

SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* FWS 2088

Lord, I lift you name of high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I’m so glad you’re in my life; I’m so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,

from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;

from the cross to the grave; from the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

SONG OF PRAISE *Shout to the Lord* FWS 2074

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing

power and majesty, praise to the King,

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands,

forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

PRAYER

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desire known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Help us to love you fully and to magnify your name beautifully. In all that we say and do, through our motivations our actions, urge us to serve you. Through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 84* UMH 804-5

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *John 6:56-69* Dylan Jenks

SERMON *Offended or Inspired?* Pastor Jay
How Trust Helps Us Hear

HYMN *’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* UMH 462

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive us, restore us and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may live in your love and serve only your will. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

(Silent confession)

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.

This proves God’s love 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.

A 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 *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH 474

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR . . .

are in honor of St. John’s ministries for Christian Formation.

Given by Guy Johnson.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Dawn Staves, Jill Slicker, Belinda Dumas, Betty Sandifer
Host(s)	Bobbi Marino

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, August 23

4:45 p.m. Youth: Compassion Walk, Live Oak UMC, Watson

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Monday, August 24

9:00 a.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Parlor

4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, August 25

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

12:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Library

3:00 p.m. Cap. Campaign Team Training, Library

7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

Wednesday, August 26

10:00 a.m. Food Bank Training, Library & Parlor

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s

6:00 p.m. Philippians Study, Parlor

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, August 27

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

6:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, August 28

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

Saturday, August 29

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

CALL FOR CHURCH CONFERENCE
SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
5:00 P.M., SANCTUARY

Proposal: To approve two building projects - the addition of a narthex with covered walkway, including modernization of the sanctuary, and the renovation of the gym and their related issues.

THE TRADITION BEHIND THE TRADITION

You are invited to come watch an inspiring video message from Dr. Elaine Heath, titled “The Tradition Behind the Tradition,” on **Sunday August 30** at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. After the video there will be a brief time of discussion and reflection. Contact Deacon Sarah for more information.

WORSHIP IN THE MARKET

Join us for *Worship in the Market*, a brief service of scripture, song, and Eucharist, being held in the Gym each Tuesday morning at 8:15, preceding the Shepherd’s Market. All are invited!

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): _____

DISCIPLE IV BIBLE STUDY

On, **Tuesday, September 1**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library, we will begin Disciple IV: Under the Tree of Life, the final study in this four-phase Disciple program. This 32-week study concentrates on the books of the O.T. known as The Writings and the N.T. books of John and Revelation. Cost of the workbook is \$40. Contact the church office to sign up.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

CIRCLE MEETING: The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, September 1** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Aileen Pine will present a program about Jacob's wives. All women are invited to attend.

NON-GARAGE SALE: It's time for the UMW's Fall Non-Garage Sale! Clean out closets, garages, attics, etc., and bring your items to the back of the gym beginning **Thursday, September 24**. Here Today, Gone Tomorrow will pick everything up Monday, September 28.

CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

Everyone is invited to "A Day Away," a Centering Prayer Retreat, on **Saturday, September 12** from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Chapel of the Wesley Foundation at LSU. There is no cost to attend but you must register on the University UMC website (universitymethodist.org), and you must bring a sack lunch. This will be a day to let go of your "to-do" lists and relax in the presence of God.

CONFIRMATION CLASS TO BEGIN OCTOBER 4

Confirmation is an important time for young people to learn, worship, and pray together as they learn about what it means to live a life of Christian Discipleship. The class is open to all middle and high school youth. An Orientation meeting for parents and youth will be held on **Sunday, September 20** at 4:00 pm in the Library. Please contact Deacon Sarah by September 6 to sign up.

BEEN MISSING FAITH STORIES LATELY?

Share your story of faith! The Witness committee is still looking to record your experiences working with St. John's ministries or other activities where you've experienced God's presence. We collect your stories and share them regularly via email, our website and social media. Contact Kathy King (brcking10@gmail.com) or Mari Walker (mariwalker7@gmail.com) for more information.

WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The school year has started and there are many volunteer opportunities at Wildwood for individuals and Sunday school classes: faculty monthly birthday cakes, reading friends, teacher appreciation week in the spring, library helper. For more information or to volunteer, contact Buffie Grayson (francesgrayson@cox.net or 978-2621).

ART CAMP EXHIBIT

The St. John's annual day camp, presented by Opening Doors, focused on the study of animals. Their art activities included painting their favorite animal. They were excited to learn that their art would be shared with you. Many wanted to attend today's service, so you may get to meet them as you have an opportunity to appreciate their art!

SERMON NOTES

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First United Methodist Church, Gonzales, La.

8:30 Worship Service
August 23, 2015

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.