

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 2, 2017

11:00 A.M.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Troy James

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, God’s only Son.

Let us hold fast to our confession.

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness,

But we have a Savior who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness

That we might receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

HYMN *My Hope is Built* UMH 368

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;

all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;

all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood.

When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;

all other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!

Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!

On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand;

all other ground is sinking sand.

OPENING PRAYER Troy James

By the gift of your eternal and abundant life, Lord Jesus, you grant us hope. When we face sorrow, you hold us close. When we struggle with sin, you guide us in grace. When we overcome with loss, you fill us with your love. Lead us now, Holy Spirit of God, to step toward you, to trust in your way, and live in your love. Your life reverses the sting of death; urge us to come out of our tombs to embrace you. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Darlene Dickson

SCRIPTURE *John 11:1-45*

SERMON *The Lord of the Mourning* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Where He Leads Me* UMH 338, v. 1 & 4

I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling,

I can hear my Savior calling, “Take thy cross and follow, follow me.”

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,

where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

He will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, he will give me grace and glory, and go with me, with me all the way.

Where he leads me I will follow, where he leads me I will follow,

where he leads me I will follow; I’ll go with him, with him all the way.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: if we confess our sin, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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 *Raise Your Hands* Chancel Choir

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

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

*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 *Lord of the Dance* UMH 261, v. 1, 4, 5

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,

and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,

and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.

At Bethlehem I had my birth.

REFRAIN: Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I’ll lead you all wherever you may be, and I’ll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it’s hard to dance with the devil on your back; they buried my body and they thought I’d gone, but I am the dance and I still go on. REFRAIN.

They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that’ll never, never die; I’ll live in you if you’ll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. 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.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Ruth Patrick with special blessings to Pastor Jay and his daughter, Mariah, on their birthdays.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Brian and Danielle Blackwood, Andrew Blackwood, Madeline Blackwood

Host(s) Barbara Lively

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 2

7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room

4:00 p.m. Youth Band, Choir Room

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

5:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Family Life Center

5:00 p.m. Children’s Choir, Choir Room

5:30 p.m. Children’s Activities, Admin Building

6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

Monday, April 3

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group

10:00 a.m. Let’s Geaux Play, Toddler Nursery

2:00 p.m. VIPS Training, Parlor

3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library

3:30 p.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

5:30 p.m. Communications Team, Library

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, April 4

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Library

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 a.m. Lenten Wednesday A.M. Service, FLC

4:45 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A

6:00 p.m. Lenten Wednesday P.M. Service, FLC

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC

7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

Thursday, April 6

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd’s Market, FLC

10:30 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library

6:00 p.m. Trustees, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, April 7

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, April 8

8:00 a.m. CHURCH-WIDE WORKDAY

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Lane Piccadilly

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

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday, **April 9**, is PALM SUNDAY. We will have our regular worship services at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and Sunday school at 9:45. Our children will process with palms at both services AND the Children’s Choir will perform. Please have your children line up in the hallway of the classroom side of the Family Life Center by 8:20 for the early service and 10:50 for the 11:00 service.

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): _____

LET'S GEAUX PLAY AT ST. JOHN'S!

Calling all preschoolers and their adult playmate to come play with us on **Monday, April 3**. Parents, grandparents or caregiver are welcome to come and stay from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each Monday in April with their preschooler or infant. For more information contact Deirdré.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Ruth circle will meet **Tuesday, April 4** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Betty Sandifer will present a program about the disciple James and Mary Jones will present a program about the disciple John. All women are invited to attend.

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

We'd love to see you on **Saturday, April 8** around 8:30 a.m. at the Piccadilly on Essen Lane. Join us for a Dutch treat buffet breakfast (you can order from the grill, also). Invite your friends!

EGGSTRAVAGANZA SUNDAY, APRIL 9 AT 3 P.M.

YES! The Eggstravaganza is coming! Bring your family, invite your friends. In addition to the Easter bunny (!) and an Easter egg hunt (!), we will have bouncy houses, face painting, snacks, AND a puppet show. Join us for a bouncing good time.

EASTER LILIES

Our annual tradition of having Easter lilies in worship on Easter Sunday continues. If you would like to have a lily on the altar in honor of someone or in memory of someone, please fill out the enclosed order form. You may place it in the offering plate or return it to the office.

HEAVENLY HASH REDUX!

Your kind consideration about a renewed venture, Heavenly Hash, is requested. Beginning **April 26** through **May 31**, we will be holding Wednesday night dinners in the Family Life Center. All are welcome.

This Heavenly Hash Redux will be a little different from the previous H.H. as we are looking for individuals or any group (Sunday school class?) who might be interested in cooking for us on one Wednesday in May; we plan to cook for 50. We will take up a love offering hoping most expenses for cooking the meal would be covered.

Jim and Laurel Roberts have agreed to coordinate the sign-up (933-0457, roberts.jpt@gmail.com). If you have any questions, contact Deirdré.

EASTER WEEK SERVICES

Holy Wednesday, April 12: We will conclude our Lenten Wednesday morning worship and communion service at 7 a.m. Join us in the Family Life Center at 6 p.m. for Communion and a service of healing when we will commemorate the healing touch of Christ by the anointing with oil. Please come and worship with our St. John's family.

Maundy Thursday, April 13: Come and celebrate in two beautiful expressions of Christ's love for his disciples: The Lord's Supper and the washing of feet. For some of us, the ceremony of foot-washing is not as familiar and may be uncomfortable; yet Jesus invites all to experience his grace in such a humbling way. We look forward to sharing the compassion of Jesus together. We invite you to be with us at 6 p.m. in the FLC. The foot-washing ceremony will also be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. during The Shepherd's Market.

Good Friday, April 14: *The Final Hours* presented by St. John's Chancel Choir, 6 p.m. in the FLC.

Easter Sunday, April 16: We will celebrate the risen Christ at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. Children will process with flowers at both services. Sunday school will be at 9:45.

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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Russian Icon - The Raising of Lazarus



John 11:43-44

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11 a.m. Worship Service

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.