

**SUNDAY, JULY 3, 2016**  
**11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

I will exalt you, O God my King: **and bless your name for ever and ever.**

Every day I will bless you: **and praise your name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: **there is no end to God’s greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another: **and shall declare your power.**

**Here we are, Lord; here because we need you.**

(from Psalm 145:1-4)

HYMN *Joyful, Joyful* UMH 89

PRAYER

**Gracious God, whose mercy is like a refining fire, please touch us with your justice, and confront us with your holiness, that being comforted by you, we may reach out to a troubled world, through Jesus Christ, our Deliverer. Amen.**

(adapted from Ruth C. Duck, Worship for the Whole People of God, 113)

**THE WORD**

PSALTER *Psalm 66:8-20* UMH 790

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deacon Sarah

SCRIPTURE *Psalm 66:1-7, 16* Natalie Cooper

SERMON *A Psalm is a PDA* Pastor Jay

HYMN *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* UMH 57  
vs 1-3

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, “I will confess my sins to the Lord.”**

And you forgave the guilt of my sin (Psalm 32:5).

**All merciful God, who created the world and all that live in it, we come to you as your daughters and sons. We are aware of our aggression and anger, our drive to dominate and manipulate others.**

**We confess we sin against you and disobey your way that leads to life and love.**

**We ask you to forgive us our sins.**

**Renew us with your holy spirit and help us to find a renewed sense of compassion, that we may truly live as your people in service to all. Amen.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: Indeed God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 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 *Song of the Nations* Men’s Ensemble

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

**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

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

\*SHARING OF 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.**

**SENT FORTH IN GOD’S NAME**

HYMN *America the Beautiful* UMH 696

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

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

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...**

given by Tommie Reinhardt in memory of her husband, Morris Reinhardt, on the fifth anniversary of his death.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Rhonda Tucker, Penny Kemler, Will Halliburton, Trey Halliburton
<b>Host(s)</b>	Joyce Perry

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, July 3**  
**HAVE A SAFE AND BLESSED WEEKEND**

**Monday, July 4**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**  
3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Library

**Tuesday, July 5**  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC-Gym  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

**Wednesday, July 6**  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary  
7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

**Thursday, July 7**  
6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC-Gym  
6:00 p.m. Youth Jam Session, Sanctuary  
6:00 p.m. Trustees, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, July 8**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**  
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC-Gym

**Saturday, July 9**  
8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Piccadilly  
9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC-Gym  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**THE SHEPHERD’S MARKET**

Today is *Grocery Bag Sunday*. If you were unable to bring your yellow bag today you can bring it to the church office during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday.

Volunteers, please note: The Shepherd’s Market will be closed **Monday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day.

There will be a delivery by the Food Bank on **Friday, July 8**. Volunteers are needed to help stock shelves. If you are available, come to the FLC-gym at 8:30 a.m. We appreciate any length of time you can offer.

**A TASTE OF ST. JOHN’S 2016!!**

Calling all cooks and bakers! We’re accepting entries for A Taste of St. John’s, our second annual cooking/baking competition, that will be held on **Sunday, July 31** in the Family Life Center. Entries should arrive by 5 p.m. for judging, and everyone is invited for ice cream at 6 p.m. when winners will be announced. Each entry is \$5, or you can sign up to be a judge for a \$5 donation. (Make checks out to St. John’s UMC with Taste in the memo line.) Please submit your entry form by Thursday, July 21. Learn more during coffee time today and at [www.stjohnsbr.org/event/a-taste-of-st-johns-2016](http://www.stjohnsbr.org/event/a-taste-of-st-johns-2016).

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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- 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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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### HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The church office will be closed **Monday, July 4** in observance of Independence Day; regular office hours will resume Tuesday, July 5.

### PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

A lively group of Prime Timers would love to have you join them at the Piccadilly on Essen **Saturday, July 9** at 8:30 a.m. for a Dutch treat buffet breakfast. ALL ages are invited!

### BIBLE 101: AN INTRODUCTION TO READING SCRIPTURE

**August 14, 21, and 28**

As Christians, we know we're supposed to read our Bibles, but have you ever wondered, "Where do I begin?" Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, in the library at 5 p.m., for this three-week study that starts at the very beginning. Perfect for adults of all ages who are new to reading scripture on their own or who want a refresher course. Contact the Church Office to sign up.

### DAYS FOR GIRLS AGAIN COME HELP OUT YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!

**FIRST MEETING - SATURDAY, JULY 9**

The UMW is sponsoring 3 more work days to make 50 additional kits for the Days for Girls project. These kits will contain reusable feminine hygiene projects for girls in third world countries who are missing school because of a lack of available products.

We will meet in the Family Life Center-gym on **Saturday, July 9, July 23, and August 13** from 9:00 – noon. All are welcome. Sewers and non-sewers are needed to cut fabric, iron, sew, serge, apply snaps, insert drawstrings, and assemble kits.

We need donations of: (1) girls new cotton panties sizes 10, 12, or, 14 in any dark to medium color, solids or flowers, no characters or animals and no white panties, (2) new washcloths, any color but white, or (3) cash to purchase fabric. You were so generous last time, we had some supplies left over. For more information contact Joyce Perry, 763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net.

### GRACE CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

One of St. John's beloved mission fields, Grace Camp, is in need of female staff, age 20 and up. The camp is open to Louisiana children, ages 9 - 11, whose parent (or parents) are incarcerated. Held at Camp Istrouma on Greenwell Springs Rd., the session runs from Monday July 25 through Friday, July 29. Staff training is from noon Saturday, July 23 through Sunday, July 24. For more information contact Betty Schroeder at 939-6981 or drbschroeder@att.net.

### MEALS FOR LSU WESLEY

The LSU Wesley needs YOUR help! On Wednesdays, we provide a free dinner for our students, followed by worship. We hope that Sunday school classes or covenant groups from St. John's will consider organizing and providing a meal for a Wednesday during the school year. You can sign up on the "Take Them A Meal" website where you can choose a Wednesday night that works for you. The last name is "wesley foundation" and the password is 2907. As always, you are also invited to join us for worship after; we'd love to have you! For questions or other inquiries contact the LSU Wesley Foundation at wesley.lsu@gmail.com or at 225-344-7012.

## SERMON NOTES

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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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# ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

Shout with joy to God ... make his praise glorious!



Psalm 66:1-2

## Psalms of Psummer

### 11:00 Worship Service July 3, 2016

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.