

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Trust in the Lord and do good.

May the Lord give strength and joy to the people!

O taste and see that the Lord is good!

God’s love is everlasting - He is our refuge and peace forever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Cry of My Heart FWS 2165

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, so I can walk in your truth.

Teach me your holy ways, O Lord, & make me wholly devoted to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow you. It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.

It is the cry of my heart to follow all of the days of my life.

Open my eyes so I can see the wonderful things that you do.

Open my heart up more & more, & make me wholly devoted to you.

Where the Spirit of the Lord Is FWS 2119

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is peace;

where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is love.

There is comfort in life’s darkest hour; there is light and life, there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.

PRAYER

God of glory and forgiveness, we trust this day in your saving love. But death is all around us, and darkness threatens the light you place within us. Help us to overcome the dread and worry of this world. Show us your justice, and share with us your power that your life and love will form the pattern of our days. Through Jesus Christ, who leads us all along the way, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

PSALTER *Psalm 23* UMH 754

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Heather Durham

SCRIPTURE *Acts 9:36-43*

SERMON *The New World Order* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Open My Eyes* UMH 454
vs 1 & 3

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have not always obeyed your call on our lives, nor have we been willing to seek and to do your perfect will. We have not love you with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength, neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. You call us to be in the need of our sisters and brothers, and we have ignored you while we go our own way.

In the pride of our hearts and our unwillingness to repent, we turned away from the cross of Christ and have grieved your Holy Spirit.*

(Silent confession.)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

(*The Wesleyan Methodist Conference, England, 20th C, alt.)

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

THE TABLE

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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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.

SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME

HYMN *Living For Jesus* FWS 2149
vs 1 & 2

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...

given by LeRoy and Joyce Clavenna and are in memory of Joyce’s parents, Louis and Amelia Engelhardt.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Dawn Staves, Jill Slicker, Belinda Dumas, Carol Gordon
Host(s)	Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 17

5:00 p.m. Youth, Admin. 207

Monday, April 18

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library
4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Youth: Faith in Art, Admin 207

Tuesday, April 19

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library
6:30 p.m. Praise Team, Choir Room

Wednesday, April 20

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside
6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 21

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, April 22

OFFICE CLOSED
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

Saturday, April 23

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, Gym-C

UMW NON-GARAGE SALE

The United Methodist Women are having their annual garage sale, only it is a Non-Garage Sale. We ask that you bring those items you would normally donate to the garage sale to Here Today, Gone Tomorrow (10240 Burbank Dr.) with a notation of #467. If you would like a supply of labels printed with the #467, you can pick some up from the church office during regular office hours.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
SILENT AUCTION, SUNDAY, MAY 15**

Please start thinking of items that you would like to donate to this annual event and bring them to the Sojourners classroom, Gym, Room B, between April 24 and May 10. Contact Beth Forester (405-9324 or bethforester@yahoo.com) if you have any questions.

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY
FRIDAY, APRIL 22 - 8:30 A.M., GYM**

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

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

“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): _____

ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL
SUNDAY, MAY 15, 4 P.M.
WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016
JUNE 13-17, 2016

Mark your calendars! **Cave Quest - Following Jesus the Light of the World** will take place June 13-17 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. Online registration is now open for kids aged 4 years through those completing fifth grade at St. John's website: www.stjohnsbr.org under Upcoming Events.

Volunteers are needed to help make this week one during which the children will learn about following Jesus - the Light of the World. Every day there will be a Bible point, a Bible story and a key Bible verse that will lead them through the darkness of the cave to the light of the world. For more information contact the church office or Lorri McGuire.

CAMP ISTROUMA SUMMER CAMPS

Camp Istrouma is a United Methodist Camp located in Greenwell Springs that offers overnight summer camps for children and youth (entering 2nd grade through 12th grade). You can find a list of camp dates and registration information at www.campistrouma.com. Discounts are available for all campers from St. John's—contact the church office for the discount code before you register. You can also contact Deacon Sarah for more information.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Teachers' Appreciation Week is May 2-6. The Seekers Sunday School Class is collecting gift cards for Teachers' Appreciation Week. If you have a gift card you haven't used, or you would like to purchase a gift card, Wildwood will use them as prizes in drawings for teachers. Please give them to Lynn in the office or to a member of the Seekers Sunday School class. If you would like to bake something for the teachers, just drop it off at the school that week. Remember to label items with your name and "St. John's Methodist".

Field Day is Thursday, May 12. Volunteers are needed to supervise a variety of student games throughout the school day. If you're able to donate some time, please contact Buffie Grayson at francesgrayson@cox.net or 978-2621.

SUPPORT AMBER OXLEY AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

Amber Oxley, who was our summer intern in 2013 and who is now a seminary student at Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas, has the amazing opportunity to serve as a Page at our United Methodist General Conference being held May 10 - 20 in Portland, Oregon. If you would like to provide support for her trip, you can make a donation by going to www.gofundme.com/x7ua92wk or you can make a donation through St. John's by writing Amber Oxley in your check's memo line.

WELCOME OUR SUMMER INTERNS: ALEX & NELSON

We are excited to announce that this summer, we will have two summer interns working with our Children's and Youth Ministries: Alex Martin and Nelson Williams. Through your generous giving, we are able to invest not only in the children and youth of St. John's, but also in these two gifted young people. Thank you for your generosity!

SERMON NOTES

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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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United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

Icon: St. Peter and Tabitha



Acts 9:40b-41a

8:30 Worship Service
April 17, 2016

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.