

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Sandra Kuykendall
 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

Glorify Thy Name FWS 2016, v. 1 & 2
 Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
 glorify thy name in all the earth.
 Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
 glorify thy name in all the earth.
 Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

What a Mighty God We Serve FWS 2021
 What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
 what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!

Let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord,
 let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord!

Let us show and praise God's name, let us show and praise God's name
 let us show and praise God's name, let us show and praise God's name!

What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve,
 what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!

OPENING PRAYER Sandra Kuykendall
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

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 12:1-14*

SERMON *Mercy Rules* Deirdré Halliburton

HYMN *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* UMH 430
 O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
 tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning
 word of love;
 teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the
 homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,
 in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs
 over wrong;

In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,
 in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

God did not send his son into the world 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.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Jesus Is All the World to Me*

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 *Christ Beside Me* FWS 2166
 Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me - King of my
 heart; Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me -
 never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me
 - shield in the strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
 Christ in my rising - light of my life.

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

*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 Nelson and Brenda Green in
 celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	David and Tina Henson, Lynn Cooper, Harriet Walters
Host(s)	Beth Forester

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 a potluck lunch which will highlight 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 11:00 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 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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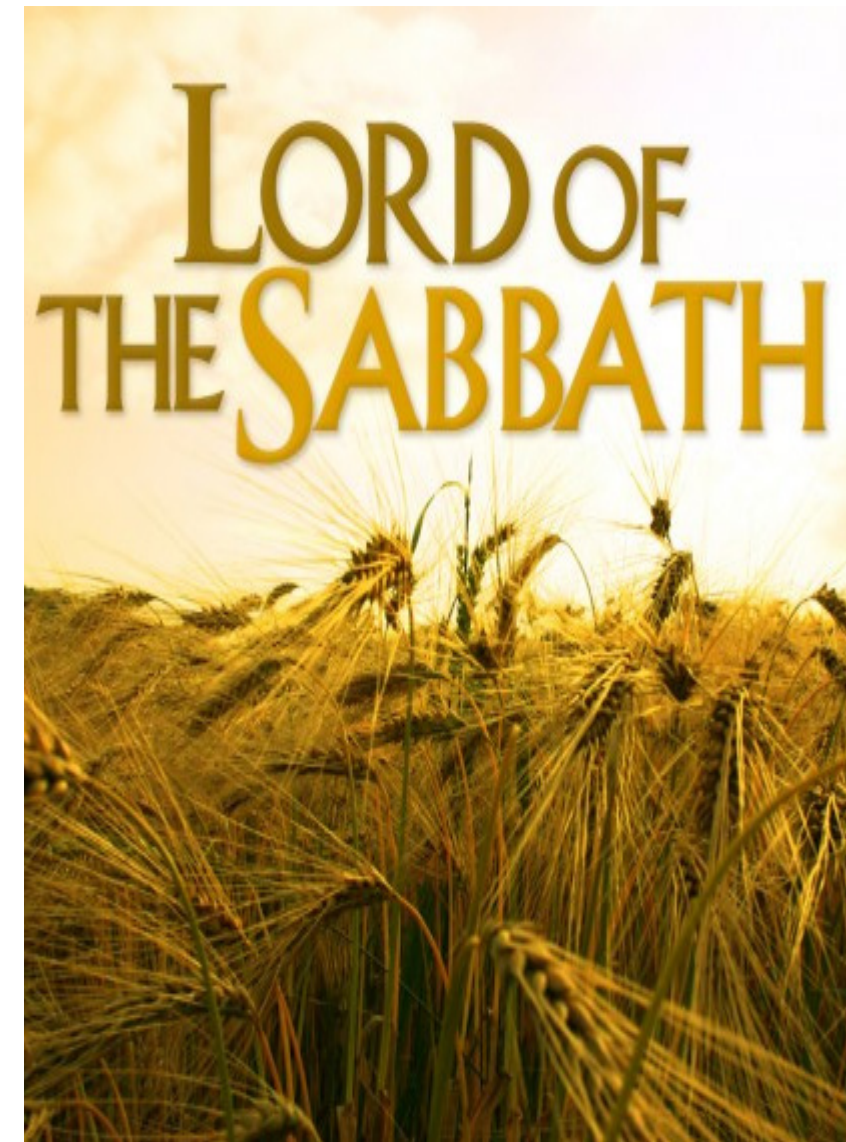
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

For the Son of Man is



Matthew 12:8

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8:30 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.