

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2016
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT *Highland Cathedral* Bob Cargo, bagpipes

PALM PROCESSIONAL WITH SONGS OF PRAISE

Please Enter My Heart, Hosanna FWS 2154

Please enter my heart, hosanna. O please lead my life today.

Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,

won’t you enter my heart today?

O please hear my prayer hosanna, these words that I need to say.

Gentle Lamb of God, the Christ, the anointed one,

won’t you stay?

O come, Jesus, come. Hosanna! Hosanna! O come, Jesus, come.

Hosanna! Hosanna! O come, Jesus, come today, come to stay.

Jesus Be Praised FWS 2079

Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,

Jesus, we worship you; songs of love we raise.

Jesus, Jesus be praised! Jesus, Jesus be praised!

CHILDREN’S CHOIR *Hosanna! Hosanna!*

PRAYER

God of grace and glory,

on this day your Son Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem.

His followers proclaimed him king by spreading their garments and palm branches along his way.

Let those branches be signs of his victory in our life.

Grant that we who bear them in his name may always hail him as our Lord.

Help us to follow him in the way that leads to mercy and justice, love and kindness.

In his name we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Lorri McGuire

SCRIPTURE *Luke 19:28-40* Theresa Sandifer

SERMON *The Way of the Cross:
The Crowning of the King* Deacon Sarah

HYMN *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* UMH 277

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

All merciful God, you created us to be in relationship with you.

We come to you as your daughters and sons, aware of our brokenness by the decisions we have made, and by the actions we have taken.

We admit our anger, our aggression, and our drive to dominate and manipulate others. And we confess that we tend to be fearful, not always faithful.

We ask you to forgive us: please cleanse us with your grace and heal us with your peace.

And by the touch of your Holy Spirit help us to find a renewed sense of compassion, that we may truly live as your people in service of all your creation. In Christ’s name, we pray and place our hope. Amen.

(Silent confession.)

Hear the good news: The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true, showing mercy to thousands, forgiving sin and granting pardon. 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 *Hosanna*

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

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

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 *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* FWS 2088

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *Amazing Grace* Bob Cargo, bagpipes

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN ...

by Marilyn Crake in remembrance of Eric Crake on his birthday, March 22.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer, Barbara Benton, Fran Anderson
Host(s)	Beth Forester

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, March 20

8:00 a.m. OLOL Blood Drive, Parking Lot

9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class, Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Easter Eggstravaganza

5:30 p.m. Lenten Study, Library

Monday, March 21

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 22

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

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

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

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

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

Wednesday, March 23

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

7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 24

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

8:15 a.m. Food Washing Ceremony, Gym

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

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

6:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, March 25

OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, March 26

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

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES
SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 2016
8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.
(CHILDREN WILL PROCESS WITH FLOWERS)**

PRAYER REQUEST FORM

Date _____

Joy Concern

- 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

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

Philippians 4:6

*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.

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): _____

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, April 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. A program about Easter music will be presented. All women are invited to attend.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

Thanks to your generous donation of time, talents, funds, and supplies, we were able to complete 30 kits for Days for Girls. The 30 kits are heading to Uganda with some missionaries connected with Ingleside UMC. We look forward to making more kits after the work in the gym is completed. Thank you! Thank you!

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 30**). 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 **TODAY**, 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.

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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8:30 Worship Service

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

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.