

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

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the corners of the community, from the confusion of life,
from the loneliness of our hearts,

Gather us, O God.
Lead us to love you and to love our neighbor.

To feed our minds, to fire our imagination, to free our hearts

Gather us, O God.
Lead us to worship you in spirit and truth.

SONG OF PRAISE *Shine, Jesus, Shine* FWS 2173

Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father’s glory,
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire;
flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, the light of your love is shining in the midst of the darkness
shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by
the truth you now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

SONG OF PRAISE *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart* FWS 2140

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!

I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,
since Jesus came into my heart!
Since Jesus came into my heart, Since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o’er my soul like the sea billows roll,
Since Jesus came into my heart.

I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,
since Jesus came into my heart!

And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,
since Jesus came into my heart!

PRAYER

**O God, you are on the side of justice and you call us to be
on that side too. Lead us to act upon your instructions,
not merely to hear them. Urge us to be doers of your
word - to devote ourselves to your work in the world.
Inspire us to love you, merciful God, with our heart, soul,
and body. And help us to love others in our community
that You might be glorified, that Your kingdom might
expand, and that justice and peace have the final say. In
Christ’s name, we pray and give praise. Amen.**

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

PSALTER *Psalms 15* UMH 747

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *James 1:19-27* Rev. Larry Norman

SERMON *Learning Perfection* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King* UMH 61
vs 1, 3, & 4

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

All have sinned and fallen short of God’s glory.
The hatred that divides us - skin color from skin color, wealthy
from poor, language from language:

Lord forgive us.
The greed that exploits the labor of others and lays waste to the
earth:

Lord forgive us.
The envy of the welfare and happiness of others:

Lord forgive us.
The indifference to the plight of the homeless and the hungry, the
thirsty and the immigrant:

Lord forgive us.
The lust that uses others for sinful gain:

Lord forgive us.
The pride that leads us to trust in ourselves and not in you, our
Lord:

Lord forgive us.
We confess our sin to you, gracious God.

**Lord Jesus, Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the
world, have mercy on us and grant us your peace.**

(Silent confession)

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

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

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

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR . . .

are in memory of Tony Marino.
Given by Chip, Michelle, and Chase Marino.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Fran Anderson, Beth Forester, Lynn
Cooper, Belinda Dumas

Host(s) Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, August 30

12:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting, Gym
5:00 p.m. Youth: 5th Sunday, Jefferson UMC
5:00 p.m. Church Conference, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. “Tradition Behind the Tradition” Video, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library
7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

Wednesday, September 2

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, September 3

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. Trustees Meeting, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Building Committee, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, September 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, September 5

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**WORSHIP IN THE MARKET
SCRIPTURE, SONG, AND COMMUNION
EVERY TUESDAY AT 8:15 A.M. IN THE GYM**

**CHURCH CONFERENCE
TODAY, 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

TODAY you are invited to come watch an inspiring video
message from Dr. Elaine Heath, titled “The Tradition Behind the
Tradition,” at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. After the video there will be
a brief time of discussion and reflection. 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): _____

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

The yellow Shepherd's Market shopping bags will be distributed today in preparation for Grocery Bag Sunday. Please bring the bags back next **Sunday, September 6** with groceries for the food pantry. Come volunteer -- see how your donations help us serve those who come to The Shepherd's Market.

DISCIPLE IV BIBLE STUDY ...

begins **Tuesday, September 1**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. This 32-week study, "Under the Tree of Life," 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

TODAY all members of St. John's UMW are invited to attend a General Meeting at 12 noon in the gym. There will be a presentation by Vallen Corbett, president of the district UMW. Election of officers will also be held. A light lunch will be served.

The Ruth Circle 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.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, September 8** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Claudia Fowler's presentation on Deborah will continue the series on Women in the Bible. 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**.

CENTERING PRAYER RETREAT

You are invited to "A Day Away," a Centering Prayer Retreat, on **Saturday, September 12** from 10 a.m. - 3 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.

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. Contact Deacon Sarah by September 6 to sign up.

FOUR-WEEK MISSIONAL WISDOM STUDY

Have you ever wondered what it really means to live in Christian Community? Do you ponder how to live your Christian discipleship outside the walls of the church in your everyday life? Do you think about how serving others fits into the life of a Disciple? If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, this study is for you. The study, beginning **Sunday, September 20**, will be led by Deacon Sarah and Theresa Sandifer, and text will be *Longing for Spring: A New Vision for Wesleyan Community* by Elaine Heath and Scott Kisker (\$15). Contact the church office to sign up.

SERMON NOTES

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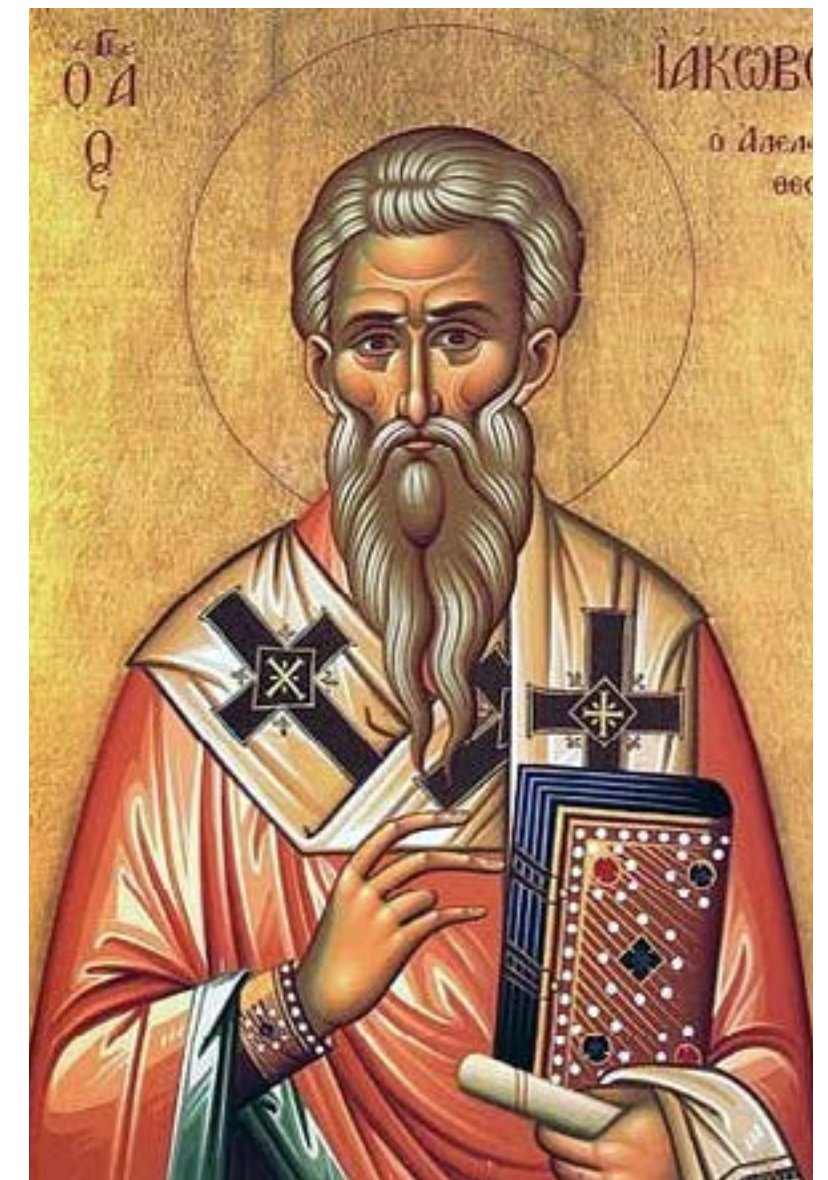
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Mission Statement

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.