

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

MARCH 11, 2018 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

✠ Please stand as you are able. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

GATHERING

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

All I Need Is You FWS 2080

**All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.
You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.**

**All I want is you, Jesus, all I want is you.
You are the source of all I need. All I want is you.**

**My only hope is you, Lord, my only hope is you.
You are the source of all I need. My only hope is you.**

My Life Is in You, Lord 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. (REPEAT)**

**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.**

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Sandra Kuykendall

In our richness, we have believed that we are the ones who have all the answers to life's problems.

**But when those who have little, offer all they have,
we are put to shame.**

In our power, we believe that might is right.

**But when those who are powerless offer love and mercy,
we are put to shame.**

Joy fills our lives when we center our lives on Jesus Christ.

Hope fills our hearts when we focus on our Savior.

Peace fills our souls when we seek to do God's work.

Come, let us seek God's work in our recovery. Amen.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

Something Beautiful UMH 394

**Something beautiful, something good;
all my confusion he understood;
all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,
but he made something beautiful of my life.**

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Deirdré Halliburton

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 READING Sandra Kuykendall

John 3:14-18

This is the Word of God for the people of God.
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 Pastor Julia

“Recovery”

RESPONDING

✠ HYMN of FAITH UMH 605

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

MINISTRY MOMENT - OPENING DOORS Richard Damberg

PRAYER of CONFESSION Pastor Lane

As petitions are prayed, we will pray responsively:

And so we pray:

**Forgive us where we go astray, and keep us
on the path of life.**

(a time for silent prayers and confession)

WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

✠ SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

Wayfaring Stranger

✠ 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.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 15

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We are yours, O God.**
Bless the Lord! **God's holy name be praised!**

Praised in heaven, praised in earth, praised throughout your creation
is your name, Holy Triune God. From generation to generation,
your healing love is known among all peoples.

You do not come to put us on trial,
but that the whole world may be saved.

So with prophets, leaders, and faithful people, we, with
all creation, cry “Holy!”

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is Christ who comes in your name!
Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, Word made flesh. Son of humankind,
lifted on the cross, in your wounds, we see our wounding, in your
cries, we hear our curses. and in your torn flesh, we feel the lashes we
inflict on others, and on you.

Have mercy on us, and heal us, Jesus Christ.

Merciful are you for coming among us and for offering yourself to us
in this holy meal to fill our hungry and erring souls, and to empower
us to break free from Satan's lies and follow where you lead, loving
God and neighbor fully as ourselves. With your first disciples, on the
night of your betrayal into death, you took bread, blessed it, broke it,
and gave it, saying:

Take and eat this, my body given for you.

Then you took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it, saying:
Drink this, my blood of the new covenant for you.

Even so, here and now, come, Holy Spirit! **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Come upon these gifts and upon us. Make them be for us Christ's
body and blood, that we who receive them may be for all the body of
Christ enlivened by his blood.

Come, Holy Spirit. **Make us one.**
Come, Holy Spirit. **Unite us with you.**
Come, Holy Spirit. **Revive us!**

Dwell in us, O Christ, strengthen us in your ways and continue to
drive us to your cross where we behold you and see ourselves for
what we are: sinners, loved and being saved by you now and until
that day when we shall feast with you in new creation. To you,
All-Merciful Creator, through Christ, and in the power of the Holy
Spirit we raise our cry of thanks:

**All praise, and honor, and glory are yours, blessed Triune
God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING the BREAD and CUP

- ♦ All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.
- ♦ Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like the gluten-free elements.

Come to the Table

**Come to the table of grace, Come to the table of grace.
This is God's table, it's not yours or mine. Come to the table of grace**

Come to the table of Peace ...

Come to the table of Love ...

PRAYER after RECEIVING

**Jesus, thank you! You have offered us yourself. In bread we
have broken and wine we have poured, we see how we continue
to break and wound your world. In receiving it as your body
and blood we are restored and strengthened to be agents of
hope and healing. By the power of the Holy Spirit, continue
your work of recovery in and through us, that in and through
us all may see you and live. 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 462

Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

Everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments.

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.

WORSHIP SERIES - "REHAB"

Join us during the season of Lent in a journey of restoration from death to new life! Today we address the sense of progress (and lack of progress) that comes with beginning to make some recovery. Next Sunday we will read from Jeremiah 31:31-34.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

We gather every Wednesday during Lent at 7 a.m. for a 30-minute morning service with Communion in the sanctuary. On Wednesday evenings, we hold "Heavenly Hash and Rehash" at which time we "rehash" our Rehab series theme from Sunday. Dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. During dinner, around 6 p.m., we share in a tableside devotion with scripture, reflection questions, and Communion. All ages are welcome, a nursery is available.

YOUNG ADULT SECOND SUNDAY LUNCH

TODAY our Second Sunday Lunch will be at Zoës Kitchen in Perkins Rowe (on the corner down from Barnes & Noble). If you are a young adult we would love for you to join us for this Dutch treat lunch following the 11 a.m. service at 12:30 p.m. Friends and new faces are always welcome.

MISSION TO ST. MARK'S IN NEW ORLEANS

St. John's UMC will travel to New Orleans to carry out its mission of "feeding people" and to help St. Mark's UMC in its ministry to the homeless and hungry, April 6 - April 8. For more information please email Rev. Larry Norman at lduckn@aol.com. This mission is open to all ages and abilities.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Mary Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to join us in the program "Call to Prayer and Self Denial." The UMW General Meeting will be Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. in the parlor.

TRUSTEES' WORK DAY

Mark your calendar for Saturday, March 17. The Trustees are coordinating a church-wide work day from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be handling some light yard work, repairs, and some cleaning in the sanctuary. Please make plans to come help make our campus beautiful for Easter.

MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

The Church Council will meet Thursday, March 16 in the FLC at 6 p.m. This is an open meeting and you are invited to attend.

The Congregational Care Team will be meeting on Sunday, March 18 in the library at 12:15 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Our church-wide/community-wide EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA will take place on Saturday March 31 from 9 - 11 a.m. Bring your family, tell you neighbors!

To make this an awesome event for the children, we need supplies for the Easter Egg Hunt. We appreciate any donation of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy that will help us create a fun time for the children of St. John's and our community. There will be blue tubs in the narthex, the hallway of the Admin Building, and the FLC for you to put the eggs and candy.

MEN'S UNITY BREAKFAST

Mark your calendar for the Men's Unity Breakfast that will be held here at St. John's in the FLC on Saturday, March 24 from 7:30 - 9 a.m. For more information, contact Jim Sandifer (jsandifer@bellsouth.net or 938-0866).

(NOTE DATE CHANGES) - COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Shay Chauvin will be participating in the next Kairos for women April 27-29. Get your baking sheets out; as with all Kairos weekends, she will need 30 dozen home-baked cookies! Cookies will be due back at church on Sunday, April 15. Please store/freeze your cookies at home until April 8 as we do not have space here.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 11

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
12:30 p.m. Young Adult Second Sunday Lunch, Zoës Kitchen (Perkins Rowe)
12:30 p.m. Christian Formation Team Meeting, Library
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Adults, Library
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class - Youth, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, FLC
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, March 12

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
11:00 a.m. Good Grief, St. John's, Parlor
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, Parlor
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Choir Room
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, Library
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Executive Committee, FLC-A
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha UMW Circle, Parlor

Wednesday, March 14

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Lenten Communion Service
5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
5:30 p.m. Heavenly Hash and Rehash, FLC
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 15

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
6:00 p.m. Church Council, FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, March 16

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor

Saturday, March 17

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers: Beth Forester, Carol Gordon, Mike and Sally Allen
Host: Bobbi Marino

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 Remember to pray for **The Walk**.
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)
#sjthewalk

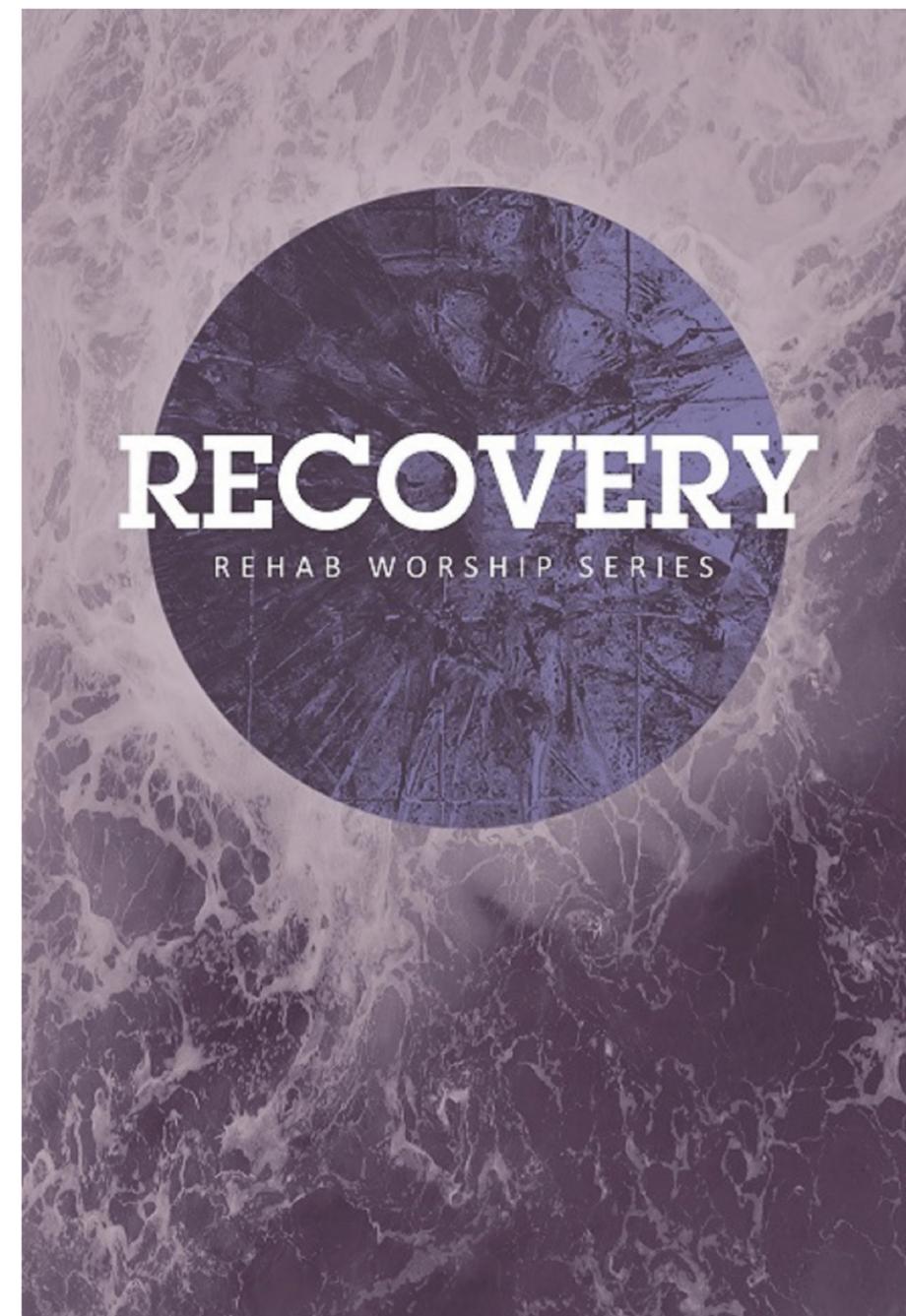
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March 11, 2018

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.