



Welcome to St. John's Christian Church

"The Church on the Corner Whose Cornerstone is Christ"



*Celebrating birthdays this week: Suzette Nafziger (5/4), Amy Cover (5/2),
Dean Buckenmeyer (5/5).*

*We are a community of faith founded upon God's Holy Word,
preaching salvation through believing in Christ as our Savior.*

We seek to live in God's truth, being obedient to His Word and following in His ways.

May 2, 2021

8:00AM & 10:30AM

Welcome to our Worship of God!
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Ringing of the Tower Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Scripture and Prayer of Invocation

Psalm 22:25-31

Prelude

”Beloved, Let Us Love One Another”

†(8:00) Hymns of Praise and Adoration

#18 “Come, We That Love the Lord”

#1 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

†(10:30) Songs of Praise and Adoration

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

“The Power of Your Love”

Children’s Message

“Keep Growing”

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

†Sermon Hymn

#381 “Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Scripture Reading

John 15:1-8, John 4:7-21

Sermon

“Bearing Much Fruit”

† (8:00)Closing Hymn

#382, “Be Thou My Vision”

†(10:30) Closing Song

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

†Spoken Benediction

†Benediction in Song

#608, v. 1, “May the Grace of Christ, Our Savior”

†Postlude

“Reach Out to Jesus”

Scripture Readings

Psalm 22:15-21 My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ Dogs have surrounded me; a band of evil men has encircled me, they have pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I can count all my bones; people stare and gloat over me. ¹⁸ They divide my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing. ¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me. ²⁰ Deliver my life from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dogs. ²¹ Rescue me from the mouth of the lions; save me from the horns of the wild oxen.

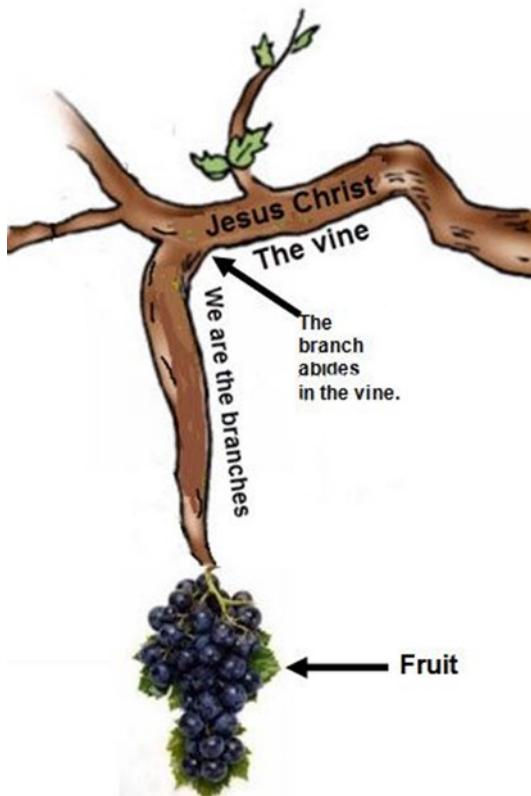
John 15:1-8 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

1 John 4:7-21 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. ¹³ We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes – “Bearing Much Fruit”

John 15:1-8, 1 John 4:7-21 (Revised Common Lectionary Reading)



John 15:8 – “This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.”

Luke 12:48 – “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”

Jesus (the true vine)

God (the gardener)

You – Believers (the branches)

Acts 20:28 – “Be shepherds of the church of God...”

Action of the Gardener...

Cuts off branches

Prunes branches – to be more fruitful

Action of Believers, of the Church

Remain in Jesus

Jesus' words remain in you

Bear fruit

Apart from Jesus...

Cut off, thrown away, withered, picked up, thrown into the fire, burned

May Mission-A-Month: Cherry Street Mission (cherrystreetmission.org)

Cherry Street was founded on Biblical principals in 1947, and remains a Biblically based, Christ centered organization today. Their Spiritual Advocates consist of both staff and volunteers that lead Bible studies daily and mentor guests through their journey with Christ. Cherry Street has a Men’s Division, Women’s Division (Sparrow’s Nest) and food services.

Each night, Cherry Street provides safe, free shelter for nearly 230 men and women who would otherwise sleep on the street or remain in an abusive situation.

Cherry Street is more than food, clothing and shelter. Their redemptive programming is built around one on one discipleship. Cherry Street is the only organization in the region to offer 3 meals a day, 7 days a week, free of charge to anyone who needs them.

People may donate monetarily to these ministries by marking their envelope or check with “May M-A-M” (Mission-A-Month).

JYF/SYF Youth Breakfast

The Fellowship Committee invites our sixth through twelfth grade youth to a breakfast on May 16 during the Sunday school hour. Please RSVP to the church office by May 7th if you plan to attend, so we make sure we have food and proper table set up for everyone!

2021 National Day of Prayer – May 6

Local churches are planning for a National Day of Prayer event for Thursday, May 6th, to be held at the Band Shelter in Ruihley Park. The theme of this year’s event is “Lord Pour Out Your Love, Life and Liberty,” stemming from 2 Corinthians 3:17. Pastor Erich is helping to coordinate and lead the event, and he invites and encourages everyone to gather for this time. The service will consist of scripture readings and prayers.

GIF Gals (Gathering In Faith)

GIF Gals is the name of the new women’s ministry for single women of the church. Their next gathering will be at the Das Essen Haus at 5:00PM on Monday May 13th. Women can meet at the church at 4:45PM to carpool.

Discovery Daily Devotional Guides

Discover Daily Devotional Guides are available in the hallway literature rack in the narthex (suggested donation \$6 each). You can also access the guide online at <https://scriptureunion.org/discovery/>. Below is the list of daily readings for this week:

- May 2—God of the Nations.....Psalm 99
- May 3—Every Spiritual Blessing.....Ephesians 1:1-14
- May 4—See What We Have.....Ephesians 1:15-23
- May 5—The Decisive Intervention.....Ephesians 2:1-10
- May 6—One, But Not The Same.....Ephesians:2:11-22
- May 7—Secret Plans Unveiled.....Ephesians3:1-13
- May 8—Power To Stand.....Ephesians 3:14-21

Welcome!

Guests and Visitors

Welcome to SJCC! We are so glad you have chosen to join us as we worship the Lord together. We hope you feel God's love in a new, refreshing way. You can learn more about our church by visiting the "New to SJCC" page on our website at www.stjohnsarchbold.org/newtosjcc or by picking up a copy of "Getting to Know St. John's Christian Church: Visitor Brochure" at the literature rack near the office.

Mother's Room/Diaper Changing Station/Nursery Care

We have a Mother's Room located outside of the sanctuary, currently limited to one family at a time. We kindly ask you to sanitize items after use (i.e. changing pad, toys, etc.) using the wipes provided as a respectful gesture to other families with small children in need of the room. Nursery care is offered during the 10:30 worship service for infants and pre-kindergarten children. A diaper changing station is located in the Nursery.

Large Print and Children's Bulletins are available on a table in the sanctuary narthex.

Hearing Assistance is provided by our system for hearing aids with a "loop system" switch position.

Week of May 2 at St. John's Christian Church

Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
	8:30AM	Pause for Praise (96.1 WMTR)
	9:15AM	Sunday School, Faith Village & Confirmation
	10:30AM	Worship (Sanctuary and YouTube Live)
Tue	6:00PM	Lynne Christman Piano Recital
	9:15AM	Bible Study (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	Mission Committee (Fireside Room)
Wed	8:30AM	Moms in Prayer (Fireside Room)
	6:00PM	Membership Orientation (Fireside Room)
	7:00PM	SYF
Thu	6:00PM	Facility Committee (Fireside Room)
Sat	7:40 AM	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Sun	8:00AM	Worship (Sanctuary)
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Next Sunday, May 9, 2021

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Scriptures - Psalm 98, John 15:9-17, 1John 5:1-6

Sermon - "Remaining in Obedience"

Congregational Prayer

God, I bow before you in humility, with an open heart. As the gardener of the vine, reveal to me where I need to be pruned. What must be pruned that I would bear much fruit? As a branch has many offshoots, I'm aware that in the church, there are many, many branches, many offshoots. In these days of distancing and discord, of division and separateness, I pray for a great sense of remaining in the true vine, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Reveal yourself, O Christ, in the hearts of your people, that we would experience renewal and reconnection. To glorify the Heavenly Father. In Christ, Amen.

Today's Worship Servants

Accompanist	(Both) Buffy Riley	
Song Leader	(Both) David Stuckey	
Lay Reader	(8:00) Joshua Reeb	(10:30) Avery Roth
Easy Worship	(Both) Tom Hines	
Sound Tech	(8:00) Angie Neuenschwander	(10:30) James Grime
Live Stream Tech	(10:30) Ryan Christman	
Usher	(8:00) Nancy Rupp	(10:30) Greg Walker
Nursery	Josh & Kasey Grime	(5/2) Eric & Anna Yoder

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Prayer Joys, Concerns, Requests:

Please pray for...

- ◆ Larry & Carol Robinson's 4 year old grandson, Kristian, has been diagnosed with type 1 Diabetes.
- ◆ Len & Jean Stamm – Len returned home on 4/25 and will be on oxygen for a few weeks.
- ◆ Wayne Spiess is recovering from hip surgery and is back in his room at Fairlawn.
- ◆ Dan Light continues to recover from elbow surgery due to a bone infection.
- ◆ Mary Jane Silcox is at Fairlawn's Rupp Rehab recovering from hip surgery.
- ◆ Finn Yoder, will have an MRI in a few weeks due to the recurring headaches.
- ◆ Tracey Warren, scheduled to begin radiation treatment for prostate cancer in May.

Those serving in the Armed Forces...

- ◆ Brenden Bostelman, Fort Campbell, KY (Army) Grandson of Bill & Kathy)
- ◆ Kali Collins, Washington, DC (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kohl Collins, Ft. Myers, VA (Army) (Grandson of Nan Neill)
- ◆ Kyle Ducey, Deployed, USS Iwo Jima (Navy) (Son of Kelly & Betsy)
- ◆ Brayden Hall, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (Ohio Army Nat. Guard) (Son of Vond & Mary)
- ◆ Jared Kuntz, Washington, DC (Army) (Son of Keith & Kelli)
- ◆ Eric Maag, Port Clinton, OH (Coast Guard) (Son of Joe & Sheryl Short)
- ◆ Shayne & Taylor Pitts, Albuquerque, NM (Air Force) (Granddaughter of Nan Neill)
- ◆ David Richardson, Okinawa, Japan (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Joshua Richardson, Kaneohe, HI (Marines) (Son of Shannon and Yesi)
- ◆ Steve Schink, Chesterfield, MI (Coast Guard) (Son-in-law of Ed and Julie Ruffer)



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