

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT *Come Thou Fount* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come to Christ, the truthful way of life, rejected by the world, but chosen and precious in God’s sight.

**We come to follow Christ’s call and to proclaim his good news.**

Once we were no people, now we are God’s people, called out of darkness and into marvelous light. We sing with the Church in all ages:

**Blessed be your name, O God, our redeemer.  
By your mercy we have been born again to a living hope.  
We praise your name today and always.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

*He Has Made Me Glad* FWS 2270

I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say, “This is the day that the Lord has made.”

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice, for he has made me glad.

*Jesus Be Praised* FWS 2079

Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,

Jesus, we worship you; songs of love we raise.

Jesus, Jesus be praised! Jesus, Jesus be praised!

PRAYER

**God of grace, we are all your humble children.**

**We adore you, whose name is love, whose nature is compassion, whose presence is joy. Your Word is truth, and your Spirit is goodness.**

**Train us all in your Way that leads to life and peace that we might bear fruit worthy of repentance, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
*The Apostles’ Creed* UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Hannah Green, Ceci Caputo

SCRIPTURE *Acts 11:1-18* Madeline Cooper, Stephen LeBlanc

SERMON *Links or Lumps (or Why Witnessing is Not Dissing)* Pastor Jay

YOUTH WITNESS

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.  
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land  
with your healing love.**

**Help us to be willing to bow before you  
in true repentance, and to bow to one another  
in real forgiveness.**

**By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts  
and consume the pride that separates us  
from you and from each other.**

**Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love,  
which casts out our fear,  
and bind us together in the unity that  
you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.\***

(Silent confession.)

Hear the good news: God sent his son 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.**  
(\*Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th C.)

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *God of Grace and God of Glory* Alleluia Ringers

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 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* FWS 2241  
vs 1 & 4

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

**May the Lord bless you and keep you;  
may the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you;  
may the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen!**

(from Numbers 6:22-24)

POSTLUDE

\*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 ...**

in celebration of Richard Damberg’s birthday, today!

Given by Marilyn Damberg.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** Beth Forester, Mike & Sally Allen, Lynn Cooper

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, April 24**

5:00 p.m. Youth: Senior Celebration, the Halliburton’s

**Monday, April 25**

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 26**

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

**Wednesday, April 27**

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

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

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

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

7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 28**

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

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, April 29**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, April 30**

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

**THE SHEPHERD’S MARKET  
PICK UP A YELLOW BAG TODAY  
RETURN NEXT SUNDAY WITH GROCERIES!**

The Shepherd’s Market yellow bags will be passed out today to be brought back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday, **May 1**. Much needed items in the Pantry are: breakfast items (cereal, oatmeal, grits, cereal bars, pop tarts), canned milk (condensed/evaporated), canned fruit or fruit cups, and condiments (mayo, ketchup, etc).

**RUTH CIRCLE UMW**

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, May 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room for a song fest! Rebecca Bellelo will provide the music. All women are invited to attend. (Please note the meeting will begin in the choir room after which we will move to the parlor for refreshments.)

**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.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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

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

### PILLOWCASES FOR GRACE CAMP

It's time to make pillowcases for GRACE Camp, a camp for youth who have incarcerated parents. If you would like to help, Joyce Perry will have pillowcase kits with fabric and instructions available at coffee time or after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, April 24. Or, if you like you can make pillowcases with your own fabric. Please return completed pillowcases to Joyce or the church office by May 29. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Joyce Perry (763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net).

### 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.

### 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:francesgrayson@cox.net) or 978-2621.

## 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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# ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



## Youth Sunday April 24, 2016

## 8:30 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.