

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Sandifer
 Christ is risen!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!
 Hear the words of Jesus Christ - his promise of comfort and peace:
**Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
 And I will give you rest.***

The Lord says: Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*

Let us worship the Lord and keep His commandments.
 (*Matthew 11:27 & Psalm 46:10)

SONGS OF PRAISE

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise FWS 2031
 We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
 We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.
 And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
 and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

He Is Exalted FWS 2070
 He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.
 He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!
 He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
 heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.
 He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

OPENING PRAYER Jim Sandifer
**New every morning is your love, great God of light.
 You grant us the gift of good work, and hold open to us the
 promise of rest.
 All day long you are working for good in the world.
 Stir up in us the desire to serve you,
 to live peacefully with our neighbors,
 and to devote each day to your Son,
 our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.***
 (*adapted from Prayer of Thanksgiving, UMH 877)

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Deirdré Halliburton

SCRIPTURE *Exodus 20:8-11, Exodus 16:13-30*

SERMON *Shabat Shalom* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Take Time to Be Holy* UMH 395
 Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord;
 abide in him always, and feed on his word.
 Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
 forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
 spend much time in secret with Jesus alone.
 By looking to Jesus, like him thou shalt be;
 thy friends in thy conduct his likeness shall see.

Take time to be holy, let him be thy guide,
 and run not before him, whatever betide.
 In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
 and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
 each thought and each motive beneath his control.
 Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
 thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
 Lord, we confess our fractures and our failings,
 our sins against you and others.

Lord, we confess to you.
 Lord, we confess that we often fail to love you and to love our
 neighbors, because we are self-centered and afraid of risking ourselves.

Lord, we confess to you.
 Lord, we fail to keep your commands and we often break the promise
 of your Sabbath rest by our self-importance of working more and
 trusting less.

Lord, we confess to you.
 Lord, we build walls of prejudice and stifle your generosity.
**Lord, we confess to you; please forgive our sin and lead us to turn
 back to you.**
 Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us heed your promise of forgiveness.
 Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins
 and cleanse us form 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

MINISTRY MOMENT: The Walk Campaign Danielle Blackwood

OFFERTORY *Lord, I Need You*

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
 Communion Responses FWS 2257b, c, & d

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 *May You Run and Not Be Weary* FWS 2281
 May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song.
 And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you
 strong. And may you run and not be weary.
 May your life be filled with joy!
 And may the road you travel always lead you home.

BLESSING
 Let there be joy!
Let there be peace!
 Let there be light!
Let there be sabbath! May God bless us with sabbath holiness!

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	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
Host(s)	Bobbi Marino

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 23
 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Bldg.

Monday, April 24
 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, Toddler Nursery
 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
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, April 25
 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 26
 4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
 6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, 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 27
 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, April 28
 OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A
 6:00 p.m. Happening Steering Committee, Library

Saturday, April 29
 9:00 a.m. Sewing Smiles, FLC
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**IT'S GETTING CLOSE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS
 CONSECRATION DAYS - MAY 20 AND 21!**

**Keep Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 in your calendar for
 2 days of consecration and fellowship events as we re-enter the
 sanctuary!**

On **Saturday, May 20** at 6 p.m. we will hold our first service back
 in the sanctuary - a Service of Consecration. And on **Sunday, May
 21** we will hold our first regular 8:30 and 11:00 worship services in the
 sanctuary. At noon we will continue the celebration with "lunch on the
 grounds" which will include various activities of prayer-groups and the
 dedication of new structures (the Burch Bell Tower and narthex) as well
 as renovated areas in the sanctuary.

Look for further news and information in church communications.

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!

Let's Geaux Play resumes on **Monday, April 24**. For more information contact Deirdre Halliburton.

THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S

After four months of ill health that included knee surgery, two broken vertebrae, back pain, and viral fever and ear infection causing loss of hearing, I am, at last, well again. I thank God for my dear St. John's family for your prayers, visits, food, and flowers. Without your support, I would not be where I am today. Thank you, much love, Saroj

HEAVENLY HASH REDUX! WEDNESDAY APRIL 26, 6 P.M. FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Don't forget to meet us in the FLC on Wednesday at 6 p.m. for a great meal and fellowship. We will be taking up a Love Offering to help the cooks defray the expense of preparing our meal.

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 next **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).

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Aileen Pine will present a program about the disciples, Simon and Judas. All women are invited to attend.

JOIN CLEAN UP EFFORT

The Baton Rouge chapter of the Coastal Conservation Association is having a Ward's Creek Clean Up on **Saturday, April 29** from 8 - 11 a.m. The area being targeted is the 1.5 mile length that runs along the north side of the Mall of Louisiana between Bluebonnet Blvd. and Siegen Lane. Clean up supplies will be provided as well as lunch and refreshments. For more information go to their website www.ccalouisiana.com and click on the link under Latest News. There is also a link to the volunteer sign-up form.

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.

UPPER ROOM

The May-June issue of the Upper Room Daily Devotionals is available in the Family Life Center and the hallway of the Admin Building. We are asking for a \$1 donation, if possible, for each copy to help cover the cost.

SERMON NOTES

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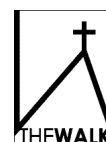
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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



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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.