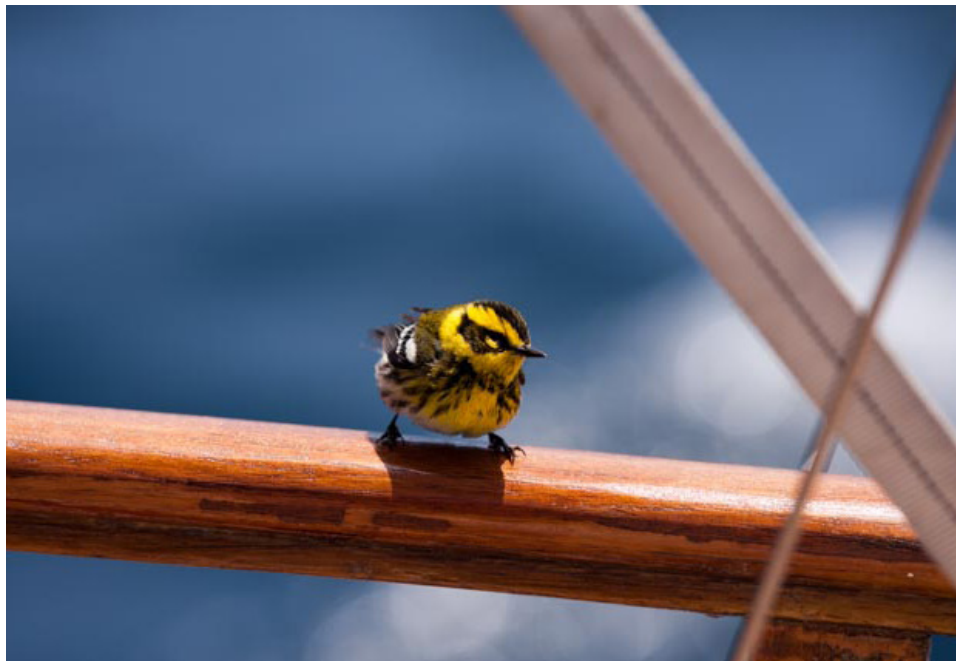
You can join us live at the building or online at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOOPdVv3YaCn-L1QnT2BftQA>

There are simple links to follow from our website: <https://StJohnChurchofChrist.org>.

Note: We are transitioning to YouTube rather than Facebook for our broadcasts.

Little Bird



It was a tiny, black and yellow puffball of feathers. He was exhausted and took refuge aboard Santa Teresa, our old, wooden sailboat.

It was a perfect day for sailing. The seas were calm off Point Loma and the winds were fresh. Ryan, Derek, and Preston joined Jan and I for one of the best days sailing we'd experienced in San Diego.

The winds caught us as we unfurled our sails and we raced out to sea towards Catalina. Dolphins played around us and Santa Teresa threw up a fine white froth that streamed down the sides as we cut through a bright blue sea. We were laughing and enjoying

the day and had just passed into international waters, three miles off the coast, when this tiny ball of feathers flew into the cockpit and darted through the hatch and into the cabin below.

"That was a bird!" someone shouted and just as suddenly the little bird flew out an open port-hole, circled us and landed on the rail beside me. Its tiny heart was pounding as it sat there, a fugitive from the sea.

"It's lost."

"The wind must have blow him out to sea."



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The little bird hopped down the rail and then flew around the boat before seeking the safety of the rail again. After our feathered friend repeated this exercise several times, Jan ran below and filled a pan of cool, fresh water and re-appeared on deck with pieces of apple, crusts of bread and the pan of water. She carefully set them down on the deck beside the cabin, then stepped back and watched for our little friend to return. He did and looked long and hard at the treats Jan had prepared for him but it must have seemed too good to be true. Our little friend took off and we lost sight of him. Perhaps he hitched a ride on a better boat and made it safely to Catalina.

Later that evening, after we had put the boat away, Jan and I were talking about the little bird. Jan sadly shook her head, "All I

wanted to do was help that little bird. He was so small and so desperate. I didn't want to hurt him. I wanted to give him some water and something tasty to eat. He could have rested and we could have given him a ride back to his friends in San Diego."

She took another spoonful of soup and looked at me. "John, that must be how God feels. He wants to help us but sometimes we run away. Sometimes the good news must seem too good to be true and all we do is hurt ourselves and break God's heart."

Little bird, please send us a postcard from Catalina. We hope you made it.



Excerpt from John's book: *Changing Tacks: Lessons I've Learned from an Old Wooden Boat.*

Pictures from Around Town



We had quite a storm last Sunday Night. Here are some scenes from around town following it.



For Your Prayers

God answers prayer! We've had a number of members in for testing, elective surgery, and procedures this week.

- Terry's hip surgery went well. With the pandemic, it was a long-time coming, and he's overcome several challenges along the way, but now he's on the road to recovery.
- Regarding Jerry's testing, Kay writes: "Jerry's tests came back good. There is medication that should take care of his problem, along with some change in his diet."
- Curtis is home from his medical trip to Chicago. Please pray hard for Curtis. This is a very hard time.
- Orvalee has also been seeing specialists and is doing much better.
- Please continue to pray for little 2-year-old Maren in Great Bend.

The wheat harvest is in full swing! Let's remember to thank God for his bounty, and ask for the strength to bring in the crop!

Let's continue to pray for our country and all of the turmoil we are facing as a nation.

