

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Hear the good news: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Men’s Quartet

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 *I Am Thine, O Lord* UMH 419  
vs 1 & 4

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. **This is none other than the house of the Lord, and this is the gate of heaven.**

The hour is coming and now is when true worshipers will worship the Lord in spirit and truth, for such the Lord seeks to worship him.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to the Lord, bless God’s holy name!**

SONG OF PRAISE *Change My Heart, O God* FWS 2152

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

You are the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.

SONG OF PRAISE *God Is Here Today* FWS 2049

God is here today; as certain as the air I breathe,

as certain as the morning sun that rises,

as certain when I sing you’ll hear my song.

PRAYER

**Gracious Lord, you appoint us to use the gifts and graces that your Spirit grants us. Help us now to anoint you again as our one true Lord. Urge us to live in such a way that we demonstrate your saving grace. Inspire us to share your love in our community that the poor and the wealthy, the weak and the influential might share in bringing your Kingdom close this day. For the glory of your name, we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Rhonda Tucker

SCRIPTURE *John 12:1-8* Rebecca Bellelo

SERMON *The Way of the Cross: Transitional Moments* Deirdre Halliburton

HYMN *Lamb of God* FWS 2113  
vs 1-3

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out fear, and bind us together in the unity that you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. In Christ’s name, we confess and give praise. Amen.**

(Silent confession.)

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the pastor know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Lynn Cooper, Carol Gordon
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathy King

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**TODAY, Sunday, March 13**

10:00 a.m. St. John’s 101, Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library

5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building

**Monday, March 14**

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

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

4:00 p.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

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

6:00 p.m. Youth: Faith in Arts, 207 Admin Building

6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Library

**Tuesday, March 15**

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

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

3:00 p.m. VIPS Training, Library

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

6:30 p.m. Praise Team, Choir Room

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICES  
WEDNESDAYS, 7 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

**Wednesday, March 16**

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

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor

6:30 p.m. Financial Learning Experience, Library

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s

7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 17**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A

6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, March 18**

OFFICE CLOSED

**Saturday, March 19**

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Service, Gym-A

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**UPCOMING HOLY WEEK EVENTS**

Sunday, March 20 Palm Sunday Worship, 8:30 & 11 a.m. (Children will process with palms.)  
Easter Eggstravaganza, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23 Lenten Service, 7 a.m.

Thursday, March 24 Foot Washing, Gym, 8:15 a.m.  
Holy Thursday Worship, 6 p.m.

Friday, March 25 Good Friday Worship, 6 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 Easter Sunday Worship, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Children will process with flowers.)

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Children (Names & Ages): \_\_\_\_\_

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## EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies will once again grace our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order a lily in honor of or in memory of someone, please fill out an order form and return it to the church office. Deadline to order is **Tuesday, March 15**. Cost is \$15 (Checks should be made out to St. John's with "Lilies" in the memo line.)

## 717 - MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER

•What does that even mean?, •Well, do you consider yourself a young adult? •And would you want to enjoy some time with others who consider themselves the same? •And would you want to have a good time in conversation and Bible study over a Dutch-treat meal at George's Southside right by our church? Then this new group is definitely for you! Join us at 7:17 p.m. - every other Wednesday (next up, **Wednesday, March 16**). Contact Pastor Jay if you'd like to join us.

## THE PASTORS' CLASS

Want to connect with our church at a deeper level? Not currently participating in a Sunday school class? Have we got an opportunity for you! Join St. John's pastors - Deacon Sarah and Pastor Jay - for a new Sunday school class, Beginning **Sunday, March 20**, at 10 a.m. in Pastor Jay's office.

This class will function as a connecting point for newcomers and new members to learn more about Wesleyan theology and social justice issues. The class will rotate every 12 weeks to offer newcomers an opportunity to join in existing Sunday school classes or begin a new small group for fellowship and discipleship.

## CANDY FOR EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

This year's community-wide Easter Eggstravaganza will be **Sunday, March 20** at 3 p.m. Thanks so much for all of the plastic eggs; however, we still need help from St. John's congregation with donations of bags of small individually wrapped candy. There are large blue tubs in the Admin. Building to put your donations. Thank you for your help.

## 2016 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MAKE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!

Our most recent pictorial directory was published in 2011 in celebration of our 50th Anniversary and we are now planning another directory. Sessions are scheduled for **April 7, 8, and 9** and **April 14, 15, and 16**. Appointments for sittings can be made online at <https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/stjohnsunitedmethodistchurch5/index.php?page=10> (copy and paste this address into your browser), in the gym during coffee time, or in the church office. If you have any questions, contact the church office or Tina Henson (henson.tina@yahoo.com).

## STRONGER TOGETHER: ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE

Every marriage, whether new or old, needs a little TLC and encouragement every now and then. All married and engaged couples are invited to join us on **Saturday, April 16**, from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., for a day of encouragement, learning, and fellowship focused on marriage. Our facilitator will be Steven Fox of Crossroads Professional Counseling. Cost is \$50 a couple by April 1 and \$65 a couple after April 1. Contact the church office to register. Contact Deirdre Halliburton (crayhall@cox.net) or Deacon Sarah for more information.

## SERMON NOTES

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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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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**8:30 Worship Service**  
**March 13, 2016**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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.