

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

JULY 22, 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

INTROIT Summer Bells

✠ SONG of PRAISE UMH 367
He Touched Me

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Beth Forester

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, from where does my help come?

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 SING Selected by the Congregation
Choose 2 from The United Methodist Hymnal.

LET US BE OPEN

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Barbara Benton

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 prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.

PSALTER UMH 844
Psalm 121
(Sung Response 2)

In the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

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 SING Selected by the Congregation
Choose 2 from The United Methodist Hymnal.

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

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS - THE WALK Danielle Blackwood

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 Summer Bells

✠ 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

Friends, God is ever present with you.

And the people say, "And also with you!"

"And also with you!"

Turn to the people around you and tell them this news:
"The peace of Christ is always with you!"

"The peace of Christ is always with you!"

As close as breath, the Holy is present with us.

So we lift up our hearts.

And the family says, "We lift them up to God."

"We lift them up to God!"

Let us give thanks to the Holy Living One, because it is the right thing
to do, not only now, but always – for "always" is when God is with us.

And so, we open our hearts and lives to your will for us as told to us
through your prophets and proclaimers, through the Psalms and your
Son. We join our voices together praising:

Holy, Holy, Holy God! **Holy, Holy, Holy God!**

Everywhere we see your Glory! **Everywhere we see your Glory!**

Hosanna in the highest! **Hosanna in the highest!**

... and the widest... **... and the widest...**

... and the deepest... **... and the deepest...**

... core of our being. **... core of our being.**

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

Let us be a community of messengers, proclaiming and reminding each
other and all of creation as you repeat this mystery of faith:

Christ has died... **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen... **Christ is risen.**

Christ will come again... **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 *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
Choose 2 from The United Methodist Hymnal.

✠ 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

It's not too late to begin reading the favorite Psalms of St. John's. They are all listed on the Summer Psalms Reading List and have daily readings through August 24. If you don't have a Reading List, bookmarks are available in the Narthex and in the Admin. Building as well as on our website.

OLD-FASHIONED HYMN SING NEXT SUNDAY

You won't want to miss **Sunday, July 29** when we will conclude with an **old-fashioned Hymn Sing** during worship with our hymns coming from all three hymnals. We will also hear testimonies from members of the congregation.

SOUNDS OF SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Sounds of Summer Sunday School" (for all children and youth) is in its eighth 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.). Next Sunday will be high energy and full of surprises for our final session on "Sounds of Community."

YOUTH WEEK EVENTS

Youth Week began **July 20** with a Lock In. **July 23** is Mission Monday selecting gifts for the children attending Grace Camp; **July 24** will be tubing on False River; **July 25** will mean solving clues in order to get out of The Escape Room; **July 26** will be hiking and climbing the hills in Tunica; and **July 27** is a Reverse Progressive Dinner where you begin with dessert and end with appetizers. Grub Sunday will be **August 5** at which time 6th graders are welcomed into the Youth Group and they say goodbye to the graduating seniors. Contact Morgan (morgandynes@stjohnsbr.org) for all the details of this busy and fun-filled week.

CHURCHWIDE MOVIE NIGHT

TONIGHT IS MOVIE NIGHT! We invite you to a family movie night in the FLC starting at 4 p.m. 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 and nachos. We invite you to bring a dessert to share.

ST. MARK'S UMC ONE-DAY MISSION

A one-day mission to St. Mark's in New Orleans is being planned for **Sunday, August 5** to feed the homeless after worship. In order to finish the meal preparation by 10 a.m., the group will need to leave St. John's by 5:30 a.m. Contact Rev. Larry Norman (933-1881) if you are interested in being part of the team. Contact Kathleen Adams (921-2664) if you are interested in helping prepare the meal.

BACK TO SCHOOL EVENTS

Don't forget **Sunday, August 5** is Promotion Sunday and Blessing of Backpacks at both worship services. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed before starting school. This is also Promotion Sunday for our children and youth who might be going into a new Sunday School class. We will also present Bibles to students entering K, 3rd, 6th, and 9th grades.

GARDERE BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA

The 11th annual Gardere Extravaganza will be held **Saturday, August 4** from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at the BREC Hartley-Vey Park, 1702 Gardere Lane. There will be free school supplies (all children **must** be accompanied by a parent or guardian in order to receive supplies), food, games, & gospel singing. The Shepherd's Market will have an exhibit and is looking for a few folks to come help that morning for as long as possible. Contact Theresa Sandifer (tsandifero829@gmail.com) if you are willing to serve.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, July 22**
8:00 a.m. Praise Team, *Sanctuary*
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, *Family Life Center*
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*
4:00 p.m. FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT, *FLC*
- Monday, July 23**
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
4:00 p.m. YOUTH WEEK: Mission Monday
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, July 24**
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*
10:00 a.m. YOUTH WEEK: Tubing on False River
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*
- Wednesday, July 25**
12:00 p.m. VIPS Everybody Reads Training, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
5:00 p.m. YOUTH WEEK: Escape Room!
- Thursday, July 26**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 p.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
9:00 a.m. YOUTH WEEK: Hiking, Tunica Hills
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, July 27**
OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*
4:00 p.m. YOUTH WEEK: Reverse Progressive Dinner
- Saturday, July 28**
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Beverlye Patterson to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dallas Patterson and Albert Patterson.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: *Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Dawn Staves, Aileen Pine*
Host: *Kathy King*

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn
Lead Pastor
pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org

Lynn Cooper
Administrative Assistant
office@stjohnsbr.org

Carrie Stephens
Director of Music Ministries
carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org

Bill Putzig
Custodian
billputzig@stjohnsbr.org

Rev. Deirdre Halliburton
Associate Pastor
pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org

LeAnn Davis
Manager of Finance & Facilities
leannDavis@stjohnsbr.org

Terry Byars
Accompanist
terrybyars@stjohnsbr.org

Morgan Dynes
Ministry Intern
morgandynes@stjohnsbr.org

St. John's United Methodist Church
230 Renee Drive | Baton Rouge, LA 70810
www.stjohnsbr.org | 225-766-4594

 Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not
by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7
(NRSV) #sjthewalk

 Check in on Facebook:
facebook.com/stjohnsbr

 Follow us on Twitter:
@stjohnsbr

Give online: <http://bit.ly/sjumcgive>



ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



July 22, 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.