

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Clap Your Hands*

CALL TO WORSHIP
The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it (Psalm 24:1).
For it all belongs to God.

All tithes from the Land are the Lord’s for they are holy to the Lord (Leviticus 27:30).
For it all belongs to God.

Honor the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce (Proverbs 3:9).

For it all belongs to God.
Let us honor the Lord with all that we are and all that we have.
Let us worship with generous and joyful hearts.
For it all belongs to God.

SONG OF PRAISE *Gather Us In* FWS 2236
Here in this place new light is streaming, now is the darkness vanished away,
see in this space our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in - the lost and forsaken, gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken, we shall arise at the sound of our name.

SONG OF PRAISE *He Has Made Me Glad* 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.

PRAYER
Grant us, Lord, a little sun, a little happiness, and some work.
Grant us a heart to comfort those in pain.
Grant us the ability to be good, peaceful, wise, and generous,
so that we may be as gracious with others as you are with us.
And, Lord, help us live as your own - one family - devoted to the way of Jesus, our Savior, in whose name we pray and give praise. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
A Modern Affirmation UMH 885

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Pastor Jay

SCRIPTURE *Psalms 24: 1-10* Pastor Jay

SERMON *The Step Down* Pastor Joseph Sangl

HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* UMH 584
vs 1 & 4

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON
O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: we gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less.

Forgive us, God of grace and glory.
Renew our hearts and transform our ways.
In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(adapted from Paul J. Flucke, 20th C. Alternative)

Silent confession.

Hear the good news: God shows his love for us, while we were still 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 *Be Thou My Vision*

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 *Take My Life and Let It Be* UMH 399

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace*

*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the pastor know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ...

... are given by Marilyn Crake with gratitude for St. John’s being in her life.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Beth Forester, Mike and Sally Allen, Carol Gordon
Host(s)	Bobbi Marino

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, January 17
12:15 p.m. Financial Learning Experience
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library

Monday, January 18
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group
5:00 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, January 19
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
2:00 p.m. Visitation Team, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Wednesday, January 20
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s
6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Parlor
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, Library
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, January 21
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:00 p.m. Church Council, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, January 22
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym
9:30 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A
5:00 p.m. Mental Health Training, Library

Saturday, January 23
9:00 a.m. Mental Health Training, Library
12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**SHEPHERD’S MARKET CLOSED
MONDAY, JANUARY 18
IN OBSERVANCE OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY**

**FOOD BANK DELIVERY
FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
8:30 A.M., GYM**

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): _____

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CLASS

Daphne Grady will lead a mental health first aid class **Friday, January 22** (5:00 - 9:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, January 23** (9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) in the library. Contact Daphne (769-0361) if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions.

Mental Health First Aid USA is an 8-hour training to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. The evidence behind the program demonstrates that it helps trainees identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.

CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK NOON, SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 IN THE GYM

Join us for a time of fellowship and celebration as we close our Stewardship Campaign, celebrate the ministries of 2015, and look forward to 2016. St. John's will provide the meat and everyone is invited to bring a side or dessert to share.

2016 FLOWER CHART

The Flower Chart for 2016 is now up on the bulletin board in the hallway of the Administration Building. Flowers on the altar each Sunday are a wonderful way to remember or honor a special person or persons and/or occasion AND add beauty to our Sanctuary. You will be contacted the week prior to the date you select. If you have any questions, contact Lynn in the church office.

ST. JOHN'S SWEATSHIRTS

We still have a few St. John's sweatshirts available in adult sizes medium (2), large (5), and extra-large (1) for \$20 each. They will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call the office for more information.

TRUSTEES EMAIL

Do you have any questions or requests for our Trustees? Have you seen anything on the church campus that you think needs attention? If so, you can contact trustees at their new email address: trustees@stjohnsbr.org.

UMW SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2016 REV. MARIE WILLIAMS, GUEST PREACHER

FAITH STORIES

Been Missing Faith Stories Lately? Share your story of faith! The Witness committee is 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. You can either send in a short story or just have a conversation with us and we'll do the writing. Contact Kathy King (brcking10@gmail.com) or Mari Walker (mariwalker7@gmail.com) for more information. You can read our published Faith Stories at www.stjohnsbr.org/category/faithstories.

SERMON NOTES

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



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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.