

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

MARCH 10, 2019 at 8:30 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

† SONGS of PRAISE

*Come! Come!*

FWS 2271, vs. 1 & 2

**Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!**

**Worship and remember to keep the Sabbath day.**

**Take a rest and think of God; put your work away!**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!**

**Worship and remember the Lord's unending care,**

**reaching out to love and help people everywhere!**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!**

**Come! Come! Everybody worship! Worship God always!**

*Holy Ground*

FWS 2272

**We are standing on holy ground,  
and I know that there are angels all around;  
let us praise Jesus now;  
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.**

† CALL to WORSHIP

*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 Strength.**

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)

† SONG of RESPONSE

*Be Still and Know*

FWS 2057

**Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.  
Be still and know that I am God.**

## 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.*

SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 46*

*Pastor Deirdré, Phil Sprunger*

SUNG RESPONSE:

**“Be still, and know that I am God.”  
The Lord of Hosts is with us.**

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*

## RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

† HYMN of FAITH

*Without Seeing You*

FWS 2206

† 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.**

*From Psalm 46:4-5, 7*

† SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*

† DOXOLOGY

**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.**

UMH 95

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*During Lent, our communion responses will be from  
The United Methodist Hymnal, page 19-20, Musical Setting B.*

UMH 18

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SUNG RESPONSE:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven & earth are full of your glory.

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,  
God of power and might,**

**Heaven & earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna **Hosanna**

Hosanna **Hosanna**

in the highest. **in the highest.**

*The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; **Christ has died;**

Christ is risen; **Christ is risen;**

Christ will come again. **Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen. Amen. **Amen. Amen.**

Amen. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING the LORD'S SUPPER

- ♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- ♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of “intinction.” When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup.*
- ♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it at the station on the right.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Let us thank God, whom we worship here in this gift of quiet holiness.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered together in your name,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For making us your beloved children through baptism.

For your grace and forgiveness,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For refreshing us day by day with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,

**We thank you, Lord.**

For calling us to follow you into the world, to feed your people and grow into the likeness of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord. 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

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

UMH 671

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

*After the service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for refreshments.*

*The flowers on the altar are from Marilyn 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



March 10, 2019

8:30 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.