

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

HYMN *Forward Through the Ages* UMH 555

HYMN *Together We Serve* UMH 2175

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Jim Sandifer

With this new, dawning day, God calls us to turn our focus to the future.

With hands outstretched, we leave the past behind.

Come, let us worship God together, as we press on toward the goal.

God is beckoning us onward to Jesus.

We're off and running and not turning back!

SONGS OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision UMH 451, vs. 1 & 2

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou and thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Into My Heart FWS 2160

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus; come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus; shine out today, shine out always; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER Jim Sandifer

O God, forgive us when we tarry long on bygone days. From the altars of the past help us to retain the fire and not the ashes. Point us towards the future. Remind us that the one who is Christ never talked about "backward." His word was "onward" -- to Jerusalem, to the cross, to the empty tomb. Show us, Loving God, that the future is in your hands, and thus we can trust. Help us to move into our tomorrows with a built-in sense of hope, knowing that we live in the present, and that the past and the future live in us. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer by John Winn.)

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Deirdré Halliburton

SCRIPTURE *Philippians 3:7-14*

SERMON *Forward Into the Future: All We Have to Do is Jump!* Pastor Lane

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, confession is not an easy or pleasant thing to do. We like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for our lives. Open our eyes to see that all we have accomplished is nothing compared to knowing Christ as our Lord. Let us count everything as loss, so that we might gain heaven and be found blameless in Christ.

(A time for silent confession)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PARDON

Take heart; have faith. The goal is in sight.

Press on to take hold of it, as Christ has taken hold of us.

Have no fear; leave the past behind.

Reach out for what lies ahead, for the prize,

for the life to be found in Christ Jesus.

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 *Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven*

Arranged and Performed

by Terry Byars

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: UMH 15

Communion Responses FWS 2257b, c, & d

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

*Giving the Bread and 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.

MINISTRY MOMENT: THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

FIFTH ANNIVERSARY Theresa Sandifer

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Forward Through the Ages*

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

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE . . .

given by Pat Cobb in memory of Earl

and their wedding 66 years ago.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Donnie and Susan Lambert, Darren and Chris Stubbs

Host(s) Chris Stubbs

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 16

9:30 a.m. Reception for The Shepherd's Market, FLC

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus wide

Monday, July 17

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

10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, Toddler Nursery

3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library

3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

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

6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, July 18

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

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office

Wednesday, July 19

4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George's Southside

Thursday, July 20

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, July 21

OFFICE CLOSED

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

9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, July 22

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

6:00 p.m. Fiesta!, St. John's Campus

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): _____

FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE NEW WORSHIP SERIES BEGINS TODAY

God is beckoning us into the future and is calling us to take another faithful step together as a church family. "Forward into the Future," our worship series which begins today, will prepare us for the journey ahead. What will be St. John's legacy and how will we accomplish it together? Join us July 16 through July 30 for this new worship series.

SHARING ST. JOHN'S A "LISTENING TOUR" BY OUR NEW PASTORS COMING TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU!

Look for your invitation to a gathering near your home. If we have an email address you will receive an invitation electronically; if we do not have an email address you will be sent an invitation through the mail. If we do not have an email or your current address and you would like to attend a Sharing St. John's gathering, please contact the church office at office@stjohnsbr.org or 766-4594 to update your information.

NEIGHBORHOOD FIESTA! FOR CHILDREN OF GARDERE SATURDAY, JULY 22, 6 P.M.

¡Vengan Todos! ¡Necesitamos a Ustedes! Come all! We need you! Our district seminary intern Efrain Belamontes has been working hard and on Saturday, July 22 at 6 p.m., St. John's will host a Fiesta for the children of the Gardere neighborhood. Help is needed in providing food (hot dogs, buns, chips, and lemonade mix), smiling faces to host, and community! Contact Pastor Julia (pastorjulia@stjohnsbr.org) if you would like to participate in this community event!

BIBLES FOR PROMOTION SUNDAY SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

On promotion Sunday, August 6, we will be giving Bibles to our pre-K, 3rd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade students. If you have a child that will be 4 years old, going into 3rd grade, 6th grade, or 9th grade, please contact the church office (766-4594 or office@stjohnsbr.org) with their name and age or grade. We don't want to leave any St. John's child out of this wonderful celebration.

We also want to invite all students, teachers, and school personnel to join us for the Blessing of the Backpacks during worship at both services on Sunday, August 6.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT LEADERS

Would you like to help bring the gospel to our children? We are looking for folks who would like to lead one of our Children's Moments on Sundays in the fall and winter. You will be given the scripture reading for the week and could adapt the lesson to their level in any way you would like. Please contact Morgan (morgandynes@stjohnsbr.org) or call the church office if this mission is one you would like to be a part of.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The annual school supply drive organized by Opening Doors to benefit children in the Gardere area begins tomorrow, Monday, July 17, and ends Sunday, August 6. Blue collection bins are in the Administration Building. Some suggested supplies are: loose leaf paper, pencils, blue or black ball-point pens, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, 24-pack of crayons, colored pencils, spiral notebooks (3 subject or more), standard rulers, pocket folders with clasps, scissors, boxes of Kleenex, rolls of paper towels, Clorox wipes, hand wipes, dry erase markers, kid scissors, construction paper, copy/computer paper.

SERMON NOTES

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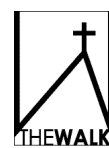
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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."
- 2 Corinthians 5:7
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We are a Christian community called to share our gifts through worship, witness and service so that others will know God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.