

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost—August 21, 2022, 9 am

SUNDAY NEWS

Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 13:10-17

Prelude: Grand Plein Jeu; Fugue; Trio

L. N. Clérambault

Opening Hymn #509 (Blue Hymnal 1982), "Spirit divine, attend our prayers"

Collect: God of the burdened and bent:

**Send your Spirit of freedom to release us
from all illnesses, habits and systems that chain us,
and so weave us together as a joyful community of love and liberation
in Jesus, our healer and our delight. Amen.**

(mlh)

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you,
Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.

Psalm 71:1-6 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
my confidence since I was young.

**6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
*my praise shall be always of you.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:7-15

Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline? If you do not have that discipline in which all children share, then you are illegitimate and not his children. Moreover, we had human parents to discipline us, and we respected them. Should we not be even more willing to be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share his holiness. Now, discipline always seems painful rather than pleasant at the time, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springs up and causes trouble, and through it many become defiled.

Gospel Hymn #773 (Green Hymnal WLP) "Heal me, hands of Jesus"

The Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the Sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

Offertory Hymn #805 (Green Hymnal WLP), "I want Jesus to walk with me"

Communion Music

Récit en Dialogue

Clérambault

Final Hymn #304 (1982 Hymnal), "I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Postlude

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux

Clérambault

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Saint John's Church NEWS AND NOTES: Aug. 21, 2022

Zoom Coffee Hour, aka "Reliable Joy" Sunday at 12:30 pm. Meeting ID: 873 3272 1412 Passcode: 01930 Dial by location: 1 646 558 8656

Worship planning for fall! Would you like to learn about creating worship and help plan worship for fall?

- ✧ **TODAY, August 21st after coffee hour**, we will walk through the elements of worship (readings, prayers, music, flowers, art, movement) and come up with a theme or focus for fall worship
- ✧ **Saturday, August 27**, we will meet at 9 am to flesh out music and other ideas. Plan to spend 2-3 hours.

Vestry this Tuesday (August 23) at 7: We will gather in person in the parish hall at 7. Bring your favorite beverage or snack to share!

Visioning Task Force Meeting Next Sunday (August 28) after Worship: Gather in the Thompson Room after coffee hour. We will be talking about "places that encourage imagination" and our next assignment.

Choir Gathering, Thursday, Sept 8: It's almost Fall! We hope to have choir involvement starting in September, even though our music director will not be coming for several months. Any people interested in singing with the choir are invited to show up to the Thompson Room on Sept 8 at 7 pm. We'll talk about music options and socializing/prayer/worship options for the Fall.

Cape Ann Arts Alive this Week: St. John's will once again be hosting the CAAA for children aged 6-13 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday this week from 8:30-12:30. We're glad they're here!

Stewardship Webinar, Sept 21: Want to help the church pledge drive this year? Sign up for "Shape Up Your Stewardship! Best Practices for 2022 Campaigns" on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. via Zoom from the Diocese along with TENS to provide training on the challenges and opportunities of raising money for ministry in 2022. Register for this free, virtual event [here](#) and let the wardens, Sue Lupo or Lise know!

Regal Rummage Children's School Clothing: Starting Wednesday, August 17th special tables of Children's School Clothing will be on sale. Please let people know! We can always use more donations of children's clothing, shoes and outer wear for fall and winter.

The Interfaith Climate Justice Retreat, Sept 28: Entitled "Befriending Earth, Befriending Each Other," the creation retreat will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 28th from 10-5 at the Eastern Point Retreat House. For more information, see the flyer in the fyi. Cost is \$60 and includes lunch. Pastor Lise will help facilitate.

Regal Rummage and Thrift Stop: Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 to 2. Volunteers welcome. Your gently used but no longer needed clothes, household items, craft supplies and furniture can find a new home by donation!

Please Pray for the Search! We invite all members to engage in prayer for the search process. If you would like to be part of a dedicated praying team, please speak to Katharine Newhouse.

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Participating in the Liturgy	The People of God gathered in St. John's Church
Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Lise Hildebrandt, Interim Priest
Lector	Kim Prentice
LEM	Claudette Chmura
Acolyte	Karen Kasper
Usher	Hunter Ward
Musicians	The Congregation, Eileen Hunt, Organist
Altar Guild	Karen Kasper and Melanie Murray-Brown
Flower Guild	Rosemary Sullivan

Action Shelter Sandwiches were provided by Gwen Kopka and Mary Jane Sawyer this weekend.

The sanctuary lamp burns this week as a birthday remembrance of Adele Q. Ervin given by Catherine McGeary and Marge Bishop.

Please sign up for future dates including flower and lamp, Action Sandwiches and coffee hour. Sign ups are on the kiosk in the parish hall.

St. John's Intercession List: Debra Ketchopulos, Rita Peritore, Dawn Tesorero, Jim and Mary Drogan, the Baxter Family, Deneice Rick Kopka, Len Berry, Ellen, Ginga Graves and Patrick DeMuller, Wayne Martin, Hope Newhouse, Jackson, Bo Goldman, Nate Mook, Lily Newhouse, Ace Newhouse, Charlie Bishop, Rosemary Sullivan, Cecily Merrill, Ernie Runnells, Marjorie Fergusson, Sarah Hackett, Jack Ketchopulos, Jacqueline Vannah, Laurie Brown, the Featherstone family, DeeDee Bedford, Pat Earle, Michael Rocha, Liana and Joe Webb, Lynn Runnells, Laura, Becki Pedersen, Anne Sullivan, Linda, Malcolm Henderson, Sereda Feener, Emelia Currier, Danny, Patricia Anders, Meghan, David Arnold, Connor Macauley, Patti Kelleher, Margie Sonthemier, John Fleming.

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