

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## February 25, 2018 at 11 A.M.

*Welcome to All*

*All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.*

✠ Please stand as you are able. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

## GATHERING

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP Ben Hartman  
Let us turn our minds from human things.  
**Our faith in Jesus saves us.**  
Let us set our minds on divine things.  
**Our faith in Jesus saves us.**  
We will deny ourselves and take up our cross.  
**Our faith in Jesus saves us.**  
We will lose all; that we may gain all.  
**Our faith in Jesus saves us.**

✠ HYMN *of* PRAISE UMH 127  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

✠ AFFIRMING OUR FAITH UMH 886  
*The World Methodist Social Affirmation, alt.*

**We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; And in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; And in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.**

**We believe; God, help our unbelief.**  
**We rejoice in every sign of God’s kingdom: in the upholding of human dignity and community; in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation; in each act of self-giving on behalf of others; in the abundance of God’s gifts entrusted to us, that all may have enough; in all responsible use of the earth’s resources.**

**We confess our sin, individual and collective, by silence or action: through the violation of human dignity based on race, class, age, sex, nation, or faith; through the exploitation of people because of greed and indifference; through the misuse of power in personal, communal, national, and international life; through the search for security by those military and economic forces that threaten human existence; through the abuse of technology which endangers the earth and all life upon it.**

**We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of Christ: to take up the cross; to seek abundant life for all humanity; to struggle for peace with justice and freedom; to risk ourselves in faith, hope, and love, praying that God’s kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

## LISTENING

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Guy Johnson

*Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.*

*Ushers will pass out folders during the Children’s Moment.*

*Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a blue prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.*

ANTHEM Chancel Choir  
*Be Thou My Vision*

✠ SCRIPTURE Ben Hartman  
*Mark 8:31-38*

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words[b] in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER *for* ILLUMINATION *Based on Psalm 19:14*  
**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

SERMON Pastor Lane  
“Intervention”

## RESPONDING

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH UMH 500, vs. 1, 3, 4  
*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

✠ PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Pastor Julia

We are in the wilderness. We have lost our way. We cannot fix ourselves. We need God’s intervention in our lives.  
And so do many others.

And so we pray:  
**Come quickly to help us, O God.**

Because people are still kept in poverty or slavery, some are in fear because of abusers, terrorists, and oppressors, some face addiction, and some are targeted for unjust treatment because of who they are;

**Come quickly to help us, O God.**

Because we need courage and integrity from leaders in religious, political, economic, and social life; because we love and sometimes struggle with our families, friends, and neighbors; and because the lives of those who sustain and protect our lives as military, civilian workers, and first responders are full of challenge and conflict;

**Come quickly to help us, O God.**

Because there are people who need your healing power, and some who offer healing through their skill and presence; because some have harmed us, and we have harmed others by our action or inaction;

**Come quickly to help us, O God.**

Receive the prayers of your people, most merciful God. In your compassion, forgive our sins, and intervene to free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*(a time for silent prayers and confession)*

✠ WORDS *of* ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Hear the Good News:  
We are forgiven, loved, and set free.  
God comes to help us where we need it most.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen!**

✠ SHARING *the* LOVE *and* PEACE *of* CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD

✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

INVITATION *to* CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John’s and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

✠ HYMN *of* DISCIPLESHIP UMH 399  
*Take My Life and Let It Be*

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Richard and Marilyn Damberg in honor of Wanda Vanover (Marilyn’s sister) on her birthday.*

## Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

*Thank you for being here.*

### WORSHIP SERIES - "REHAB"

Join us during the season of Lent in a journey of restoration from death to new life! Today we become aware of the degree to which we need intervention and help beyond ourselves, and we identify how we can access it and start doing so. Next Sunday we will read from Exodus 20:1-17.

### WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

We will gather every Wednesday morning during Lent at 7 a.m. for a 30-minute morning service with Communion in the sanctuary.

On Wednesday evenings, we will hold "Heavenly Hash and Rehash" at which time we will rehash our Rehab Lent theme from Sunday. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. During dinner, around 6 p.m., we will read scripture, have table discussion, and share in Communion. All ages are welcome, a nursery is available.

### DAYS FOR GIRLS

The final workshop in this series of Days for Girls will be Saturday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to noon in the FLC. Everyone is welcome; we need sewers and non-sewers.

### MISSION TO ST. MARK'S IN NEW ORLEANS

St. John's UMC will travel to the New Orleans French Quarter to carry out its mission of "feeding people" and to participate with St. Mark's UMC in its ministry to the homeless and hungry, April 6 - April 8. We are asking volunteers to register by mid-March. For more information please email Rev. Larry Norman at lduckn@aol.com. This mission is open to all ages and abilities.

### YELLOW BAG SUNDAY

Don't forget to pick up a Yellow Shopping Bag to take grocery shopping with you and bring it back on Grocery Bag Sunday, next Sunday, March 4. Some items needed in The Market include breakfast items, canned peas and any other canned vegetable **except** corn or green beans, soup, side items like rice and pasta dishes, and household paper products (paper towels, toilet paper, etc.).

### YOUTH HOSTING INSPIRATIONAL SPEAKER

TONIGHT you are invited to come hear Shannon Carlson as she speaks to our youth at 6 p.m. in the FLC. Shannon will be sharing her faith story, telling how God changed her life after she reached the summit of the tallest free-standing mountain in the world.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation 2018 is off to a great start! Our youth confirmands are: Olivia Caputo, Izzy Cooper, Devin Dickson, Grace Idikwu, Carissa Murray, and Kaylie Williams with Christina Sasse serving as a confirmand helper and participant, with Pastor Julia and Deirdré. You are invited to write them a note of encouragement and put it in their mailboxes in the narthex.

Pastor Lane has 10 participants in the adult confirmation class. Are you interested in joining the class? Contact Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org) for more information.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Deirdré Halliburton will present a program on "Sacred Spaces." All women are invited to attend.

### TRUSTEES' WORK DAY

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 17. Trustees will be coordinating a church-wide work day from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Please make plans to come help make our campus beautiful for Easter.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, February 25

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Adults, *Library*  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Youth, *FLC-E*  
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

### Monday, February 26

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*  
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

### Tuesday, February 27

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
5:00 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Choir Room*  
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

### Wednesday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Service  
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*  
5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash and Rehash, *FLC*  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

### Thursday, March 1

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*  
3:00 p.m. Everybody Reads Training, *Library*  
6:00 p.m. Trustees, *Library*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

### Friday, March 2

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*

### Saturday, March 3

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Richard and Marilyn Damberg, Penny Kemler, Will Halliburton*  
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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)  
#sjthewalk

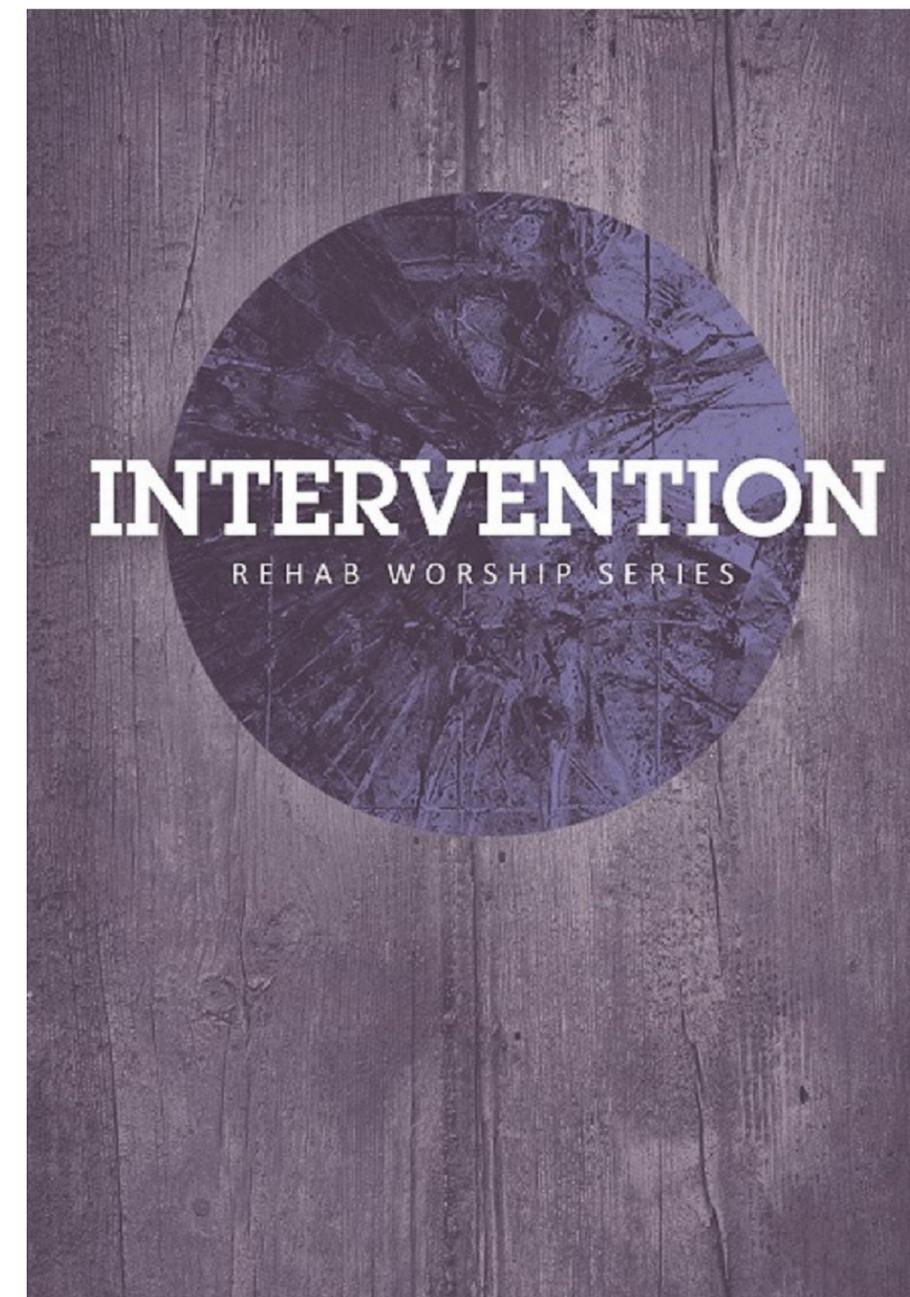


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**FEBRUARY 25, 2018**  
*11 a.m. Worship Service*

*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.*