

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## JULY 8, 2018 at 8:30 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

✠ SONG of PRAISE

*I Will Enter His Gates*

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.**

(REPEAT)

HYMN SING

Selected by the Congregation

*Chose 2 from The Faith We Sing; singing the first and last verses.*

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Danielle Blackwood

*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.**

## LET US BE OPEN

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Heather Durham

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

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

SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 23*

Pastor Deirdré

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 Deirdré

HYMN SING

Selected by the Congregation

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## 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 & GIFTS to GOD

Natalie Cooper & Bryan Adams

*All of My Hope*

✠ 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!**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 15

The Lord be with you.  
Lift up your hearts.

**And also with you.  
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. (3x)**

**Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Betty Schroeder & John Toney

PRAYER after RECEIVING

*Based on Psalm 16*

**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 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 SING

Selected by the Congregation

*Chose 2 from The Faith We Sing; singing the first and last verses.*

✠ BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*After the service, all are invited to stay for refreshments  
in the Family Life Center.*

## 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: today 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.

### SOUNDS OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Sounds of Summer Sunday School" (for all children and youth) is in its sixth 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 **TONIGHT** 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

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 checkout 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.

### FREE CAR WASH

Need your car washed? On **Monday, July 9** at 4 p.m. "Random Acts of Kindness" will be happening in our parking lot so bring your car to be washed at no charge.

### CHURCHWIDE MOVIE NIGHT

SAVE THE DATE: On **Sunday, July 22**, we invite you to a family movie night in the FLC. The movie, *The Sandlot*, is family friendly and fun for all. Bring a friend and watch this fun-filled comedy that all ages will enjoy. You are welcome to bring blankets and camp chairs, or enjoy one of our comfy seats in the Family Life Center. We will have popcorn, nachos, and desserts.

### A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

We cannot say "Thank You" enough times to our volunteers at VBS! We had a wonderful group of adults and youth who helped make our visit to Babylon such a wonderful week. We even had to add an extra "Tribe" due to late registrations! But our volunteers persevered and we made it through the whole week teaching the Bible through Daniel's exile in Babylon. You can check out pictures on St. John's Facebook page.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, July 8**  
 8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*  
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *FLC*  
 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, *Campus Wide*  
 9:45 a.m. Children & Youth Summer Sunday School, *FLC*  
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*  
 5:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
- Monday, July 9**  
 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
 11:00 a.m. Good Grief, St. Johns!, *Parlor*  
 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*  
 3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, July 10**  
 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*  
 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
 4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*  
 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, *FLC-A*
- Wednesday, July 11**  
 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
- Thursday, July 12**  
 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
 8:30 p.m. Holy Folders, *Library*  
 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, *Library*  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, July 13**  
 OFFICE CLOSED  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*
- Saturday, July 14**  
 8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, *Essen Piccadilly*  
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *Phil and Jill Slicker, Paul Ivey, Sandra Kuykendall*  
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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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 United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**July 8, 2018**  
 8:30 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.*