

**The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021
8:00am In Person Worship
9:30am Online/In Person Worship**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Royal Oak MI



St. John's Welcome Statement

Welcome! We are St. John's, a parish that invites you be a part of our community and warmly embraces you when you do.

At St. John's, our history has taught us that accepting and embracing true diversity is challenging. As a result, we have come to claim a firm, undying commitment to inclusion. So here is our invitation to you: regardless of your cultural background, ethnicity, gender,

lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or heterosexual identity, economic status, physical or cognitive ability – you will not be labeled, singled out or excluded here. You will be welcomed, affirmed, embraced and celebrated! We will be better because you are here.

Adopted by unanimous vote at St. John's Annual Meeting, January 31, 2016

Are you visiting or new to St. John's?

We are glad that you are here! If you are here for the first time, please help us to get to know you by filling out a Visitor Register at the sign-in table and we will follow up with you.

- If you are **new to our St. John's faith community**, know that we want to welcome and get to know you as you are comfortable. We are better because you are here!
- If you **have been a part of our faith community for a long time**, welcome home! On some level, we are all 'newcomers again' getting to know one another again after a long time apart.

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on a journey of faith, you belong here. And you are always welcome at St. John's. All are welcome to receive communion, and to participate in every aspect of our ministries. We want to do everything we can to help you make the most of St. John's Episcopal Church and its resources for your spiritual path.

A Note about the Temporary Food Storage/Packaging in the Church

Open Hands Food Pantry is a 501c3 nonprofit organization housed at St. John's that provides hunger relief by distributing emergency groceries, toiletries, and household supplies. When the pandemic hit in March 2020, Open Hands moved its entire operation upstairs out of a church basement where the food pantry operated and into a "drive through food pantry" in the parking lot.

As soon as the Capital Campaign project is completed and a new elevator is installed, the food packaging operation will be moved back into the lower level of the church. Until that time, the food will be received and packaged in the West Transept.

In the last year, Open Hands' client base and need increased and it served approximately 20,000 people in 2020.

THE WORD OF GOD

At the ringing of a bell, the service begins. The people stand and sing.

OPENING HYMN (at 9:30)

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

The Hymnal 1982, 574, vv. 1, 4

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science

4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the

pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and

God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.

may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: *St. Petersburg*, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider †Blessed be God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All pray together.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria (*at the 8:00am*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king,
Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory!

SONG OF PRAISE (*at 9:30*)

Come by here (*Tune: KUM BA YAH*)

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 162, v. 1

The people remain standing and sing.

1 Come by here Lord,
come by here,
Come by here Lord,
come by here,
Come by here Lord,
come by here,
O Lord, come by here.

2 Someone needs you Lord,
come by here,
Someone needs you Lord,
come by here,
Someone needs you Lord,
come by here,
O Lord, come by here.

3 Send a blessing Lord,
come by here,
Send a blessing Lord,
come by here,
Send a blessing Lord,
come by here,
O Lord, come by here.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

From Prayers for an Inclusive Church

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God of true abundance, in whom nothing is lost and all are fed: liberate us from meagre rations of scarce and grudging love; show us another kingdom which stills our all-consuming fear and fills us with new hope: through Jesus Christ, the peace of creation. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE LESSON

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 145:10-18

- 10 All your works praise you, O GOD, *
and your faithful servants bless you.
- 11 **They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;**
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**
- 14 GOD words are faithful s *
and GOD's deeds are always merciful.

- 15 **The LORD upholds all those who fall; *
and lifts up those who are bowed down.**
- 16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, *
and you give them their food in due season.
- 17 **You open wide your hand *
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**
- 18 GOD's ways are righteous,*
and GOD's works are always loving.

The people stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:1-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of †Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

HOMILY

The Rev. Beth Taylor

A period of silence is kept.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

From Intercessions for the Christian People

The people stand as they are able.

Deacon Because we have been fed and called, and our lives joined forever in Christ, we unite our voices in prayer, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader

For the wisdom to know the difference between the word of God and our own words, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the world, for all nations, for each country's leaders and people, that peace and cooperation will be our common goal, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the church, that it may be a faithful witness, and that maintaining unity in the bond of peace, we may know what it means to have one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For all people in need, that each person's hunger may be satisfied, each person's pain relieved; especially for Scott, Greg, Gloria, Jackie, Sandor, Kathy, Alex, Toni, Martha, Bob, Barbara, Nancy, Edward, Charlie, Cindy, Mark, Marilyn, Kevin and Angie; and for ourselves, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For our own community and families, that we may know God's presence and embody God's love, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For those who have died, especially those whose witness has strengthened and encouraged us, whom we now name _____; and for those who are known to you alone.

Lord have mercy.

Presider Almighty God, lost in the darkness we search for light; surrounded by our created wastes, we seek a promised land; threatened by war, we break the bonds that make for peace. Help us to find our light, our land, and our peace in you, now and forever. ***Amen.***

CONFESSION

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen.***

ABSOLUTION

†Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Presider May the Peace of Christ always be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The peace is exchanged among the people.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Let us with gladness present the alms and the oblations, our lives labors, and all of ourselves to God.

You can leave an offering in an offering plate at the entrance of the church or at the usher station in the parking lot. Your pledges and financial gifts support the mission, the many ministries, the outreach, and the fellowship offered through St. John's.

Give online: stjohnsroyaloak.org and click on GIVE

Text: Text "StJohnsRoyalOak" to 73256

Mail: St. John's, 26998 Woodward Ave, Royal Oak, MI 48067

OFFERTORY MUSIC *(at 9:30)* **An evening prayer** *(Next page)*
Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 176, vv. 1, 4
Brynn Ward, soprano

During the Offertory, the Christ's table is set for the meal offered to everyone. Whoever you are, and wherever you are in your life's journey, you are very welcome to receive communion here.

1. If I have wound - ed an - y soul to - day,
 4. For - give the sins I have con - fessed to thee;

1. If I have caused one foot to go a - stray,
 4. For - give the se - cret sins I do not see;

1. If I have walked in my own will - ful way,
 4. O guide me, love me, and my keep - er be.

1.2.3. *D.C.* 4.
 Dear Lord, — for - give (for-give)! A - men (A-men).

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The people stand as they are able.

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider shares what God has done for us . . .

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we pray:

SANCTUS

All pray together.

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

†Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. †Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All

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.***

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider These are the Gifts of God.

People **And we are the people of God.**

Presider Behold who you are. Become what you receive.

This is Christ's table, and Christ is our host at this feast. Everyone who comes to the altar seeking Christ will be welcomed. The wafers are gluten-free.

COMMUNION HYMN (at 9:30) **Break thou the bread of life**
Lift Every Voice and Sing II, 146

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The people stand as they are able and pray together.

Presider Let us pray.

All **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE

The people remain standing as they are able, and sing.

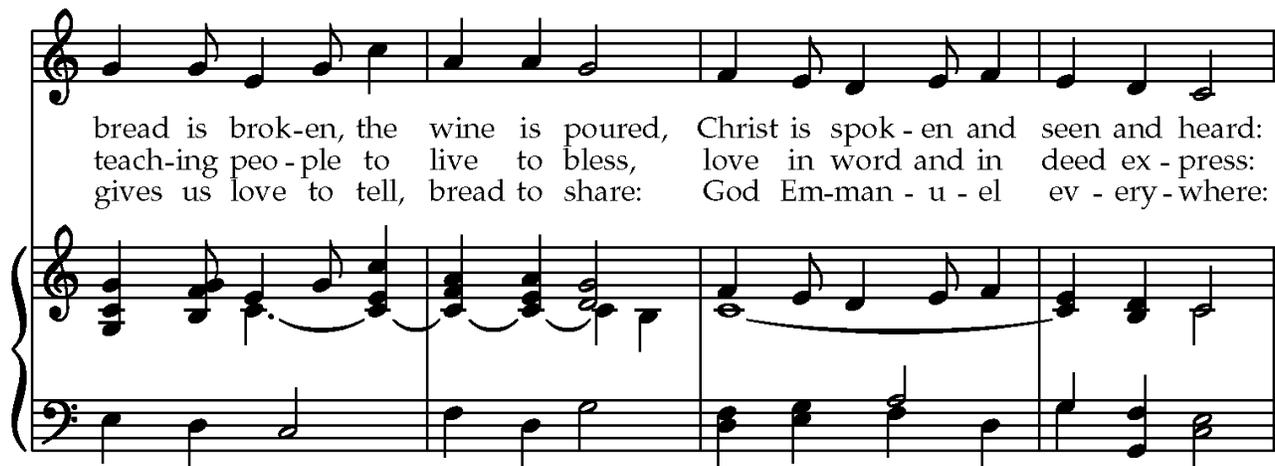
CLOSING HYMN (at 9:30)

Let us talents and tongues employ

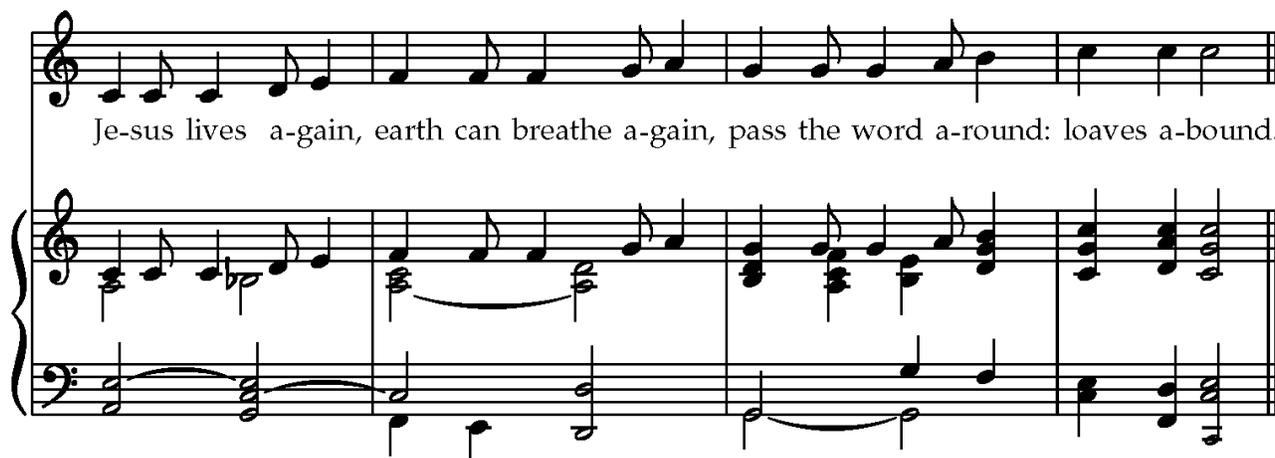
Voices Found, 79



1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a-ble to make us one, at his ta-ble he sets the tone,
3 Je-sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is brok-en, the wine is poured, Christ is spok-en and seen and heard:
teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press:
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Em-man-u-el ev-ery-where:



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the word a-round: loaves a-bound.

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Altar Memorials and Thanksgivings

In thanksgiving for
the birth of Holden Paul Claire
born on July 18, 2021,
the sixth great-grandchild of Barbara Claire Killinger
by Barbara Claire Killinger

Altar Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings

Would you like to provide flowers for the altar at St. John's in loving memory of loved ones (a family member or friend who has died, or an occasion) or in thanksgiving for a person, event or blessing in your life? Read on . . .

The beautiful flowers that adorn St. John's altar every Sunday are donated by parishioners. After the Sunday worship, altar flowers are divided into smaller bouquets and given to visitors to St. John's or delivered by parishioners to those who are ill or homebound.

We welcome your participation and contributions to this ministry. If you would like to have a flower thanksgiving or memorial placed in the bulletin, please contact bookkeeper Nicole Caso at 248-545-1255 or bookkeeper@stjohnro.org or you can give online by going to the St. John's website at stjohnsroyaloak.org - click on GIVE and then from the "Fund" dropdown options, select "Flower Fund." The suggested minimum donation is \$25.00; however, all donations will be accepted and recognized. Thank you!

Ministers of Today's Service

Presider	The Rev. Beth Taylor
Assisting	The Rev. Stacy Salles
Deacon	The Ven. Tim Spannaus
Musicians	Dr. Steven McGhee, Brynn Ward
Altar Guild	Denise Barnett, Lisa Dion, Martie Falconer, Allyson Frank, Ray Kwiatkowski, Maryann LeComb, Pam Lupinski, Barbara Moran, Joyce Morey, Mary Ann Morrow, Kathy Stricker, Bette Ann Wright
Lector (8:00am)	Barbara Lugger
Acolyte (8:00am)	Brian Craft
Lectors (9:30am)	Nicole Stewart, Eliza Stewart, Bill Weide, Bruce Donigan
Acolyte (9:30am)	Kevin McLogan
Tech Team	Chris Bosley, Erica Clites, Holly McNeal, Mark Miliotto, Chris Moran, Tim Spannaus, Mark Valenti, Will Wittig
Summer Ushers/Greeters Crew	Paulynn Auger, Carolyn Darling, Kathleen Delaney, Marie Donigan, Diana Kwiatkowski, Ray Kwiatkowski, Richard LeJeune, Pam Lupinski, Kelly Neighbors, Gabby Oginsky, Hannah Oginsky, Jelane Richardson Oginsky, John Oginsky, Scout Osborn, Janice Pederson, Lisa Philips, Kanata Richardson, Madiba Richardson, Kris Sprague, Elizabeth Swanchara, Sue Tower, Sara Troyer, Chuck Tucker, Linda Tucker, Bob Weigel, Mary Beth Weigel, Jim Whipple, Bette Ann Wright

Additional Prayer List

Persons being prayed for:

Sarah
 Carrie
 Dottie
 Janet
 Michele, Tracy
 Briana, Wettona, Tony, Ezra, Vic, Jackie, Joe
 Geri
 Lois, Willa
 Edward
 Matthew, Heather, India, Joann, Jim
 Larry, Lois
 Gary, Patrick
 Jeanette, Phyllis, Leslie, Bob
 Donna
 Pat, Janet
 Angelina
 Cameron
 Donna, MaryPat, Linda
 Karen, Larry, Jenny, Eric, Cristy, Dorothy
 Romaine, Donna, Diedre & family, Terry, Sonya
 Donna
 Angie
 Payton and her family
 Mike, Meghan, Marie, Ellen, Jim
 JoAnn, Edgar, Mary Lou, Natalia
 Linda, Kathryn (Kelly's mother)
 Bill
 Rachel
 Lois, Maryann, Lorie, David, Ron, Katie, Rosa, Beth
 Patty, Jim, Ron, David, Maria
 Jennifer, Terry
 Dave, Kate, Evie, Caroline, Rhonda
 Gail, Phil, Steven, Joe, Paul
 Larry
 Jeanne, Danny
 Adam, Don
 Patti, Collette, Dan, Bob
 Matthew, Roger, Lynn
 David, David
 Dominic, Pam, Eily, Noelle, Bob, Dave, Dan & Family,
 Ken, Marie, Tom, Wally, Linda, Maria, Paul, Sally
 June
 Vickie
 Mark
 Max, Foster
 Debbie, Rob, Grace Elizabeth, Marion

Requested by:

Rachel Andrews
 Krystn Aversa
 Anne & Pete Baird
 The Barnett Family
 The Bennett Family
 Gloria Brown
 Christine Carline
 Janet Craft
 Sandy Curtis
 Carolyn Darling
 Chris Davis, Lonnie Shelton
 Ann Davis
 Cheryl Donigan
 Ellen Ehrlich
 Mary Fairman & Sue Brown
 Allyson Frank
 The Gilbertsons
 Diana Graor
 Melanie Hill
 Jeffernell Howcott
 Ann Johnson
 Patty Johnston
 Pete Kelly
 Barbara Killinger
 Kathy Kustowski
 Kelly Mankin & Michael Tonda
 Barbara & Chris Moran
 Lynne Lambert
 Maryann LeComb & Kathy Stricker
 Mapley Extended Family
 Lee Ann & Tim Morgan
 Mary Ann Morrow
 Bob & Trudy Nagaj
 Annie Ruggirello
 Scout Osborn & Kris Sprague
 Jeff & Nancy Sever
 Joey Spano
 Bob Stevens
 Elizabeth Swanchara

 The Sykes Family
 Barbara Thornton
 Chuck & Linda Tucker
 Bob Walsh
 Jan Warren
 Tamra Zakar

TEN REASONS TO JOIN

St. John's Choir

A COUNTDOWN



You are welcome to join the
St. John's Choir

Choir meets on Thursday evenings at
7:30pm, beginning September 9.

They sing on Sunday mornings at the
10:15am service beginning
Sunday, September 12.

Contact Music Director, Steve McGhee,
with questions at steven@operamodo.com

10. Make Music!

A lot of people join a choir because they love music, they love to sing, they like to be musically challenged, they enjoy making music with others. You may have wanted to join a choir in the past but feel more compelled to do so now! St. John's is a welcoming, non-judgmental, inclusive choir – we're rebuilding after a year on hiatus. We sing a diverse range of music.



9. Adding Beauty to the World

When you sing, you are using every part
of your self –
your body, your mind, your spirit
– with others to make something
beautiful and creative.
You are literally adding beauty
to the world.



**Stayed tuned each
week for more.**



FAMILY FUN!



Saturday, September 18

**Meet in the Cedar Point parking lot at 10:30am
so we can all enter together when they open at 11am.**

We don't have to all stay together the whole day, (you can if you want)
but we will make plans to meet up for dinner somewhere in the park.

Join us - all are welcome!!

Discounted tickets can be purchased at Meijer.



We would love to receive:

- All clothing – in very good condition, folded, clean and ready to put on racks and shelves
- Accessories such as belts, purses, scarves, totes, luggage
- Jewelry
- Small household items including dishes, glassware, vases; small appliances, lamps (in working condition)
- Bedding, bath items, knickknacks, collectibles, picture frames, games, puzzles

We are unable to accept:

- Large furniture
- Paper media such as books or magazines
- Electronics - including cell phones, tablets, computers, TVs, monitors, DVDs/LPs/CD's/VHS (or accompanying players), printers
- Toys
- Large children's items such as strollers, car seats, booster seats, cribs, bikes/bike helmets,
- Exercise equipment - including weights, skis