



# Leap of Faith

## August 2021

*F. R. O. G.*  
Forever Relying On God



August is a time to really enjoy the hot weather! Whether you like the beach or pool, there are many ways to keep cool. I like a breeze off of the river or lake. I also enjoy some good ice cream or even cold brew coffee.

Fairs and festivals give us an opportunity to catch up with neighbors and friends and eat those special fair foods. So does a good block party or backyard barbecue.

Jesus enjoyed being with people and having table fellowship with all kinds of people including, Zacchaeus and Levi, both first century tax collectors whose stories are recorded in Luke 19, and 5, respectively. The people around them grumbled that Jesus chose to go to their homes instead of those of the prominent, religious people. Jesus replied this way, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance".

Jason Soroski, pastor of Calvary Longmont Church in Colorado thinks that we are not unlike Levi and Zacchaeus. We often look out for ourselves and forget that we are called to care for others with the compassion of Christ.

**COME TO WORSHIP WITH US ON ZOOM!**

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here at St. John's United Church of Christ.

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The Bible records that Zacchaeus had a changed life after that meal with Jesus. Jesus was willing to see him for who he was, and inspire him to be a disciple of Christ. Jesus does the same thing for us. He comes to us, with all of our imperfections, and challenges us to begin to look out for others instead of just ourselves. When we partner with Jesus, He can use us and our gifts and talents to bring others into the Kingdom of God.

Amen Pastor Laura

## PLEASE COME JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Connecting to a community of believers is vital in your Christian walk. We all need Christian Fellowship to build us up and to hold us up. If you can't join us in person or on Zoom, watch our recorded service on our website or Facebook page.

**CONSISTORY MEETING**  
Wednesday, August 4<sup>TH</sup> at  
6:00 pm on Zoom. If you would  
like to join please contact  
Courtney Papa.

*Congratulations Courtney and Jerry!*



### **AUGUST WORSHIP LEADERS**

- AUGUST 01** Laura Doty, Pastor  
Liturgist – Mary Ellen Harris
- 08** Laura Doty, Pastor  
Liturgist – Kayden Harris
- 15** Jamelle Godlewski Guest Speaker  
Liturgist – Kelly Harris
- 22** Laura Doty, Pastor  
Liturgist – Courtney Papa-Abell
- 29** Jamell Godlewski, Guest Speaker  
Liturgist – George Adamson

*Thank you to everyone for helping out!*

### **Attention**

- We were all happy to have Pastor Laura Doty and Courtney Papa- Abel, President, be in person at Eastlake Terrace for the July 11 worship service. For now, only two are allowed in, but the rest of us can join in with Zoom. We are hopeful that more members will be able to join in person soon.
- You can go to our website [www.stjohnsucelkhart.com](http://www.stjohnsucelkhart.com) click on Worship at the top of the page. Then you should see Worship Service.

### CONSISTORY MEMBERS

Courtney Papa (Pres)      Jean Quillin  
Mary Ellen Harris (VP)      Edward Quillin  
George Adamson (Treas)      Dennis Harris  
Kelly Harris (Sec)  
Wayne Knudson

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# BIBLE QUIZ

Bible quiz is from <https://www.christianbiblereference.org/biblequizzes.html>

**1) Which of these did Jesus compare the earthly nature of the Kingdom to?**

- A field of wheat and weeds.
- A basket of loaves and fishes.
- A field of rocks and diamonds.
- A field of corn and barley.

**2) Which of these did Jesus NOT compare the Kingdom to?**

- Seed sowed along a path
- A fig tree
- A mustard seed
- Yeast

**3) True or false? Jesus taught that only those who are humble, like a child, will enter the Kingdom.**

- True
- False

**4) True or False? Jesus said we must be born again of water and the Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God.**

- True
- False

**5) True or false? Jesus said we must obey God's commandments to be admitted to the Kingdom.**

- True
- False

**6) True or false? Jesus taught the Kingdom of God is located within those who belong to it**

- True
- False

### HOW DID YOU DO?

THE ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND ON THE NEXT PAGE.

**IT'S A NEW SCHOOL YEAR!**

Please pray for the teachers and students to have a good year and that God would bless them.

## Bible Books

A writer, a butler, a queen ---

It sounds like a silly joke, but the writer made a scene that encouraged the common folk. The butler became a builder, though he often met with frustration. The queen's husband nearly killed her, but she bravely saved her nation.

A clerk, a cup-bearer, a queen ---

It sounds like a tiny tongue twister until you see what I mean  
Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther.

Bible Fun Stuff by Randy Peterson

## BIBLE QUIZ ANSWERS

**1) Which of these did Jesus compare the earthly nature of the Kingdom to?**

The answer is: A field of wheat and weeds.

The Parable of the Weeds, Matthew 13:24-30, 38-43, Mark 4:26-29. Evil people (the weeds) will be allowed to coexist with people of the Kingdom (the wheat) until the final judgement (the harvest.) Then the good will be separated from the bad. The Parable of the Net, Matthew 13:47-50, is similar.

**2) Which of these did Jesus NOT compare the Kingdom to?**

The answer is: A fig tree

The Parable of the Sower, Matthew 13:24-30, 38-43, Mark 4:26-29. The Kingdom is like a "seed", sown by God in every man and woman. In a receptive host it will produce a fruitful harvest; in an evil person it will wither and die.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed, Matthew 13:31-32, Mark 4:30-31, Luke 13:18-19. The Kingdom is like a tiny mustard seed. In a receptive person (the field) it can grow to be large and wonderful.

The Parable of the Yeast, Matthew 13:33, Luke 13:21. The Kingdom is like a tiny amount of yeast that can grow in a person (the dough), until it has worked its way all through and changed the whole person.

**3) True or false? Jesus taught that only those who are humble, like a child, will enter the Kingdom.**

The answer is: True

[Luke 18:15-17](#), [Matthew 18:3-5](#).

**4) True or False? Jesus said we must be born again of water and the Spirit to enter the Kingdom of God.**

The answer is: True.

John 3:3-8. The old worldly and sinful inner self must die and be replaced with a new spiritual inner self. "Water and the Spirit" may be an allusion to baptism.

**5) True or false? Jesus said we must obey God's commandments to be admitted to the Kingdom.**

The answer is: True

[Matthew 7:21-23](#). It is not sufficient to merely acknowledge Jesus as Lord.

**6) True or false? Jesus taught the Kingdom of God is located within those who belong to it**

The answer is: True

[Luke 17:20-21](#). The earthly manifestation of the Kingdom is within those people who belong.

Season after Pentecost Year B	First* reading and Psalm	Alternate* First reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
<b>Proper 13 (18)</b> Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 1, 2021 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 51:1-12</a>	<a href="#">Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 78:23-29</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 4:1-16</a>	<a href="#">John 6:24-35</a>
<b>Proper 14 (19)</b> Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 8, 2021 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 130</a>	<a href="#">1 Kings 19:4-8</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 34:1-8</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 4:25-5:2</a>	<a href="#">John 6:35, 41-51</a>
<b>Proper 15 (20)</b> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 15, 2021 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 111</a>	<a href="#">Proverbs 9:1-6</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 34:9-14</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 5:15-20</a>	<a href="#">John 6:51-58</a>
<b>Proper 16 (21)</b> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 22, 2021 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 84</a>	<a href="#">Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 34:15-22</a>	<a href="#">Ephesians 6:10-20</a>	<a href="#">John 6:56-69</a>
<b>Proper 17 (21)</b> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 29, 2021 <a href="#">ART</a> -- <a href="#">PRAYER</a>	<a href="#">Song of Solomon 2:8-13</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9</a>	<a href="#">Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9</a>  <a href="#">Psalm 15</a>	<a href="#">James 1:17-27</a>	<a href="#">Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</a>



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