

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

As a shepherd seeks a lost sheep,

So God seeks and saves the lost.

Like a woman who searches for a lost coin until it is found,

So God rejoices over one soul restored to wholeness.

As a father receives a returning wayward son,

So God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.

Therefore let us praise God that we are welcome,

Let us welcome and rejoice over one another in the name of Jesus Christ.

(The UM Book of Worship, Ruth Duck, USA, 20th C., Alt)

SONG OF PRAISE *Woke Up This Morning* FWS 2082

Ensemble: Oh, I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,

All: Stayed on Jesus,

I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,

Stayed on Jesus,

I woke up this morning with my mind, and it was stayed,

Stayed on Jesus,

Can’t hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed,

Stayed on Jesus,

Can’t hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed,

Stayed on Jesus,

Can’t hate your neighbor in your mind, if you keep it stayed,

Stayed on Jesus,

Hallelu, **Hallelu**, Hallelu, **Hallelu**, Hallelujah. **Hallelujah.**

SONG OF PRAISE *My Life is in You* FWS 2032

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.

I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my strength; with all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;

my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.

PRAYER

God of grace and glory, from self righteousness that will not compromise and from selfishness that gains by the oppression of others, **Lord deliver us.**

From the lusts for money or power that drives to kill, **Lord deliver us.**

From trusting in the weapons of war and mistrusting your councils of peace, **Lord deliver us.**

From hearing, believing, and speaking lies about others, **Lord deliver us.**

From suspicions and fears that stand in the way of reconciliation, **Lord deliver us.**

From words and deeds that encourage discord, prejudice, and hatred; from everything that prevents us from fulfilling your promise of peace, **Lord deliver us.**

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

THE PSALTER

Psalms 1

UMH 738

GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:21-31

SERMON

When There’s No High Ground Left

Pastor Jay

HYMN

The Day of New Beginnings - vs 1, 2, 3

UMH 383

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Almighty and most merciful God, you know the thoughts of our hearts. We confess that we have sinned against you and done evil in your sight.

We have transgressed your holy laws.

We have disregarded your Word and Sacraments.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Give us grace and power to put away all hurtful things.

Deliver us from the bondage of sin.

Help us bring forth fruit worthy of repentance, and walk in your holy ways through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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!

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

Walk With Me - vs 1, 2

FWS 2242

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR . . .

are in memory of Earl Cobb and in celebration of what would have been Earl’s and Pat’s 64th wedding anniversary. Given by Pat Cobb.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Lynn Cooper, Judy Barbay, Carol Gordon, Beth Forester
Host(s)	Jim and Theresa Sandifer

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, July 19

12:30 p.m. Legacy Giving Informational Meeting, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

Monday, July 20

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, Parlor

Tuesday, July 21

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

Wednesday, July 22

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

5:30 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s

6:00 p.m. Youth: God’s Blogs, Parlor

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

Thursday, July 23

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

6:30 p.m. Building Committee, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, July 24

OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

6:00 p.m. Youth: Sexuality & Morality Seminar, Library

Saturday, July 25

8:30 a.m. Youth: Sexuality & Morality Seminar, Library

12 noon Choir Party, Gym

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

3:30 p.m. Eagle Scout Court of Honor, Gym

WELCOME, LORRIE, and an OLD-FASHIONED “PANTRY POUNDING”

On **Sunday, August 2**, St. John’s will welcome our new full-time Director of Ministries with Youth and Children, Lorrie McGuire, and her husband, Gene. There will be a reception during coffeetime to introduce them to everyone.

As part of our welcome, we are going to have an old-fashioned “Fill-the-Pantry Pounding.” Deirdre Halliburton will be coordinating the event in conjunction with the SPRC and is looking for contributions such as food items for their pantry, cleaning supplies, or, maybe, even a frozen meal, delivered to them when they move in. Items for the “pounding” can be brought to the church office by **Thursday, July 30**, or on Sunday and left in the blue buckets in the Receptionist Office. For more information contact the church office (766-4594) or Deirdre (939-1425).

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): _____

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 2 will be our annual Blessing of the Backpacks. All students -- children, youth, adults -- are encouraged to bring their backpacks to either the 8:30 or 11:00 service for this special blessing.

FOOD BANK DELIVERY

There will be a food delivery to the Pantry on **Friday, July 24**. Volunteers are needed to help stock the shelves. If you can help, please come to the Gym by 9:00 a.m.

AN EVENING WITH WILLIE BERMAN

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. Join us in the Gym on **Sunday, July 26** at 5:00 p.m. A light supper will be served.

WORSHIP IN THE MARKET

On **Tuesday, August 4**, we will begin *Worship in the Market* a brief service of scripture, song, and Eucharist. Come join us each Tuesday morning in the Gym preceding the Shepherd's Market. All are invited!

NEW SMALL GROUP FOR PARENTS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN and EXPECTANT PARENTS

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!**

BIBLE STUDY ON SEXUALITY AND SAME GENDER RELATIONSHIPS

Pastor Jay will conduct a Bible study on sexuality and same gender relationships on **Sunday, August 9 and 16**, at 6:00 p.m. (room to be announced). RSVP to pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org or 772-3550.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The annual school supply drive organized by Opening Doors to benefit children in the Gardere area ends **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.

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.

Sermon on the Mountain



by E. Thor Carlson

8:30 Worship Service
July 19, 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.