

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2017
8:30 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Barbara Benton
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.

SONGS OF PRAISE

Father, We Praise Thee UMH 68o, v. 1 & 3
Father, we praise thee, now the night is over;
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;
singing, we offer prayer and meditation; thus we adore thee.

All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,
Trinity blessed, send us thy salvation;
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding through all creation.

This is the Day UMH 657
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made,
that the Lord hath made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

OPENING PRAYER Barbara Benton
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 are 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 7o

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Darlene Dickson

SCRIPTURE *John 11:1-45*

SERMON *The Lord of the Mourning* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Take My Life, and Let It Be* UMH 399
Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

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 *In the Garden*

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 *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369
Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit,
washed in his blood.

REFRAIN: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. REFRAIN.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. 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	Beth Forester, Carol Gordon, Mike and Sally Allen
Host(s)	Kathy King

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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John 11:43-44

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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.