

**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2015  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, in singing!

**For the Lord has comforted his people. The Lord will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**To the One seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and power forever and ever! Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE *As the Deer* FWS 2025

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you. You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

SONG OF PRAISE *I Love You, Lord* FWS 2068

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you, O my soul rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear, may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

PRAYER

**Lord of life, you submitted to death and conquered the grave. By being lifted on a cross you draw all peoples to you. By being raised from the dead you restored to us all that we had lost through sin. Throughout these 50 days of Easter, we proclaim the marvelous mystery of death and resurrection. For all praise is yours, now and throughout eternity. In Christ’s name, we rejoice. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 133* UMH 850

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *John 20:19-31*

SERMON Deirdre Halliburton

HYMN *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* FWS 2171  
*vs. 1, 3, 4*

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. 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

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.**

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

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 *I’ve Got Peace Like a River* FWS 2145

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are to celebrate the birthday of my husband, Buddy. Given by Maxine Gossom

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Putzig, Marc Turner, Mike and Sally Allen
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathy King

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

**TODAY, April 12**

**SILENT AUCTION AND CRAWFISH BOIL**

**Monday, April 13**

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. SPRC, parlor  
6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study, Library

**Tuesday, April 14**

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A  
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms  
6:30 p.m. Disciple III Bible Study, Library  
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW, Parlor

**Wednesday, April 15**

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Service, Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
6:00 p.m. Communications Team, 206  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms  
6:30 p.m. Building Committee, Library  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 16**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, April 17**

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, April 18**

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES**

Wednesday morning services will continue through May 20 in celebration of Eastertide, leading up to the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24. Join us, at 7:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, in this quiet time for reflection, prayer, worship, and sharing in the Eucharist. The sanctuary will remain open until 8 a.m. for those who wish to remain a while longer.

**SILENT AUCTION AND CRAWFISH BOIL**

Silent Auction is **TODAY** in the Gym. You will be able to place bids between 8 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. and again between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The bidding will end promptly at 6:00 p.m.

The Crawfish Boil is **TODAY** at 4:00 p.m. Don’t forget to bring your tickets!

**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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MARY MARTHA UMW

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 14** in the parlor at 7:00 p.m. Pat Cobb will present the program on Priscilla in the continuing series of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

### WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY ART SHOW

Wildwood Elementary School is getting ready for their school-wide art show **Wednesday, April 22**. Volunteers are needed prior to the show to help the art teacher put bulletin board paper throughout the halls and mat student's artwork. If you can help, contact Buffie Grayson (francesgrayson@cox.net).

### COMMUNITY BOOK READ

The Baton Rouge Community Book Read is *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. St. John's is joining in on the fun by inviting Rev. Richard Hooten, son-in-law of Guy Johnson, to lead us in a discussion of the book on **Thursday, May 14** at 6:00 p.m. in the parlor. So grab a copy of the book and get to reading!! For more information contact Guy Johnson (storyteller1750@att.net) or Danielle Blackwood (dblack@lsu.edu).

### A TASTE OF ST. JOHN'S

Calling all cooks, bakers, pastry chefs ... Registration for A Taste of St. John's is open! Forms can be found online and in the church office and will be accepted until May 22. The contest will take place on **Sunday, May 31** at 6:00 in the gym. For all those interested in being a judge, please look for the bid sheets at the silent auction! If you are not a cook or a judge there will be plenty of fun for everyone. We will have ice cream for all while judging takes place! All recipes will be sold in a new cookbook, *Taste of St. John's*. Participants need not be present to participate.

### WALL OF CROSSES

There is a blank wall in the church office that, with your help, will soon be adorned with crosses! If you would like to donate or loan a cross to this new project being undertaken by our administrative assistant, bring it by the church office during office hours. It can be purchased or homemade, made of any material, and just about any size. Thank you for being a part of this beautiful project!

## HOMETOWN NAZARETH!

It's time to start planning for this summer's VBS which will be held **June 15 - 19** from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. This year's theme is Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid and we are now accepting registrations for kids ages 4 years through completion of 5th grade (forms are available in the church office or online at [www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stjohnsbr](http://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/hl/stjohnsbr)).

We are putting out a call for volunteers for VBS. All youth (who have completed 6th grade) and adults are invited to join us on our journey to Hometown Nazareth. There is a place for everyone: from set-up to leading groups, from decorating to making crafts! Sign-up forms are available in the church office or at the website noted above. For more information contact Deacon Sarah.

## SERMON NOTES

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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**8:30 Worship Service**  
**April 12, 2015**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

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.