JUDSON
MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Bring your Hopes. Bring your Doubts. Feed your Soul.

September 1, 2024, 9:30 am

Welcome to Judson Memorial Baptist Church. This Sunday, Scott and Jane Ulring will be our special music. There will be various readings offered and communion. Hope to see you there in person or online. A note to all - the code for the arcade door has been changed. Contact the office for information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL NEWS. The sermon series (seven of them) will center on Mike Graves' book **Jesus' Vision for Your One Wild and Precious Life (on things like Poverty, Hunger, Polarization, Inclusion, and More)**. There are copies available in the library for $20. But right now, I need someone to help coordinate/organize small discussion groups about this book.

Baptisms will take place at Judson on September 8th during worship. If you are considering baptism or would like to be baptized, please let me know asap: **gtnorvell@judsonchurch.org**



Join us for Rally Sunday on September 8.
The choir returns, we'll be baptizing members,
and serving up delicious sundaes after the service in the outside arcade!

CHOIR TO STARTUP AGAIN – Do you enjoy singing? Judson Choir is looking for people to join us. No long-term commitment is required. We sing a variety of music. All ages are welcome. The music director is Dr. John De Haan, a voice teacher at the University of Minnesota. We practice on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm. Enter through the big black door on Harriet Ave. Whether you are looking to enhance your vocal abilities or simply enjoy the act of singing, the Judson Choir offers a fulfilling and enjoyable experience for all involved. Call the office if you have any questions at 612-822-0649.



Children & Youth News: This Sunday, we wrap up our August theme of **Creation Stories** with Matthew Fox's children's book ***In the Beginning There Was Joy***. As the children explore this topic, I encourage everyone in the congregation to consider: How solid is your belief system when it comes to the beginnings of life and the universe? Do you feel quite certain that intelligent design played a role, or certain that it did not, or are you somewhere in between? Ask the children what they think! My tip for sharing your beliefs with children is to say, "Different people believe different things, and I believe."

For our September theme, we will explore different understandings of **God**. I choose a story for each Sunday based on the monthly theme and look for books that represent a variety of cultures, positive character traits, mindfulness, and also encourages wonder & awe of nature and exploring questions about faith. After reading the story, Jessica asks "I wonder" questions and then does a related activity or craft. If you haven't been to the Rainbow Room lately, you might want to check it out and see all the fun creations Jessica and the kids have come up with!

Questions? Ask Carolyn at ckolovitz@judsonchurch.org.

Rock Opera About the Origins of Race!

By now, you have probably seen an ad or two calling for singers and a Music Director for a workshop of a new rock opera by Randy Baker and Doug Weatherhead. You may have run into Doug and Randy working away at the piano in the sanctuary over the past couple of months. So what's going on?

We are planning an open book Workshop of our new rock opera, "The Trial of Henry the Navigator," about the origins of racism. This is a Workshop - no staging, no choreography, just about a dozen singers lined up at music stands at the front of the sanctuary with open books, singing into microphones. We will invite special guests from the local music theater community to come and give us their feedback. We also hope to find a theater interested in working with us and even doing a fully staged production of the work on their stage. The Workshop will be open to the public, so mark your calendars now for Tuesday, October 29th!

We are so grateful to YOU, the Judson community, for all of the support you have already given us. Thank you for making the sanctuary available over the past months for Doug and Randy to record and Tuesday nights through October for rehearsals. Thank you to the Gordon Smith Judson Fund for providing funding for us to hire our Music Director, Michael English, and to pay the singers a small stipend. Thank you to the Racial Justice Team for collaborating with us to help make the workshop happen. Thank you to Coletrane Johnson for volunteering his talents as our Director. We just don't know how we could make this happen without the loving support of the Judson community.

We hope you can attend the Workshop scheduled for the evening of Tuesday, October 29th, in the Judson sanctuary. Donations at the door in excess of expenses will be donated to the Judson budget's Reparations fund. Contact Randy Baker (**randybaker612@gmail.com** or 612-655-4108)

From Wayne Urbaniak – There are two tables in the back of the sanctuary with all the handouts and summaries from the three Strategic Sessions (6-11, 7-14, and 8-11).

Save the Date – September 29, 2024 – Artists' Sunday at Judson

Celebrate the creativity of the Judson Community! Do you paint, sculpt, quilt, sew, crochet, or knit? Do you have a passion for photography, woodturning, ceramics, music, poetry, textiles, macrame, baking, or anything else? Please share your passion with the entire Judson community on Sunday, September 29th. We'll have display areas in and around the sanctuary, with highlights during the Worship Service! More information to come. Questions? Contact Keith Ford, kjff11@gmail.com or Polly Schrom, schrompolly@gmail.com.

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