

**PASSION SUNDAY  
SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017  
8:30 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PROCESSIONAL WITH PALMS

SPECIAL SONG                     *Hosanna!*                     Children’s Choir

CHILDREN’S MOMENT   Deirdré Halliburton

CALL TO WORSHIP   Kathy King

Hosanna to the Son of David!

**HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

SONG OF PRAISE     *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*                     UMH 278

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children should on his bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven our King.  
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

OPENING PRAYER   Kathy King

**Lord Jesus, you grant us life - abundant and everlasting.  
You set before us the way of suffering - a way filled with love for those considered least in our culture and mercy for those who are lost. Save us who stray from your path. Save us who need your touch of mercy. Save us who long for your justice at work in the world. Come Lord Jesus, enter the brokenness of our lives; and inspire us to take upon your compassion for all who suffer in our midst. In the name of Jesus our High Priest, we pray. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI   UMH 70

SCRIPTURE                     *Matthew 27:11-54*

SERMON                     *The Politics of Compassion*                     Pastor Jay

HYMN                     *The Old Rugged Cross*                     UMH 504, v. 1-3

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

REFRAIN: So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. REFRAIN.

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see, for’ twas on that old cross  
Jesus suffered and died, to pardon and sanctify me. REFRAIN.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Almighty and most merciful God, you know the desires of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight. We have transgressed your holy laws. We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments.**

**Forgive us, O Lord.**

**Please give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things. Deliver us from the bondage of sin, and help us to bring forth fruit worthy of repentance that we might walk in your holy ways through Jesus Christ our Lord.\***

\*Wesleyan Methodist Conference, Eng. 20th C, Alt.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: God did not send his Son, Jesus, 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                     *What Wondrous Love Is This*

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                     *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*                     UMH 301

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, free to all,  
a healing stream, flows from Calvary’s mountain.

REFRAIN: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me. REFRAIN.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me. REFRAIN.

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. 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 two arrangements on the altar are given by Ronald Stephens in memory of his parents, Lloyd and Nelmo Stephens and Paula Cobb in memory of her parents, Paul and Mary Kluvner.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

Ushers	Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Randy Thayer, Jim Matthew
Host(s)	Rhonda Tucker

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Passion Sunday, April 9**

7:50 a.m.	Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
12:15 p.m.	SPRC, Parlor
3:00 p.m.	EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA
5:00 p.m.	Lenten Bible Study, FLC
5:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir, Choir Room

**Monday, April 10**

9:00 a.m.	Ladies’ Covenant Group
10:00 a.m.	Let’s Geaux Play, Toddler Nursery
11:00 a.m.	Good Grief St. John’s!, Library
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 11**

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
6:00 p.m.	Emmaus Board Meeting, FLC-A
7:00 p.m.	Mary Martha UMW Circle, Parlor

**Holy Wednesday, April 12**

7:00 a.m.	<b>Lenten Wednesday A.M. Service, FLC</b>
5:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor
5:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A
6:00 p.m.	<b>Service of Healing, FLC</b>
6:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir, FLC
7:17 p.m.	717 Group, George’s Southside
7:30 p.m.	Alleluia Ringers, FLC

**Maundy Thursday, April 13**

8:30 a.m.	Holy Folders, Library
8:30 a.m.	Foot Washing Service, FLC
8:30 a.m.	The Shepherd’s Market, FLC
6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service, FLC
7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts, FLC

**Good Friday, April 14**

OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 a.m.	Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
9:00 a.m.	Arts & Crafts, FLC-A
6:00 p.m.	<i>The Final Hours</i> , FLC

**Saturday, April 15**

12:00 p.m.	AA Meeting, FLC-C
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**EGGSTRAVAGANZA  
TODAY, APRIL 9 AT 3 P.M.**

YES! The Eggstravaganza is finally here! 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.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN**

The UMW Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, April 11** at 7 p.m. in the parlor. The program, Refreshing Ourselves for Mission, will be presented by Joyce Perry. All women are invited to attend.

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Joy     Concern

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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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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## PARKING ON EASTER SUNDAY

As we move toward the celebration of Easter, we hope to have many guests visiting St. John's! Therefore, on Easter Sunday, for both services, we are asking that you consider leaving the main parking lots for our guests, those of us who are mobility challenged, and our older members and that you park in the White House lot on Highland Road. You can enter the property by the driveway on Highland near the traffic light. Parking could be along the fence or anywhere the dirt is hard enough. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF RENEE' DR.**

## LET'S GEAUX PLAY AT ST. JOHN'S!

Calling all preschoolers and their adult playmate to come play with us on **Monday, April 10**. 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 information contact Deirdré Halliburton.

## GOOD GRIEF, ST. JOHN'S!

If you are someone struggling to find direction and hope in loss, you are invited to join us as we seek healing in community. We meet on the second Monday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the library. For information contact Deirdré Halliburton. Join us on **Monday, April 15**.

## WESLEY FOUNDATION AT LSU SILENT AUCTION AND CRAWFISH BOIL

St. John's is being asked to donate items to the LSU Wesley Foundation Silent Auction which is being held in conjunction with their annual Alumni & Friends Crawfish Boil on **Saturday, April 22** at noon. Donations of services and goods geared toward a young crowd are ideal; household items are not desired. Contact Kathy King (281-0314 or brcking10@gmail.com) if you have a donation.

All Wesley and TUCM Friends, Supporters, and Alumni are invited to the crawfish boil. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased through [lsuwesley.com](http://lsuwesley.com). There will be live music. This is a family friendly event.

## HEAVENLY HASH REDUX!

Beginning **April 26** through May 31, we will be holding Wednesday night dinners, Heavenly Hash, in the FLC at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

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](mailto:roberts.jpt@gmail.com)). If you have any questions, contact Deirdré.

## EASTER WEEK SERVICES

**Holy Wednesday, April 12:** Our final Lenten Wednesday worship services will be at 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Join us in the FLC at 6 p.m. where we will have a service of healing when we will commemorate the healing touch of Christ by the anointing with oil.

**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 where Jesus invites all to experience his grace in such a humbling way. 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* will be 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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**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.*