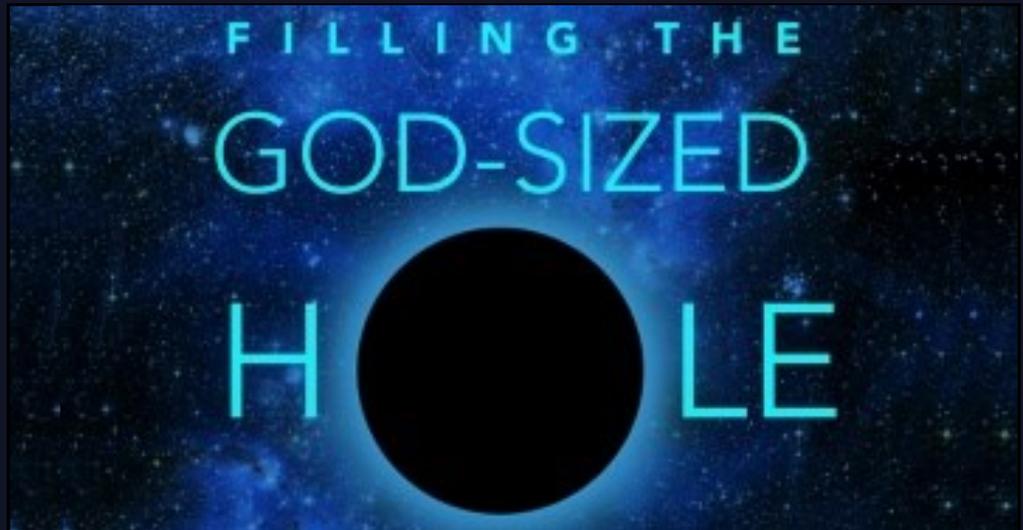




**August 16th  
10:50 a.m.**

**STEP 10**

**IS THIS OVERKILL?**



*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:**

Don Tyson, Bill Denton,  
John Buxton, Carla Shirley,  
Bob Miller, Walter Day

+ Please stand as you are able.

## The Entrance

### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### OPENING

“Andante from Sonata VI”

Felix Mendelssohn

#### + PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### + CELEBRATING IN SONG: UMH No. 77

“How Great Thou Art”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

#### + CALL TO CONFESSION

As we come to the table today,  
Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weaknesses,  
since in every respect he was tempted as we are.  
Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace,  
that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#### + PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God,  
we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong.  
We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you.  
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,  
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Serenity Prayer

**God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.**

**Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next.  
Amen.**

This morning's quote is taken from page 85 of Richard Rohr's *Breathing Under Water: Spirituality and the Twelve Steps.*

Steps and Scriptures

- 1) We admitted we were powerless ...that our lives had become unmanageable.
- 2) Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity.
- 3) Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood God.
- 4) Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
- 5) Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
- 6) Were entirely ready to have God remove all of these defects of character.
- 7) Humbly asked God to remove our shortcomings.
- 8) Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.
- 9) Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
- 10) Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it.

**+ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.  
Amen.**

**+ THE PEACE**

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.  
The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**SHARING JOYS, AND CONCERNS**

**Proclamation and Response**

**CENTERING HYMN UMH No. 393**

LIVING GOD

“Sprit of the Living God”

**SILENT PRAYERS**

**SERENITY PRAYER**

**BREATHING UNDER WATER**

“Consciousness is the subtle and all-embracing mystery within and between Everything. It is like the air we breathe, take for granted, and do not appreciate. Consciousness is not the seeing but *that which sees me seeing*. It is not the observer but *that which underlies and observes me observing*. You must step back from your compulsiveness, and your attachment to yourself, to be truly conscious. Consciousness cannot be “just me” because it can watch “me” from a distance. Author and psychologist Ken Wilber describes it beautifully as “the simple feeling of Being” underneath all of our perceptions, and yet so simple and subtle and always there that it is hard to “feel.” Consciousness is as hard to describe as *soul* is hard to describe. Maybe because they are the same thing?”

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

“By An’ By”  
Mary McDonald, Soloist

**STEPS AND SCRIPTURES**

**HOMILY**

Rev’d Scott Morris

“Step Ten: Serenity, Courage, and Wisdom”

“But who can detect his own failings?  
Who can expose his own hidden faults?”

~ Psalm 19:12

“Even pagans who never heard of the law,  
can be said to ‘be’ the law; it is engraved  
on their hearts. They can call forth this  
witness, their own inner mental dialogue  
of accusation and defense.”

~ Romans 2:14-15

“Then Jesus said to him a third time,  
‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’  
Peter was upset that he asked him a third  
time, and said, ‘Lord, you know  
everything, you know that I love you.’”

~ John 21:17

Today’s communion offering goes to  
support Bruce Elementary School and  
Workers Interfaith Network.

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.**

A gluten free option is available for  
request on the intinction side.

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.

## Love by Any Other Name

### SHARING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

Johann Sebastian Bach

“Air”

#### + 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!*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: UMH No. 13

#### THE LORD’S PRAYER

#### BREAKING THE BREAD AND SHARING THE CUP

#### PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery, in which you have given  
yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world, in the strength of your  
Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Sending Forth

#### + CLOSING HYMN UMH No. 383

BEGINNINGS

“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

vs. 1-4

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

#### + BENEDICTION

#### + SENDING FORTH

Andre Campra

“Rigaudon”  
Betsy Carter, Trumpet



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The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

# FROM THE CORNER

**August 16, 2015**

### 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! RSVP via our St. John's FaceBook page where you'll find the End-of-Summer Cookout event.

### Little Artisan Sale & Streetdog Foundation

Before or after worship, greet Tilly Aston, our furry guest of the day! She is brought to us by Erica Lindsey, a Streetdog Representative. The Streetdog Foundation rescues, rehabilitates, and re-homes stray and abandoned dogs in Memphis.

Also, our St. John's children have been creating treasures that you'll want to take home with you on Sunday, *August 30!* Proceeds from this year's sales will support the Streetdog Foundation, so be prepared to shop before or after worship in the Hospitality Room. You will pick up cool art and craft items and will support sweet and cute canine friends at the same time.

You will also find Erica at our Little Artisans Sale. Be sure to browse the merchandise at the Streetdog table!

### 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!

On Sunday, *August 30* choir rehearsals will resume in the choir room at 12pm.

Look forward to Sunday, *September 13* when the choir is back in worship; choir warm-up is at 10:15am.

### WORSHIP & MINISTRY STAFF

<b>Rev'd Johnny Jeffords</b>	<i>Senior Minister</i>
<b>Rev'd Renee Dillard</b>	<i>Discipleship Ministries</i>
<b>Rev'd G. Scott Morris</b>	<i>Associate Minister</i>
<b>Rev'd John Kilzer</b>	<i>Recovery Ministries</i>
<b>Matthew Bogart</b>	<i>Music/Worship Ministries</i>
<b>Scott Elsholz</b>	<i>Organist</i>
<b>Zachary Ferguson</b>	<i>Youth/Young Adult Ministries</i>
<b>Lyn Stewart</b>	<i>Church Admin./Finance</i>
<b>Emma Martin</b>	<i>Office Manager</i>
<b>Kristen Berning</b>	<i>Office Asst./Communications</i>
<b>Bill Dozier</b>	<i>Building &amp; Maintenance</i>
<b>Robert Phillips</b>	<i>Weekend Custodian</i>

For further staff information and contacts visit:  
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### 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.

### 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    |

### 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!

### WIN Picnic Tickets

Workers Interfaith Network will be holding its Faith and Labor Picnic on Labor Day, *September 7* from 11am - 2pm. See Rebekah Gienapp for tickets to this fun, family-friendly event filled with food, music, and kids' activities. Proceeds from the picnic will help WIN uphold the rights of workers facing wage theft and unsafe working conditions.

### Feast for Friends 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dinner

On Monday, *August 17* in the Fellowship Hall, Feast for Friends is hosting a celebratory dinner! The menu looks delicious and includes anniversary cake for dessert. Doors open at 5pm, and serving begins at 6pm.



THE WAY  
 a service of recovery

**This Friday at 6pm**  
 John Kilzer leads us with  
 Dave Smith, Jim Spake,  
 Joe Restivo, and Tom Lonardo.

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### FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

**Monday**– Mary Ann Sandidge  
**Wednesday**– Jaime Winton  
**Friday**– Missy Williams