

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2017  
8:30 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Theresa Sandifer

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.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

*Fill My Cup, Lord* UMH 641

Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

OPENING PRAYER Theresa Sandifer

**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.**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Lorri McGuire

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

SERMON *Water Well Faith Flourish* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Just As I Am* UMH 357, v. 1, 2, 5, 6  
Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee  
whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;  
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Lord Jesus our Savior, you are the way of peace.  
Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your  
healing love.

**We confess our sin and our need for your cleansing touch.  
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 greed that separate us.  
Fill us with your perfect love, which casts out fear,  
and bind us together in that unity  
which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: If we confess our sin, God is faithful and just and  
will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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 Terry Byars

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Music: *The Old Rugged Cross; He Never Said a  
Mumblin' Word* Alleluia Ringers

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving UMH 15

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

Communion Response Carrie Stephens / Terry Byars

\*Giving the Bread and 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.**

HYMN *Standing on the Promises* UMH 374, v. 1 & 4  
Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let  
his praises ring; glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, standing on  
the promises of God.  
Standing, standing standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall, listening every moment to  
the Spirit's call, resting in my Savior as my all in all, standing on the  
promises of God.  
Standing, standing standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
standing, standing I'm standing on the promises of God.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

\*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.

**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>	David and Tina Henson, Guy Johnson, Harriet Walters
<b>Host(s)</b>	Beth Forester

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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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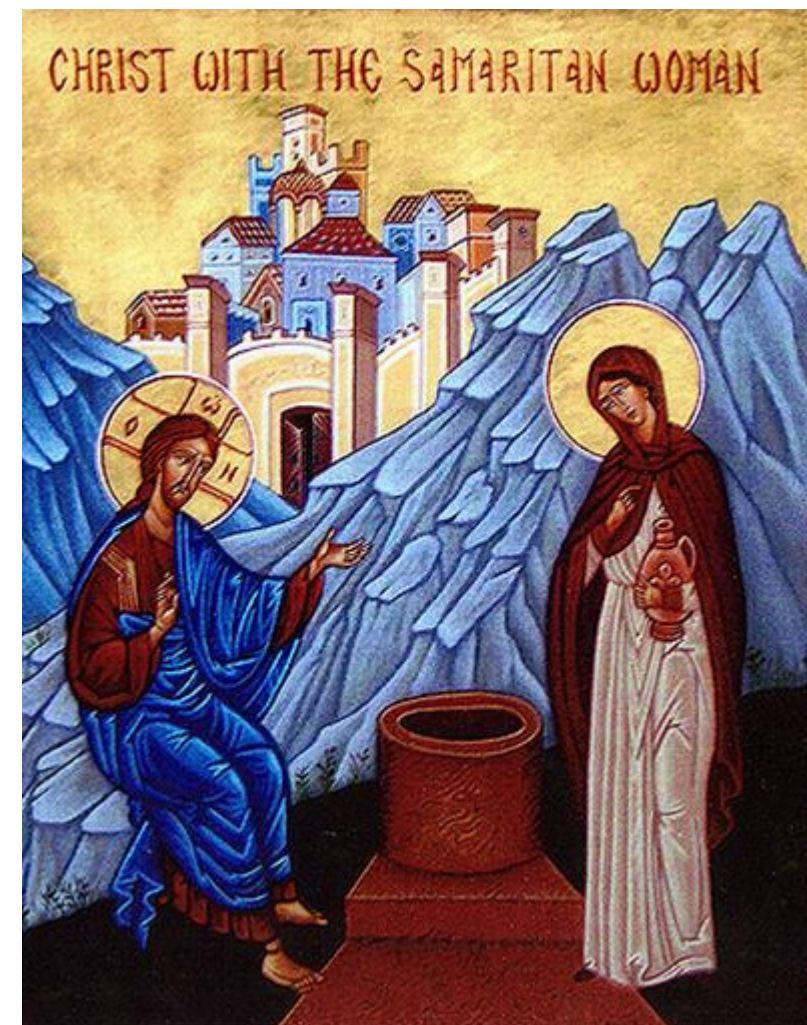


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**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 19, 2017**

**8:30 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.*