

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

God said, Let there be light; and there was light.

And God saw the light was good.

This very day our God has acted! Let us rejoice!

Alleluia! God’s name be praised!

SONG OF PRAISE *I Will Enter His Gates* 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.

SONG OF PRAISE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* FWS 2193

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYER

You are God of holiness and Lord of light. You give us the ministry of reconciling the world because of the mystery of dying and rising with Jesus Christ. Help us, Holy Spirit, to consider praying for others to be a high calling. Cleanse our hearts and give a new spirit to all your people. Comfort the hurting. Care for the sorrowful. Grant hope to the hopeless. And well up in us that we might share the grace we have received in you. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 107:1-9, 33-43* UMH 830

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Acts 2:37-47* Cindy Adams

SERMON *The Promises We Keep? Praying Past Ourselves* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Would I Have Answered When You Called* FWS 2137
vs 1, 4

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

We are no longer our own, but yours.

Put us to what you will, rank us with whom you will.

Put us to doing, put us to suffering.

Let us be put to work for you or set aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let us be full, let us be empty. Let us have all things, let us have nothing.

We freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and service.

And now, glorious and blessed God -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit -- you are ours and we are yours. So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth let it be made in heaven. Amen.

(silent confession)

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion, forgive us our sins -- known and unknown -- those things we have done and things left undone. Uphold us by your Holy Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life to the honor and glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world we pray. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Hear the good news, sisters and brothers: God demonstrates God’s own love for us in this -- while we were yet sinners Christ died for 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 *Bring Forth the Kingdom* FWS 2190
vs 1, 4

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in honor of
our granddaughters: Aurora, Lily, and Zoë, Landry.

Given by Pam and John Toney

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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| Ushers | Dawn Staves, Jill Slicker, Betty Sandifer, Fran Anderson, |
| Host(s) | Jim and Theresa Sandifer |

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, April 19

4:00 p.m. Christian Formation, Library
5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Monday, April 20

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 21

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms
6:30 p.m. Disciple III Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, April 22

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Service
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 23

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, April 24

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A
9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym
5:30 p.m. Cursillo Welcome Home, Gym

Saturday, April 25

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY!! Boy Scout Troop 505 will begin selling tickets for their annual Jambalaya take-out lunch, **Sunday, May 3**; tickets are \$8 a plate or 2 for \$15 and will also be available in the church office after Sunday. (Checks made out to BSA Troop 505.)

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): _____

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

Every year the UMW prepares "care packages" for college students as they study for final exams. These much-appreciated packages will be assembled on **Friday, May 1** at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Donations of snack items and cash are being requested as well as volunteers to help in putting the packages together. Donations can be put in the blue buckets in the Receptionist's office in the Admin/Education Building prior to May 1. For more information contact Saroj Welch (767-3077) or Pat Cobb (636-2202 or patcobb316@icloud.com).

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH PARENTS MEETING

There will be an important meeting of the parents of St. John's senior high youth on **Sunday, May 3**, at 9:45 a.m. in the gym. Please make plans to attend.

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, May 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Betty Sandifer will present a program about Mary Martha in our continuing series of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

COMMUNITY BOOK READ

The Baton Rouge Community Book Read is *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. St. John's is 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. For more information contact Guy Johnson (storyteller1750@att.net) or Danielle Blackwood (dblack@lsu.edu).

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.

CHURCH STARTS MINISTRIES

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, in Sunday School portfolios, and in the church office with a registration deadline of May 22. The contest will take place on **Sunday, May 31** at 6:00 p.m. in the gym. If you are not a contestant 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* which will benefit Church Starts Ministries. Participants need not be present to participate.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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).

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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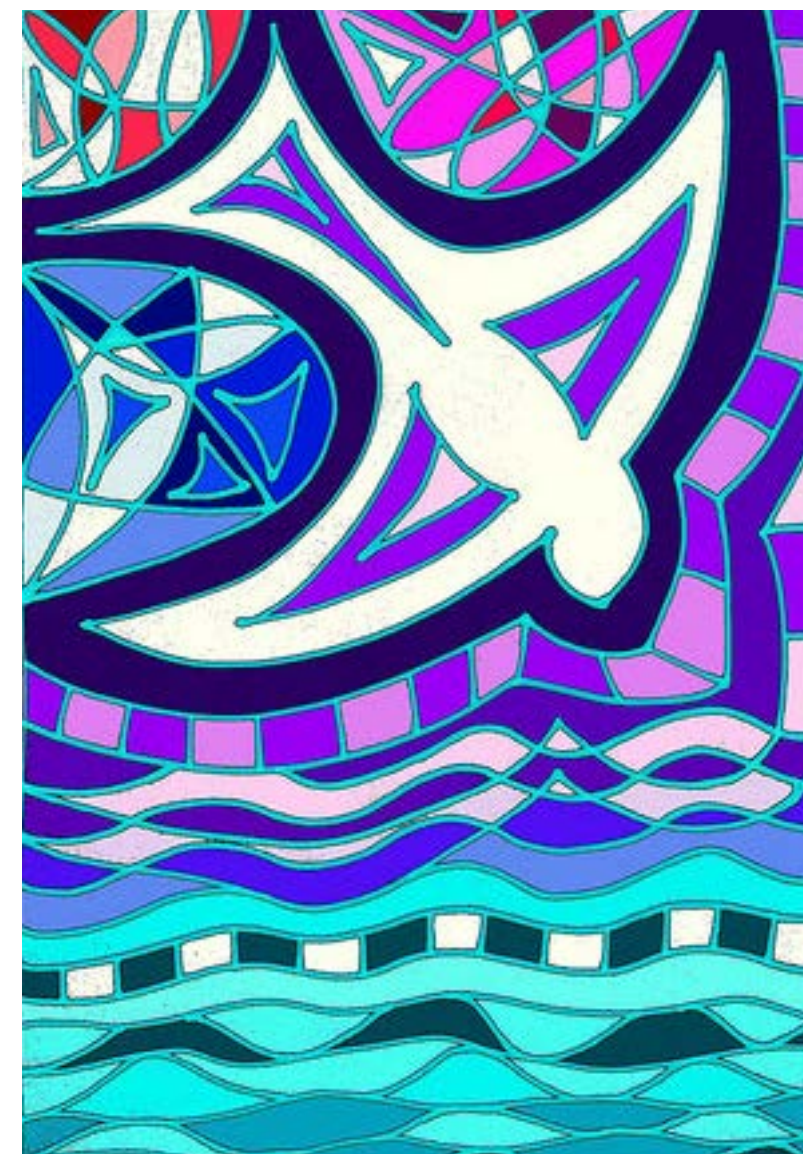
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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



Acts 2:38

8:30 Worship Service
April 19, 2015
Third 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.