

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

March 10, 2019 at 11 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited 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.

CENTERING Before GOD

BELL TOLL

The tolling of the bell invites you into a time of centering and stillness.

PRELUDE

Terry Byars

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

† CALL to WORSHIP

Richard Damberg

Be still!

We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

Be still and know . . .

we come to discern the Word which can set us free.

Be still and know that God is

our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Strengthen.

In this time of worship, let us still our minds and claim the divine promise:

“Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth”

(Psalm 46:10)

† HYMN of PRAISE

UMH 110

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

† PSALTER

Psalm 46

UMH 78o

SUNG RESPONSE

“Be still, and know that I am God.”

The Lord of Hosts is with us.

God is our Refuge and strength,

A very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

Though its waters roar and foam,

Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

The holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;

God will help it at the dawn of the day.

The nations rages, the kingdoms totter;

God’s voice resounds, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

SUNG RESPONSE

Come, behold the works of the Lord,
Who has wrought desolations in the earth;

Who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,

Breaks the bow, shatters the spear,

And burns the shields with fire!

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth!”

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

† GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

ENGAGING GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Darlene Dickson

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.

ANTHEM

Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 46

Pastor Deirdré

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

“Be Still and Know”

Pastor Deirdré

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONDING to GOD’S GRACE

† HYMN of FAITH

UMH 534

Be Still, My Soul

† PRAYER of CONFESSION

Latrice Mallard

Lord of hosts,

**Quiet our anxious thoughts and help us to
be still before you.**

**We confess that we do not run to you as our refuge
and strength,**

**but turn to many other sources of hope and help
when our souls are troubled.**

**When our lives fall apart and our hearts are like
roaring and foaming seas,**

**we are prone to fear you, accuse you, turn from you,
or feel abandoned by you.**

You answer our doubts and fears with your voice,
“Be still, and know that I am God.”

Help us to hear you. Slow us down.

Encourage us to take some time to listen
rather than speak, to stop and rest
rather than run.

**Cause us to look around at situations and people
who are in need and to place our focus on
helping them.**

**For it is in helping your people and reaching
out in love that we will find true peace.**

These things we pray, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

(A time for silent prayers and confession.)

† WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of the city, which shall not
be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

The Lord of hosts is with us, as our refuge.

In the name of the God of Jacob and Jesus, you are forgiven.

Therefore, we will not fear! Thanks be to God. Amen.

† SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

† DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

DEPARTING to SERVE

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 of DISCIPLESHIP

UMH 529

How Firm a Foundation

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are from Marifyn and Richard Damberg
in honor of their son, Brannon Shalley, on his birthday.*

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.

LENT WORSHIP SERIES - "BE STILL"

Lent, the 40-day season before Easter, is about taking time to "Be Still," to pray, read the Bible, think, reflect, listen, and to be given hope and power to move in the direction that God intends. Starting today, and continuing through April 7, join us for "Be Still," our Lent Worship Series, focused simply on slowing down so there can be lasting change. Next week our scripture will be Mark 1:30-39.

Copies of the daily Lent devotion booklet are in the Narthex, the Admin. Building, and the FLC. There is a weekly small-group discussion guide in the back, too.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women are celebrating their 150th anniversary this year. On **Tuesday, March 12**, at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor, the Ruth Circle will be celebrating with an anniversary cake. All women of the church are invited. Pat Lively will be presenting the program "Anointing Women."

BLOOD DRIVE

Our semi-annual blood drive will be **Sunday, March 17** from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. in the large parking lot. If you are planning to donate blood, it is recommended that you eat first. You will also need to bring a picture I.D. (and reading glasses, if you need them). Any healthy person over the age of 17 is eligible (16 with a parent's consent.)

NEW FAMILY MINISTRY

Join us as we discuss family devotions at our first **Faith, Family & Formation** gathering on **Sunday March 24** at 3 p.m. While our kids have fun with a spring-themed craft and playing together, let's talk about real ways to stay connected to God and each other as family. Pastor Deirdre will facilitate our discussion. RSVP with number of kids to pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

The UMW is announcing a series of spring work days for Days for Girls. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, March 16, 23, and 30** from 9 a.m. to 12 noon in the Family Life Center. Remember you do not need to know how to sew in order to participate in this very worthwhile ministry. For more information about this international organization go to www.daysforgirls.org.

NEW WRITER'S GROUP FORMING

A new writer's group is being formed here at St. John's. If you are a writer of any genre -- poetry, fiction, drama, essay -- and would like to be a part of the group, please come to the first meeting. We will meet for coffee and conversation in the church parlor on **Sunday, March 10**, at 3 p.m. Feel free to bring a short piece of your writing to share at the meeting. For more information contact Pastor Deirdre.

YOUTH ENTERING CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN COMPETITION

The youth are entering a competition for a chance to win \$5,000 in a group raise fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen. The group to raise the most money in sales between March and April will win. We need 20 people to RSVP on our meal page (www.groupraise.com/events/88205) by March 9 or our event scheduled for **Tuesday, March 12** will be canceled.

MISSION TO ST. MARK'S, NEW ORLEANS

St. John's annual three-day mission to St. Marks UMC in New Orleans will be **April 5-7**. The team will do repair and remodeling work at the North Rampart Community Center Friday and Saturday and prepare and serve a meal for homeless persons on Sunday. The mission fee of \$135 per person includes your lodging and meals and helps defray the costs of preparing the Sunday meal and materials for the construction projects. Registration forms are in the narthex, office, and the FLC.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. Writer's Group, Parlor
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, FLC
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, March 11

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, March 12

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Library
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, FLC-E
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Library
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle UMW, Parlor

Wednesday, March 13

10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A

Thursday, March 14

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library
6:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, March 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

Saturday, March 16

9:00 a.m. Days for Girls, FLC
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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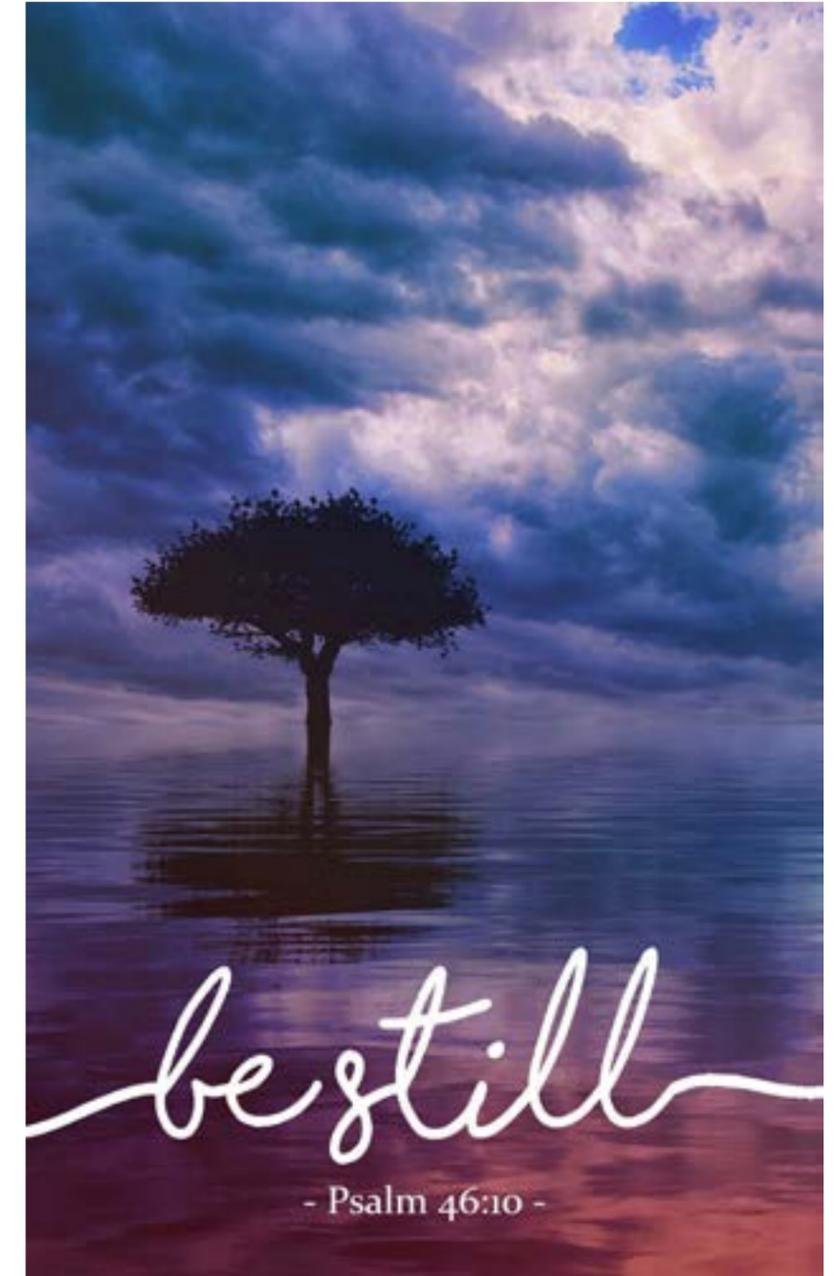
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March 10, 2019

11 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.