



**August 9th
10:50 a.m.**

**BROKEN THINGS
w/ Ed Kilbourne**



*We welcome you to this
service of worship!*

St. John's welcomes everyone. Our hearts, minds, and doors are open to people of all ages, races, nationalities, sexual orientations, gender identities, theological identities, economic status, disabilities, and sojourn on the way to recovery and wholeness.

We are a diverse community whose discipleship to Jesus Christ is demonstrated through our deep commitment to servant ministry. Welcome Home!

**Please silence all
electronic devices**

TODAY'S USHERS:

Lloyd Hearn, Mike Coop,
Charles Garrison, Herb Levy

+ Please stand as you are able.

The Entrance

WORDS OF WELCOME

OPENING

Edward Elgar

“Nimrod” from Enigma Variations

+ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Listen! The story of God is unfolding...
Women: It is the story of Abraham and Sarah, of Moses and the Exodus.
Men: It is the story of prophets and the kings.
Leader: It is the story of Jesus and his followers.
Women: A story of sadness and hope, joy and pain.
Men: Of courage and redemption, faith and doubt.
Leader: It is my story.
Women: It is my story.
Men: It is my story.
All: This is our story. This is God's story.
Leader: Listen! The story of God is unfolding...

+ CELEBRATING IN SONG: UMH No. 156

HANKEY

“I Love to Tell the Story”

John 8: 1-11

Jesus went across to Mount Olives, but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them. The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, "Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. The Bible clearly says, in Leviticus, that we are to stone such persons. What do you say?" They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dirt. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, "The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone." Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dirt.

Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her. "Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?"

"No one, Master."

"Neither do I," said Jesus. "Go on your way. And from now on, don't sin."

+ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers. As the church, we are the salt of the earth.

We are the light of the world.

We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed.

We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness dwells.

As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death.

God conquers all. As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience, God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.

We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation—servants of God who wish to bring about justice and true peace among people.

+ GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.*

+ THE PEACE

Proclamation and Response

SHARING JOYS, AND CONCERNS

CENTERING HYMN UMH 399

MESSIAH

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory forever.
Amen**

The Story is Told

+ **THE HOLY GOSPEL — John 8: 1-11**

HOMILY

Ed Kilbourne

“Broken Things”

Love by Any Other Name

SHARING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

Dale Wood

“In the Garden”

+ **Doxology**

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God the source of all our gifts.
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts.
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

+ **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal Creator, you have been good to us: all we have and are is the gift of your love. You have surrounded us with your light and your love, with beauty and friendships. You have placed hope in our hearts. Keep us pure in our motives and free of prejudice as we continue to interpret and respond to our world. May our thoughts and actions be those with which you will be pleased and which you can bless; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending Forth

+ **LIFE OF THE CHURCH: PARISH NOTICES**

+ **CLOSING IN SONG**

Ed Kilbourne

+ **BENEDICTION**

+ **SENDING FORTH**

Jeremiah Clarke

“Trumpet Tune”

After the service, visitors are invited to bring their GET CONNECTED CARDS to a member of the ministry staff so that we may come to know one another. Alternatively, visitors may place their GET CONNECTED CARDS in the offering plate



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The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

FROM THE CORNER

August 9, 2015

Afternoon Concert with Ed Kilbourne

Ed will perform in the sanctuary at 3pm *this afternoon*.
 Enjoy lunch and return to the sanctuary for

- ENCHANTING MUSIC
- HEARTWARMING LAUGHTER
- INSIGHTFUL MONOLOGUES



Our nursery will be available for families during the concert.

School Supply Drive for Bruce Elementary School

Share some neighborly love for the kids starting their school year at Bruce Elementary. Take advantage of back-to-school sales or look through your home office supplies. Place school supplies in the box beside the food pantry door.

United Methodist Women Summer Social

Celebrate the season! Our Summer Social is a salad potluck! Enjoy great conversation, guaranteed laughs, and delicious salads of all sorts! Join us at the home of Rae-Anne Pitts on Monday, *August 17* at 6pm.

Young Adult Fellowship Opportunities

Head to AutoZone park to watch the Redbirds game with friends on Sunday, *August 16* at 6pm. Tickets are \$12 each. RSVP to Zach Ferguson by Tuesday, August 11 at zferguson@stjohnsmidtown.org.

Community Breakfast

This summer's final community breakfast will take place before worship service on Sunday, *August 30* in the Narthex. Get your morning off to a great start at St. John's!

Chancel Choir Resumes

We want you with us! The choir at St. John's needs new or returning singers to be a part of this dynamic group! This year is not all about rehearsals and worship. It's also about community and family. Come join in!

- *August 30*— Choir Rehearsals Resume
Choir Room (12:00pm)
- *September 13*— Choir in Worship
Warm-up (10:15am)

End-of-Summer Cookout at St. John's

The Young Adults are hosting a fun, flavorful, and family-friendly cookout on *August 30* from 5-7pm! The group is providing burgers, veggie burgers, and all accompaniments. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Kids can look forward to water games, and all can look forward to a great time!

Upcoming Ministry Team Meeting

Ministry teams will meet on Wednesday, *September 2* at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner will be provided to fuel energetic and constructive conversation. If you are a team member, we'll see you then!

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| Care Team | Evangelism Team |
| Worship Team | Communications Team |
| Recovery Team | Youth & Young Adult Team |
| Formation Team | Children's Ministry Team |
| Missions Team | Community Garden Team |

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For further staff information and contacts visit:
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THE WAY
 a service of recovery

This Friday at 6:00 p.m.
 John Kilzer leads us with Heather Trussell, Sam Shoup, Jim Duckworth, and Doug McMinn.

Get Connected Online

- St. John's United Methodist Church - Midtown Memphis
- @stjohnsmidtown

FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

- Monday— Mary Ann Sandidge
- Wednesday— Jaime Winton
- Friday— Sara Holmes