

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

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)

OPENING HYMN *Thine Be the Glory* UMH 308, v. 1 & 2

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

REFRAIN: Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. REFRAIN.

OPENING PRAYER

God of peace and rest, we praise you for your Son who overcame death. You opened to us the gate of abundant life in this world and everlasting life in the world to come. You give us the rest we long for and the peace that satisfies our spirits. Renew us by the work of your Holy Spirit. Lead us from the death of sin to a life of mercy as we trust in you. For the glory of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Marilyn Damberg

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 12:1-14*

SERMON *Mercy Rules* Deirdré Halliburton

HYMN *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought* UMH 128, v. 1, 3
He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me;
his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Natalie Brooke Farrar
daughter of Brandon and Rachel Farrar

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

Welcome to the family, we're glad that you have come to share your life with us, as we grow in love, and may we always be to you what God would have us be, a family always there, to be strong and to lean on.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN *Blessed Be the Name* UMH 63
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name! Blessed be the name!
Blessed be the name of the Lord!

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

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

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Nelson and Brenda Green in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Mary Wilder, Maureen Robertson, Carrie de la Fuente, Nico de la Fuente
Host(s)	Kathleen Adams

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, April 30

YELLOW BAG SUNDAY

7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Bldg.
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

Monday, May 1

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, 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
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, May 2

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, May 3

4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
5:30 p.m. Audio Meeting, Choir Room
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, May 4

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
6:00 p.m. Trustees, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, May 5

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, May 6

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering, FLC

**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 two days of consecration and fellowship events as we re-enter the sanctuary!

Saturday, May 20 at 6 p.m. we will hold our first service back in the sanctuary - a Service of Consecration.

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): _____

WELCOME! WELCOME!

At the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 23, we welcomed to our St. John's family Reneé Rodi and Chris and Cady Clements. We also welcomed, through baptism, Brooke Noelle Clements, baby daughter of Chris and Cady.

YELLOW BAG SUNDAY

Don't forget to pick up a yellow grocery bag for The Shepherd's Market. Next week is Grocery Bag Sunday and items needed are: chicken noodle soup, canned tuna, dried beans, and toothpaste.

HEAVENLY HASH REDUX! WEDNESDAY MAY 3, 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. The Genesis Sunday school class will be hosting. We will be taking up a Love Offering to help the cooks defray the expense of preparing our meal.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The 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.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 9** at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary May (537 rue de LaPlace) to enjoy our annual covered dish dinner. Bring a dish to share with everyone; it will be an enjoyable evening of delicious food and fellowship. Please plan to attend.

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.

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.

LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FRIDAY, MAY 5 AND SATURDAY, MAY 6

Volunteers are needed: We will be doing landscaping work around the narthex on **Friday, May 5** and **Saturday, May 6** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Rain dates May 12 and 13.) There will be a landscape professional there to supervise the work and guide folks as to where the plants and sod are to go. If you have any gardening implements, please bring them with you. Contact Bob Ayres (432-352-3712 or bayres50@cox.net) if you will be able to help. Any length of time you are able to help during those hours will be much appreciated.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16

Be watching church communications for information and news about VBS 2017 - MAKER FUN FACTORY - Created by God, Built for a Purpose. Registration forms and volunteer forms will be going out soon.

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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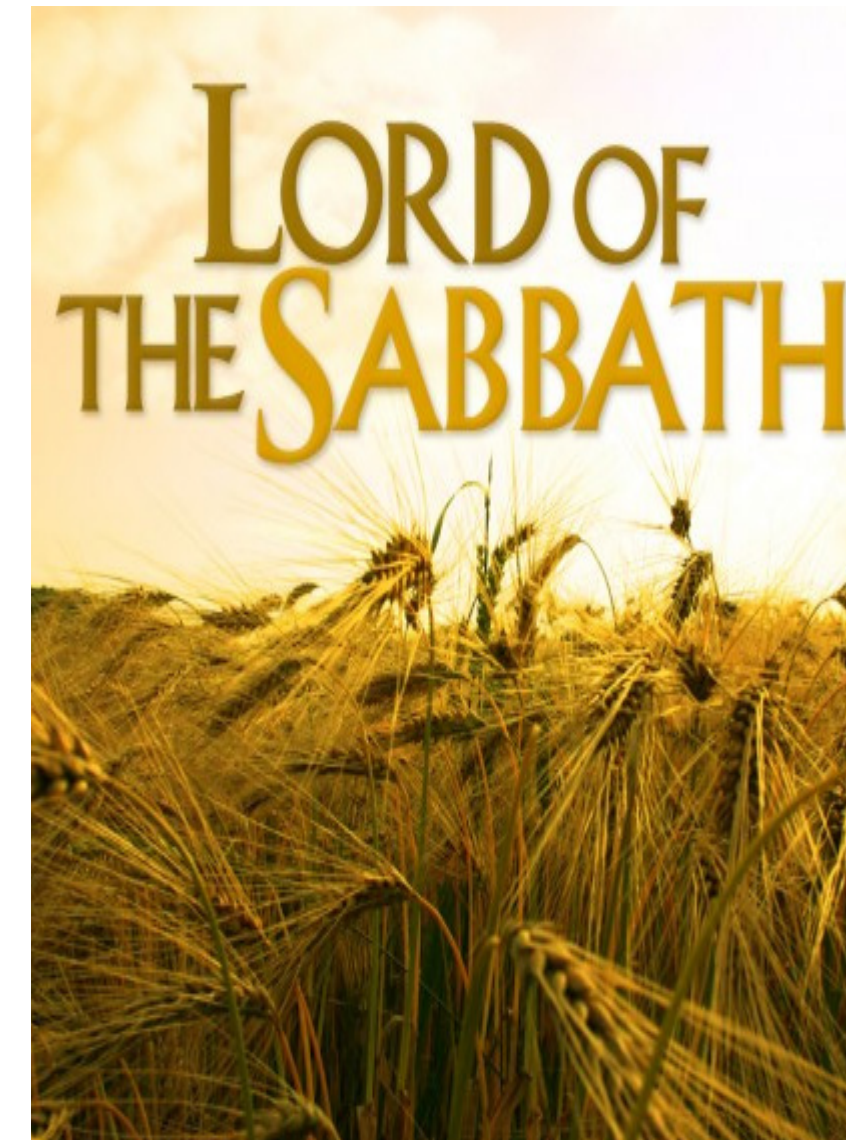
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

For the Son of Man is



Matthew 12:8

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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.