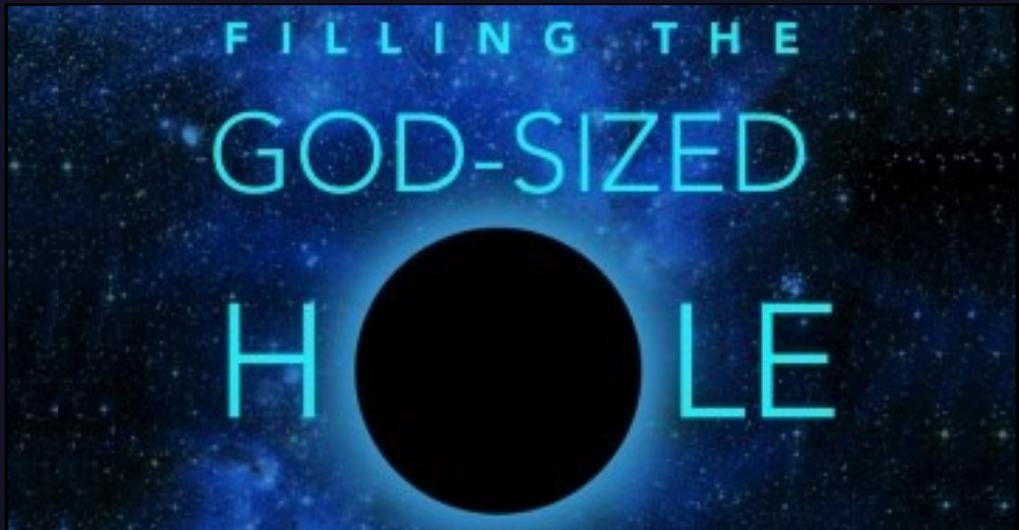




**August 30  
10:50 a.m.**

**STEP 12**

**What Comes Around  
Must Go Around**



*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

“Jesus on the Mainline”  
The Way Band

Ry Cooder

#### + PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### + CELEBRATING IN SONG: UMH No. 370

“Victory in Jesus”

HARTFORD

#### + INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Christ invites us all to this table.

As a sign of that invitation, we welcome one another, just as we are.

We recognize our desire to love God with all we are and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We also come with the knowledge that we are not right, as individuals and as a community. The good news is that no matter how we come, Christ is waiting for us.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and before one another.

#### + CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lord, we confess to you,

**we have failed to avoid doing harm to others and your creation...** (silence)

**we have failed to do all the good we could as stewards of your love...** (silence)

**we have failed to make use of all the means of grace you offer us...** (silence)

Hear the Good News:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**Glory to God. Amen**

This morning's quotation is from  
page 107 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.
- 11) Sought through prayer and meditation  
to improve our conscious contact with God,  
as we understood God, praying only for  
knowledge of God's will for us and the  
power to carry that out.
- 12) Having had a spiritual awakening as a  
result of these steps, we tried to carry this  
message to alcoholics, and to practice these  
principles in all our affairs.

## + THE PEACE

## SHARING JOYS, AND CONCERNS

# Proclamation and Response

## CENTERING HYMN UMH No. 389

FREELY, FREELY

“Freely, Freely”

## SILENT PRAYERS

## 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.

## BREATHING UNDER WATER

“Why can't we all be that honest—and therefore truly helpful? Well, Step 12 found a way to expose and transform that pathological adolescence by telling us early on that we must serve others. It is not an option, not something we might eventually be ‘called’ to after thirty-five religious retreats and fifty years of church services; it is not something we do when we get our act together. No, we do not truly comprehend any spiritual thing until we ourselves give it away. Spiritual gifts increase only by ‘using’ them, whereas material gifts normally decrease by usage.”

## MUSICAL OFFERING

Carlton Young

“Be Thou My Vision”  
Summer Choir

## STEPS AND SCRIPTURES

## HOMILY

Rev'd John Kilzer

“Awake to your Awakening”

# Love by Any Other Name

“You have cured me and given me life,  
my suffering has turned to health.  
It is you who have kept my soul  
from the pit of nothingness, you have  
thrust all my sins behind your back!  
The living, the living are the ones who  
praise you, as I do today.”  
~ *Isaiah 38:16-17, 19*

## SHARING GOD’S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

#### + DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*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!*

“What we have heard and known for  
ourselves must not be withheld from our  
descendants, but be handed on by us  
to the next generation.”  
~ *Psalms 78: 3-4*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: UMH No. 13

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

“Simon, Simon, you must be sifted like  
wheat, and once you have recovered,  
you in your turn must strengthen  
your brothers.”  
~ *Luke 22: 31-32*

**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**

“What was given to you freely, you  
must give away freely.”  
~ *Matthew 10:8*

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

### 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.**

The Lord’s Prayer

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## Sending Forth

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request on the intinction side.

#### + CLOSING HYMN TFWS No. 2282

I’LL FLY AWAY

“I’ll Fly Away”

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

#### + BENEDICTION

#### + SENDING FORTH

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



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# FROM THE CORNER

The news of our life, growth, and discipleship

**August 30, 2015**

## Join us at St. John's today!

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

Come to our fun, flavorful, and family-friendly cookout from 5-7pm! The Young Adult 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! Park in the lower lot or on the street; the top parking lot will be set up for activities.

### Chancel Choir Resumes

Choir rehearsals will resume in the choir room at 12pm. 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. We want you with us!

### Little Artisan Sale

Our St. John's children have been creating art and craft treasures that you will want to take home with you! Proceeds from this year's sale will support the Streetdog Foundation's mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home stray and abandoned dogs in Memphis. If you didn't get a chance to shop before worship, head to the Hospitality Room after!

### 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.

### 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 Administrator/Finance</i>
<b>Emma Martin</b>	<i>Office Manager</i>
<b>Kristen Berning</b>	<i>Office Assistant/Communications</i>
<b>Bill Dozier</b>	<i>Building &amp; Maintenance</i>
<b>Robert Phillips</b>	<i>Custodian</i>
<b>Rose Holmes</b>	<i>Housekeeper</i>

For further staff information and contact information visit:  
[WWW.STJOHNSMIDTOWN.ORG](http://WWW.STJOHNSMIDTOWN.ORG)

### Chancel Choir Resumes

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

### 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. 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    |

### Clergy Chase 5K Run/Walk

St. John's is sponsoring the annual 5K Clergy Chase benefitting the Methodist South Diabetes Wellness & Prevention Center. You can participate in the officially timed 5K Run/Walk or in the 1 mile Fun Run/Walk. Join (or chase) Johnny and Renee on *September 5* at the Overton Park Pavilion to represent St. John's. Registration begins at 7:30am. The race begins at 9am.

### Body & Soul Group Resumes

The Body & Soul group will begin meeting on *September 9* from 5-6pm in the Hospitality Room. Discussion will revolve around Church Health Center's Model for Healthy Living, and passages from Dr. Morris' book *God, Health, and Happiness*.

### Thank you from the Bowles Family

Thank you for the warm welcome we have received from everyone in the St. John's family! We really appreciate all the love, support and kindness you've shown us. Thank you for all the practical needs of food, furniture, and other necessities. We can already tell this church is excited about serving God, and we look forward to meeting you all and joining you in God's work here in Memphis!



THE WAY  
 a service of recovery

This Friday at 6pm  
 John Kilzer leads us with  
 Sam Shoup, Paul Taylor,  
 Tom Lonardo, and  
 Gerald Stephens.

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**FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEERS**  
 Monday- Mary Ann Sandidge  
 Wednesday- Patti Smith  
 Friday- Jim Lindstrom