

**RESURRECTION DAY**  
**SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017**  
**8:30 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL OF PRAISE

SPECIAL SONG *Alive, Alive!* Children’s Choir

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Lorri McGuire

INTROIT *Christians, Celebrate and Sing!* Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP Madeline Blackwood  
Christ is risen!

**CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**  
Soar we now where Christ has led, following our exalted Head.

**Made like him, like him we rise;**  
**Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.\***

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth!  
**For the Lord has comforted his people.**

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\*Charles Wesley, Eng., 18th C.

SONGS OF PRAISE *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

Easter people, raise your voices, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.  
Christ has brought us heaven’s choices; heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter, with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! See the power of heavenly throngs.

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* UMH 302, v. 1-4  
Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say,  
Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won,  
Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where’s thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head,  
Alleluia! Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

OPENING PRAYER Madeline Blackwood  
**Lord of Life, you gave yourself to death, and you conquered the grave. Being lifted on a cross, you draw all people to you. Being raised from the dead, you restore all we have lost through sin. We proclaim now the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. We praise you for life made new, for second chances a million times over, for love that never ends, and for grace that washes away our sins. All praise is yours, most merciful God, now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

SCRIPTURE *John 20:1-18* Ron and Susie Newton

SERMON *The Giss of Christ* Pastor Jay  
*(or How We’ll See Him When We Show Him)*

HYMN *Crown Him With Many Crowns* UMH 327  
Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON  
**God all glorious, full of mercy and life made new,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you;**  
**we oppose your will in our lives.**  
**We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,**  
**and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,**  
**the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**  
**Forgive us. Restore us. And strengthen us through**  
**our Savior Jesus Christ**  
**that we may live in your love and serve only your will.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: Christ the Lord is risen today! God sent his son,  
Jesus, into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world  
might be saved through him. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are  
forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Up From the Grave He Arose* The Praise Team

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION  
Call to the Table:  
Let us stand well. Let us stand in awe. Let us be attentive, that we may  
offer this holy offering in peace.

**Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

Communion Response Carrie Stephens / Terry Byars

\*Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Receiving:  
**Jesus, once and for all you poured out your life for us. Again and again we thank you and receive your body and blood. Send us out to pour ourselves out with such joyous abandon that your love is always known, the Spirit’s power always felt and the Almighty’s will to save never in doubt. Amen.**

HYMN *He Lives* UMH 310

I serve a risen Savior, he’s in the world today;  
I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need him, he’s always near.

REFRAIN: He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know he lives?  
He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see his loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that he is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of his appearing will come at last. REFRAIN.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving, so good and kind. REFRAIN.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
Ushers	Barbara Benton, Joyce Robinson, Lynn Cooper, Susan Johnston
Host(s)	Kathy King

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Resurrection Day, April 16**  
CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

**Monday, April 17**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

**Tuesday, April 18**  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC  
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

**Wednesday, April 19**  
4:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC  
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

**Thursday, April 20**  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC  
6:30 p.m. Church Council, FLC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, April 21**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

**Saturday, April 22**  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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- Please share with the prayer team
- Please share with Pastors only
- I desire a call
- I desire a visit

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email a prayer request to: [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

## WELCOME

If you would like someone to follow up with you please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate.

- I am just visiting today.
- I am new to the area and am looking for a church home.
- I would like more information about the United Methodist Church and St. John's.
- I am interested in Baptism or Confirmation.
- I am interested in Children's Ministries.
- I am interested in Youth Ministries.
- I am interested in College/Young Adult Ministries.
- I would like to receive email communications about church life.
- I would like a call from a pastor.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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## MONDAY CLOSINGS

St. John's office will be closed Monday, April 17, and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, April 18.

The Shepherd's Market will also be closed Monday, April 17 and will reopen on Tuesday, April 18.

## LET'S GEAX PLAY AT ST. JOHN'S!

PLEASE NOTE: We will not be having Let's Geaux Play on **Monday, April 17**. Geaux Play will resume Monday, April 24. For information contact Deirdré Halliburton.

## JOY!

George Byron Benton, V, was baptized on **Sunday, April 9**. George is the grandson of Barbara Benton. George, his parents, Beau and Jaci, and sisters, Sadie and Ronnie, were all here from Ohio.

## THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

To our wonderful St. John's family. We would like to again thank you for the many ways you showed your love and gave comfort to the Toney family with the loss of John's dad, Murray Toney. Your prayers, cards, flowers, and food were very much appreciated. You have many times been a witness to Christ's love through community. John and Pam Toney.

## HEAVENLY HASH REDUX!

Beginning **April 26** through May 31, we will be holding Wednesday night dinners, Heavenly Hash, in the FLC. All are welcome. Our first Heavenly Hash will be Wednesday, April 26 at 6 p.m. hosted by St. John's clergy and staff!!

## LAGNIAPPE UPDATE

The Lagniappe Fund continues to grow - the total to date is \$13,478.

## SEWING SEEDS OF LOVE, AGAIN

St. John's will host The Giving Quilt, a group of quilters, who will make quilts for children with Down's Syndrome. This project supports a group called UpSide-Downs.org, who deliver baskets of love and information to parents of newborn children with Down's Syndrome.

The event will be on **Saturday, April 29**, from 9:30 to 4:00 in the FLC. You are invited to come sew with us. Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. The group will provide fabric and patterns for the quilts. Lunch and door prizes will be provided. Contact Joyce Perry for more information (763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net).

## GREENSEASONS REBATE

Don't forget, if you are looking for a lawn service, GreenSeasons, St. John's landscape maintenance group, will rebate quarterly to St. John's 5% of any service you contract with them. If you are interested, contact Heather Casselberry at 733-5164 or heather@greenseasons.us.

## WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE OUR NEIGHBOR

There are still some "We're Glad You're Our Neighbor ... " yard signs left. If you would like one, please contact the church office (766-4594). The cost is \$20 - checks can be made out to St. John's UMC with Yard Sign in the memo line.

## SERMON NOTES

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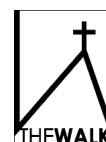
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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."  
- 2 Corinthians 5:7  
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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



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### Mission Statement

*We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.*