

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

New every morning is your love, great God of Light, and all day long you are working for good in the world.

This very day the Lord has acted! Let us rejoice!

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

SONG OF PRAISE *Come, Thou Almighty King* UMH 61

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise!

Father all glorious, o’er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

SONG OF PRAISE *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* FWS 2193

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord, send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYER

Renew your Church, Lord. Revive your people in this community. Save us please from cheap words and self-promotion in your service. Help us to shine your light of justice and compassion to show our neighbors your goodness and your peace. In the power of your Holy Spirit, transform us and shape us by your cross. For your greater glory we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

THE PSALTER *Psalms 145:8-21* UMH 857

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 5:13-20* Joyce Robinson

SERMON *Discharge Our Loyal Soldiers* Pastor Jay
(or How to Experience Righteousness and Not Miss Its Meaning)

HYMN *Bring Forth the Kingdom* FWS 2190
 vs 1, 2

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Almighty God, we confess that we are often swept up in the tide of our generation. We have failed in our calling to be your holy people - failed to be salt and light in the world around us. We live more in selfish pride born of our desires than in pursuit of a common good. We are moved more by private ambition than by social justice. We dream more of privilege and benefits than of service and sacrifice. Help us make room in our hearts and lives for you. Forgive us. Revive us. Reshape us in your image.*

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

(Silent confession)

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

Hear the good news: If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen!

(*adapted from the confession of Lydia S. Martinez, USA, 20th C. ALT, as found in “Prayers of Confession” The UM Book of Worship #479.)

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

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.

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE 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 *The Summons* FWS 2130
 vs 1, 5

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR . . .

are dedicated to the Glory of God and in celebration of Liz Hefner’s birthday. Given by Betty Sandifer.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Dawn Staves, Jill Slicker, Belinda Dumas, Betty Sandifer
Host(s)	Bobbi Marino

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, Sunday, July 12

5:00 p.m. Youth, Deacon Sarah’s House

5:00 p.m. SPRC, Parlor

Monday, July 13

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

3:00 p.m. Men’s Covenant Group, Parlor

4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

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

7:00 p.m. Youth: Girls’ Bible Study, Rm 201

Tuesday, July 14

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

Wednesday, July 15

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

5:30 p.m. New Men’s Group, George’s

6:00 p.m. Youth: God’s Blogs, Rm 201

6:00 p.m. Youth Parents, Parlor

6:00 p.m. Communications Team, Library

6:00 p.m. New Parents’ Group: Potluck, O’Quinn’s

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, July 16

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, July 17

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 18

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

LEGACY GIVING INFORMATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JULY 19
12:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY

Members of St. John’s are cordially invited to a catered lunch to learn more about Legacy Giving. This is an informational meeting only to assist you in your giving; no commitment or follow up is required. Seating is limited so you must **RSVP to the church office by Monday, July 13.** (Invitations have also been passed out in adult Sunday school classes.)

AN EVENING WITH WILLIE BERMAN
SUNDAY, JULY 26
5:00 P.M. IN THE GYM

You are invited to spend an Evening With Willie Berman, a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church. He serves in his home country as the Mexican Methodist Border Mission Coordinator. Come hear Willie tell of his involvement in the many ministries in Reynosa: medical clinics, wood-working shops, sewing classes, as well as the construction of houses, schools, and community centers. A light supper will be served.

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

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): _____

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN and EXPECTANT PARENTS

A new small group for parents with young children and expectant parents is being formed! This group will meet on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK, Wednesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m. the group will have a kick-off potluck at the home of Jamie and Brandon O'Quinn, 9369 Kingcrest Parkway. BRING THE KIDS!

Wednesday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor, the group will begin a weekly Bible Study; the first book to be studied is Philippians. CHILDCARE WILL BE PROVIDED!

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

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

ANNUAL SUMMER ART CAMP

Opening Doors annual summer art camp for elementary and middle school students is in progress. Elementary students attended camp this past week and learned about the animals they painted. They also visited the Baton Rouge Zoo. This upcoming week Middle school students will be attending camp and will visit the Global Wildlife Center to learn more about the animals they will be painting. This year one of the volunteers is teaching the students about table manners at the noon meal. The children are receiving an abundance of healthy food and lots of love.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

Dear St. Johns Family, I would like to take this time to thank you for honoring me with both the Sarah-Holbrook and the Fendlason Scholarship to allow me to further my education this upcoming school year. St. John's has always been a second home to me, and all of you are my family. I have loved having the opportunity to grow up in the church with such loving people around me, and it is comforting to know that y'all are here for me as I further my education. Thanks for everything that y'all have done for me! May the Lord Bless you and Keep you, Catherine LeBlanc.

USHERS NEEDED

St. John's! Your help is needed at both worship services. We need ushers for both the 8:30 and the 11:00 services. Let Fran Anderson (frances_anderson11@yahoo.com or 324-5040) know when you will be available and she will put you on the schedule. You will only have to usher once every six weeks ... participation doesn't get any better than that!

SERMON NOTES

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



Matthew 5:14a

8:30 Worship Service July 12, 2015

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.