

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

CALL TO WORSHIP
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise the Lord from the heights!

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

For we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God.

Let us come near the throne of grace with boldness that we may receive mercy and find grace.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. For Christ is risen!

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA! AMEN.

HYMN *Easter People Raise Your Voices* UMH 304

PRAYER
God of grace and glory, you are present with us because of Christ’s rising from the dead. You lift us to new life in him. We bring to you our joy and our thanks. We also give to you this world in need of resurrection. Comfort all nations and people in strife. Strengthen the poor and visit the lonely. Care for the sick and the suffering. Inspire us to live as resurrected people, who follow the risen Christ. Through the Risen Savior our Lord, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 146:1-10* UMH 858

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Mark 16:1-8*

SERMON *Bursting Bubbles & Puzzling Light: This is an Easter Sermon?* Pastor Jay

HYMN *He Lives* UMH 310

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
God of all nations over the living and the dead, we praise you that in Jesus Christ the barriers are torn down. Your love is set loose from the empty tomb. Your life rises around us, in us, and from us. Yet we confess to you, Lord Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world: we are slow to open our hearts and hands to those in need; we are fearful; we live too small with your grace; we deal too timidly with your peace. Deliver us from our fears. Forgive our sins of prejudice and selfishness. Restore to us the joy of your salvation given us by Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness. 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 *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* UMH 302
vs 1 - 4

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

Hallelujah to the Risen Lord!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs
Host(s)	Kathy King

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, April 5

HAPPY EASTER!

Monday, April 6

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A

Wednesday, April 8

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Witness Committee, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, April 9

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, April 10

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A
9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

Saturday, April 11

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A
12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

SILENT AUCTION / CRAWFISH BOIL

IT’S NOT TOO LATE to donate to the Silent Auction. Some suggestions are: ITEMS such as photos, vases, new children’s toys; SERVICES such as washing windows, a dinner for 6, babysitting; FOOD such as your special cake, casseroles, homemade bread.

The Silent Auction will take place in the gym on **Sunday, April 12**. Please think about your skills or talents and donate something toward our church mission projects (Opening Doors, The Shepherd’s Market, VIM, and St. John’s Youth trips). Let Beth Forester (handtalker@cox.net or 769-6584) or Richard Damberg (dambergs@icloud.com or 938-7748) know of your donation or bring it to the church by Friday, April 10.

CRAWFISH BOIL

A crawfish boil will be held on **Sunday, April 12**. Contact Phil Leblanc (pleblanc@eatel.net) for cost of tickets and time.

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): _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, April 7**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. All women are invited to attend.

PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Hungry? Don't want to cook breakfast? Join us for the breakfast buffet at the Piccadilly on Essen on **Saturday, April 11** at 8:30 a.m. You don't have to be a Prime Timer to join us!

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.

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES WITH YOUTH & CHILDREN

St. John's is searching for a full-time Director of Ministries with Youth and Children. This person will oversee all of our discipleship ministries with ages birth - 12th grade. More information can be found on the church website or by contacting Deacon Sarah.

SERMONS ONLINE

Did you know you can watch and share Jay's sermons online? Visit stjohnsbr.org/sermon-videos for a replay of the Good News.

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).

NEW ORLEANS ROAD TRIP

The Spring 2015 Road Trip, coordinated by the Daytimers and Prime Timers, will be to New Orleans on **Thursday, April 23**. The first stop will be the Cabildo to see the new exhibit on the Battle of New Orleans, lunch will be the Jazz Brunch at the Court of Two Sisters, with the final stop being a tour of the Whitney Plantation in Wallace, LA. Cost of the trip is \$75 (checks made payable to Prime Timers). The bus will depart at 8:15 a.m. and return about 6:00 p.m. Deadline to register is Thursday, April 9.

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 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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



... Christ is risen indeed

8:30 Worship Service
April 5, 2015
Easter Sunday

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.