

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## July 1, 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 comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

## LET US BE WILLING

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CELEBRATION of CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

See insert.

✝ CALL to WORSHIP

Morgan Dynes

*From the Psalms*

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
he leads me beside still waters.**

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

**I will fear no evil, for you are with me.**

I lift my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from?

**My help comes from the Lord, maker of heaven and earth.**

God, you are my refuge and strength,

**an ever-present help in times of trouble.**

You created my innermost being; you knit me together  
in my mother's womb.

**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made!**

The Lord is good, and God's love endures forever.

**God's faithfulness continues through all generations.**

✝ HYMN of PRAISE

UMH 540

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

## LET US BE OPEN

SONGS FROM BABYLON

VBS Celebration

*Ushers will pass out folders during the VBS Celebration. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.*

PSALM 46

UMH 780-781

*We will sing Response 1*

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.**

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

✝ HYMN of FAITH

UMH 140

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

## LET US BE HONEST

✝ CALL to CONFESSION

*Based on Psalm 145*

Our God is merciful and compassionate,  
slow to anger and filled with unfailing love.

Our God is close to all who call out in truth,  
listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation.

So let's bring our confession to God,  
knowing that God will hear our prayers and forgive.

✝ PRAYER of CONFESSION

*Based on Psalm 51*

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love.**

**Hear my confession of sin and wrongdoing.**

**Transform me with your grace and restore me to wholeness.**

**Like the psalmist who sought cleansing and pardon,  
I ask you to "create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me." Amen.**

*(A time for silent prayers of confession)*

✝ WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

*Based on Psalm 103*

Brothers and Sisters, hear the good news!

God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger  
and abounding in steadfast love.

As high as the heavens are above the earth –

that's how large God's love is for us.

And as far as the east is from the west –

that's how far God has removed our sins from us.

So be at peace: you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are for forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✝ SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

## LET US BE THANKFUL

PRAYER of DEDICATION

*Based on Psalm 116*

What can we give back to the Lord, for all the good things

God has done for us?

**We offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God, and call  
on the Lord's name. We keep the promises we made to  
the Lord, in the presence of God's people. May the gifts we  
bring now, glorify God. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

Composed by Terry Byars

*I Stand in Grace*

✝ 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.**

✝ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we  
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we  
offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING the BREAD and CUP

♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*

♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup and thereby receive both elements at the same time.*

♦ *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.*

♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER after RECEIVING

**Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.  
Thank you for filling us with the joy of your presence, as we shared  
in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Show us the path of  
life, as we depart to serve you and our neighbor. Amen.**

## LET US BE FAITHFUL

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHP

*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 DISCIPLESHP

UMH 206

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.*

✝ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✝ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Tommie Reinhardt  
in memory of her husband, Morris, who passed away on July 4, 2011.*

## 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.*

### SUMMER PLAYLIST: A SERIES OUT OF PSALMS

Do you have your Summer Psalms Reading List? Located right in the middle of the Bible, Psalms is filled with amazing spiritual songs and prayers, and like every book in the Bible, the Psalms teach us and guide us in our faith. This summer, let the Psalms connect your soul to God in a deeper way through "Summer Playlist: A series out of Psalms."

The favorite Psalms of St. John's are all listed on the Summer Psalms Reading List and have daily readings from June 24 to August 24. If you don't have a Reading List, there are copies in the Narthex and in the Admin. Building as well as on our website.

### MINI HYMN SING

During our series on Psalms, we will be having mini-hymn sings: on Sunday, July 8 all of our hymns will come from "The Faith We Sing," on Sunday, July 15, from the Cokesbury Hymnal, Sunday, July 22 from the United Methodist Hymnal, and on Sunday, July 29 we will conclude with an **old-fashioned Hymn Sing** during worship.

### OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **Wednesday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day. Regular office hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) will resume Thursday, July 5.

### SOUNDS OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Sounds of Summer Sunday School" (for all children and youth) is in its fifth week today. The children are having a great time learning about God, making new friends, and having fun. We would love for anyone who wants to assist with arts and crafts, music, serving snacks, etc., to stop by and help us out in the FLC during the regular Sunday School hour (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.).

### YOUTH HOSTING THANK-YOU DESSERT SOCIAL

Mark your calendars and join the St. John's Youth Group in the FLC on **Sunday, July 8** from 6-7 p.m. for a dessert social to celebrate the work that was done on the ASP trip and to thank those of you who supported us every step of the way. We especially want our sponsors to come so we can thank you personally.

### OTHER YOUTH NEWS

Parents: Please make every effort to come to Youth Group **TONIGHT AT 5 p.m.** with your youth. Come for supper and wear casual clothes in order to join the youth in some games. There will also be a special devotional.

The Junior High youth will have a **Mission Lock-In** beginning **Monday, July 9** at 3 p.m. and ending Tuesday, July 10 at 12 noon. The registration fee is \$10. Parents can check out the Youth Newsletter for more information.

**Youth Week** begins **July 20** with a Lock In on July 20 and 21, Mission Monday July 23, a tubing trip to False River, and a Reverse Progressive Dinner on July 27. Grub Sunday will be August 5 at which time 6th graders are welcomed into the Youth Group.

### UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The UMW Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, July 3** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. The annual indoor picnic will be held. Refreshments will be provided by several circle members. All women are invited to attend.

### CHURCHWIDE MOVIE NIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE:** On **Sunday, July 22**, we invite you to a family-friendly movie night in the FLC. More details will be coming soon - stay tuned.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

<b>Sunday, July 1</b>	8:00 a.m. Praise Team, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	8:30 a.m. Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, <i>FLC</i>
	9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, <i>Campus Wide</i>
	9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School, <i>FLC</i>
	11:00 a.m. Worship Service, <i>Sanctuary</i>
	5:00 p.m. Youth Group, <i>FLC</i>
<b>Monday, July 2</b>	9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, <i>Parlor</i>
	3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, <i>Parlor</i>
	3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, <i>FLC</i>
	6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, <i>FLC-E</i>
<b>Tuesday, July 3</b>	8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, <i>FLC</i>
	8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, <i>FLC</i>
	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, <i>Pastor's Office</i>
	4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, <i>Parlor</i>
	4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, <i>Library</i>
<b>Wednesday, July 4</b>	OFFICE CLOSED
<b>Thursday, July 5</b>	8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, <i>FLC</i>
	8:30 p.m. Holy Folders, <i>Library</i>
	7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, <i>FLC</i>
<b>Friday, July 6</b>	OFFICE CLOSED
	6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, <i>Parlor</i>
<b>Saturday, July 7</b>	12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, <i>FLC-C</i>

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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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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**July 1, 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.*