

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**MARCH 19, 2017**  
**11:00 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *He Never Said a Mumblin' Word* Alleluia Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP Zach Isenhower

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord.  
**Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be like snow.**  
 Though your sins are red like crimson, they will become like wool.  
**Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.**  
 Happy are those in whom the Lord finds no deceit.  
**Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.**

HYMN *Rock of Ages* UMH 361

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
 let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed,  
 be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands;  
 could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
 all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling;  
 naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
 foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death,  
 when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

OPENING PRAYER Zach Isenhower

**God of grace and glory, teach us compassion and self-control.**  
**We thirst for your love but satisfy our desires in so many wrong ways. We need the water of your everlasting peace.**  
**Please move in our hearts that we might be honest with you and open our spirits to your outpouring of mercy.**  
**In Christ Jesus we pray and give praise. Amen.**

PSALTER *Psalms 32, UMH 766* Deirdré Halliburton

**SUNG RESPONSE: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice; shout for joy, you upright in heart.**

Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
**Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**  
 When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.  
**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**  
 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;  
**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; then you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

**SUNG RESPONSE: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice; shout for joy, you upright in heart.**

Therefore let those who are godly offer prayer to you;  
**At a time of distress, the rush of great waters shall not reach them.**  
 You are a hiding place for me, you preserve me from trouble; you encompass me with deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule, without understanding,  
 whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle.

**Many are the pangs of the wicked; But steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous;  
**Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

**SUNG RESPONSE: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice; shout for joy, you upright in heart.**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE *John 4:5-30, 39-42*

SERMON *Water Well Faith Flourish* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* UMH 465

Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine;  
 Word of God and inward light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.

Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine;  
 kindle every high desire; perish self in thy pure fire.

Holy Spirit, Power divine, fill and nerve this will of mine;  
 grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.

Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscience reign;  
 be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Deirdré Halliburton

THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY *The Old Rugged Cross* Alleluia Ringers

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN *Close to Thee* UMH 407

Thou my everlasting portion, more than friend or life to me,  
 all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.  
 Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,  
 all along my pilgrim journey, Savior, let me walk with thee.

Not for ease or worldly pleasure, nor for fame my prayer shall be;  
 gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.  
 Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,  
 gladly will I toil and suffer, only let me walk with thee.

Lead me through the vale of shadows, bear me o'er life's fitful sea;  
 then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.  
 Close to thee, close to thee, close to thee, close to thee,  
 then the gate of life eternal may I enter, Lord, with thee.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of Cindy and Bryan Adams' 25th wedding anniversary.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Zach and Kristine Isenhower, Bill and Jane Metcalf
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<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathleen Adams
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**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 19**

7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room  
 2:00 p.m. Kairos Advisory Council, Library  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Band, Choir Room  
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building  
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Family Life Center  
 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir, Choir Room  
 5:30 p.m. Children's Activities, Admin Building  
 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

**Monday, March 20**

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group  
 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library  
 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor  
 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

**Tuesday, March 21**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC  
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor  
 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, FLC-A

**Wednesday, March 22**

**7:00 a.m. Lenten Wednesday A.M. Service, FLC**  
 4:45 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A  
**6:00 p.m. Lenten Wednesday P.M. Service, FLC**  
 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room  
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, FLC  
 7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George's Southside

**Thursday, March 23**

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
 5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

**Friday, March 24**

OFFICE CLOSED  
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor  
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC  
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

**Saturday, March 25**

9:00 a.m. UMW Climate Study, FLC  
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**LENTEN STUDY AND SERVICES**

Join us on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. in the Family Life Center as we continue our study *Fearless: The Courage to Question*. At the same time the adults are in the study, the children are practicing their songs for Easter in the choir room and 5:30 p.m. they have fun and games. There is also a nursery for the little ones.

Don't forget the mini services on Wednesdays during Lent. For your convenience, there is one at 7 a.m. and one at 6 p.m. There is a short worship service with communion that will have you on your way to work in the a.m. and home in time for supper in the p.m.

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW Ruth circle will meet **Tuesday, April 4** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Betty Sandifer will present a program about the disciples James and John. All women are invited to attend.

### JAMBALAYA? YES, JAMBALAYA!

It's jambalaya weather! LSU Wesley students will be in the Fellowship Hall **TODAY** selling plate lunches of jambalaya, salad, bread, and brownies for \$9. Funds raised will go directly to students to enable them to attend Wesley retreats and mission trips, like our April beach retreat, or our May mission trip to Guatemala. Treat yourself to a delicious Sunday lunch-to-go, and help these amazing students!

### LET'S GEAUX PLAY AT ST. JOHN'S!

Calling all preschoolers and their adult playmate to come play with us on **Monday, April 3**. Parents, grandparents or caregiver are welcome to come and stay from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each Monday in April with their preschooler or infant. The last Monday of the month we will head out to a destination play event like the Zoo! For more information contact Deirdre Halliburton at 939-1425 or deidrehalliburton@stjohnsbr.org.

### UMW CLIMATE JUSTICE STUDY

*Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action* concludes on **Saturday, March 25** at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. This timely study, presented by St. John's United Methodist Women, invites you to seek climate justice, which means setting right our relationships with each other and the earth. Please register by calling or emailing the church office (registration is recommended, but not required). There will be coffee and donuts in the morning and a light lunch at the end of the workshop.

### CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY

It's time to spruce up St. John's - it's time for spring cleaning!! The Trustees have designated **Saturday, March 25** as our church-wide work day from 8 a.m. to noon. The following is a list of some of the things that need to be taken care of: painting, pressure washing, cleaning out storage sheds, cleaning exterior windows, cleaning out gutters, picking up limbs, and weeding and planting flower beds. If you have any tools that will help get these jobs done, please bring them with you. There is a sign-up board in the Family Life Center.

### MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Daphne Grady will be leading an eight-hour training class on Friday, March 31 (5:30 - 9:30 p.m.) and Saturday, April 1 (9 a.m. - 2 p.m.) to teach participants how to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or experiencing a mental health crisis. **Class is limited to 15.** The registration is \$30, checks made out to NAMI Baton Rouge and mailed to Daphne Grady, 7515 Sheringham Ave., BR 70808.

### EGGSTRAVAGANZA IS COMING!

YES! The Eggstravaganza is coming (**April 9**) and for the Easter egg hunt we need plenty of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candies. There is a blue tub in the hallway of the Admin Building for you to put your donations. **THANK YOU!**

## 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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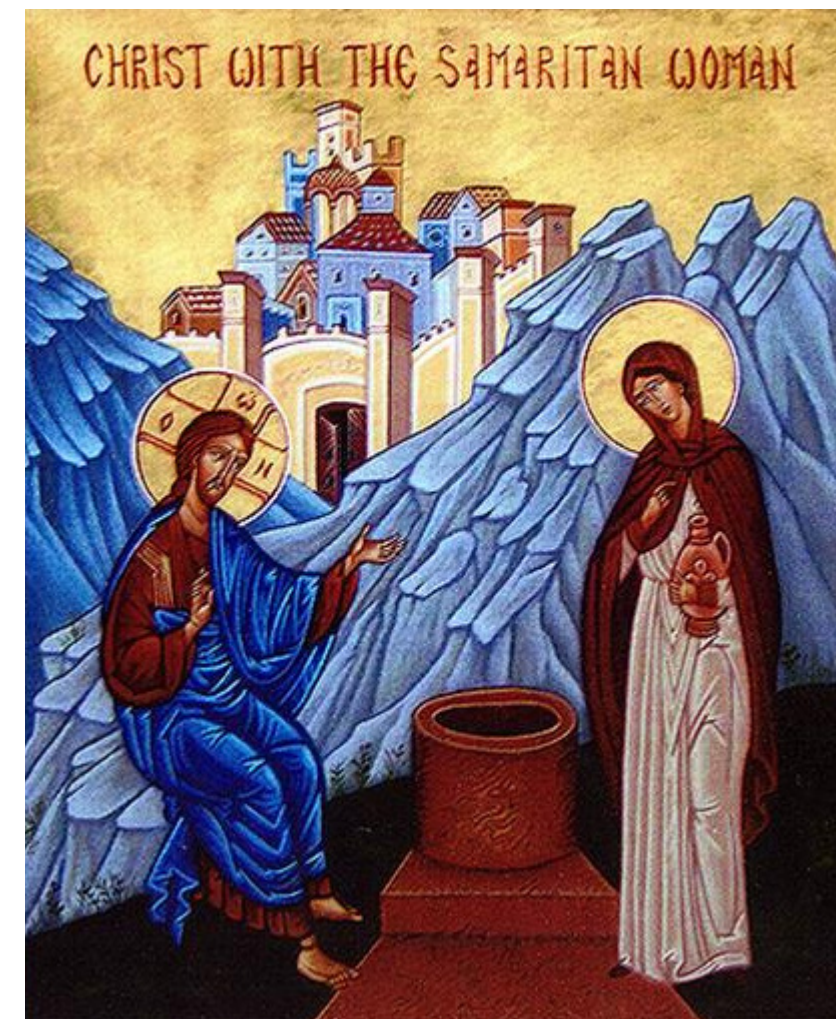


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**11 a.m. Worship Service**

### 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.*