

**SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Even youths will faint and be weary.

And the young will fall exhausted.

But those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

We gather for your glory, O Lord. Let us worship your greatness!

SONGS OF PRAISE

We Are God’s People FWS 2220

We are God’s people, the chosen of the Lord,

born of the Spirit, established by the Word.

Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Christ we stand;

O let us live transparently and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God’s loved ones the Bride of Christ, our Lord,

for we have known it, the love of God outpoured.

Now let us learn how to return the gift of love once given;

O let us share each joy and care and live with a zeal that pleases

heaven.

Praise the Name of Jesus FWS 2066

Praise the name of Jesus. Praise the name of Jesus.

He’s my Rock, he’s my Fortress, he’s my deliverer, in him will I trust.

Praise the name of Jesus.

PRAYER

God of grace and glory, you are the hope of all the ends of the earth.

Hear our humble call for your help - for all peoples and families on earth - that you will turn all hearts to yourself.

Remove from our minds and our actions any hatred,

prejudice, or contempt for those who are not of our own

color, class or creed.

Urge us by your Holy Spirit’s guide to be in unity of spirit

bound together in your peace and compassion.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

(adapted from a prayer by the Church of Scotland, 20th C, alt.)

THE WORD

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rhonda Tucker

SCRIPTURE *2 Kings 2:1-15*

SERMON *Cloaks of Assurance* Pastor Jay

HYMN *In Unity We Lift Our Song* FWS 2221
vs 1 & 4

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Grant Turner Benson
son of Julia and Gregory Benson

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your lovingkindness. According to your tender mercy, blot out our sins.

Wash away our transgressions, and cleanse us with your love.

We admit our faults, and our sin is always before us.

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit

within us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent confession)

May Almighty God, who causes light to shine out of our

darkness, shine in our hearts, cleanse us from all our sins,

and restore us to the light of the knowledge of God’s glory,

in the face of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *Be Thou My Vision* Praise Team

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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

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 Lord Bless and Keep You* FWS 2280

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Go Ye, Go Ye into the World*

*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 ...

to the glory of God and to celebrate Bill Perry’s 75th birthday.

Given with love from Joyce and family.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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| Ushers | Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer, Barbara Benton, Fran Anderson |
| Host(s) | |

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 26

2:00 p.m. Youth: Mission Trip, Sunflower, MS

Monday, June 27

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

11:00 a.m. VIPS Training, Library

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

4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC

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

Tuesday, June 28

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

Wednesday, June 29

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

7:00 p.m. Law & Gospel, Megison Residence

Thursday, June 30

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, FLC

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, July 1

OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, July 2

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**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.

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): _____

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

Don't forget to pick up a yellow bag for The Shepherd's Market and return it next **Sunday, July 3** on *Grocery Bag Sunday*. Items always needed include rice, pasta, canned fruit, and household items.

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

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.

THE UPPER ROOM

The July-August issue of *The Upper Room* is now available in the back of the sanctuary and in the hallway of the Admin Building; large print edition is in the Admin Building.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Mary Martha Circle will not be meeting during the months of June and July. The Ruth Circle will not be meeting in the month of July. Meetings will resume in August for both circles.

YOUTH NEWS

Did you know that all proceeds from the soft drink machine in the FLC goes to Youth activities and mission projects? So, when you have a thirst for a Coke, Dr. Pepper, etc., please help the youth by using our vending machine. (It was recently moved to the back hallway between the gym and the classrooms.)

St.. John's Youth will be leaving for their summer mission trip this afternoon! Our youth, adults, and young adults, along with youth from Denham Springs and a youth group from Michigan will be sharing God's love and their talents with God's people in Sunflower, MS. Keep them in your prayers for a safe and productive week. They will be returning Thursday, June 30.

Nelson Williams, our summer intern, wants to share his love of music with St. John's Youth. He is inviting all youth to meet him in the sanctuary on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for a time of learning songs, collaborating and playing with other musicians. The next jam session will be **Thursday, July 7**.

Our summer interns, Alex and Nelson, are leading a Monday night study for the youth. The next meeting for Faith in Art and Faith in Sports will be **Monday, July 11**.

SUMMER STUDY FOR WOMEN LAW AND GOSPEL

Kathy Megison is hosting a women's small group study in her home **June 29** and **July 13 and 27** at 7 p.m. The group will be reading and discussing *Law and Gospel: A Theology for Sinners and Saints*. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Kathy (405-4623 or kathy megison@gmail.com); her address is 10782 Oakline Dr. The book cost \$8.18 and can be found on Amazon.

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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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Elijah's Chariot of Fire



Phillip Ratner, artist

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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.