

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

March 25, 2018 at 11 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

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP Deacon Janet Hogstrom

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

✠ PALM PROCESSIONAL UMH 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

✠ PSALTER UMH 839

Psalm 118:14-29

(SUNG RESPONSE)

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

The Lord is my strength and my power; the Lord has become my salvation.

There are joyous songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord does valiantly, the right hand of the Lord is exalted,

The right hand of the Lord does valiantly!"

I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

The Lord has chastened me sorely, but has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.

(SUNG RESPONSE)

I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(SUNG RESPONSE)

Save us, we beseech you, O Lord!

O Lord, we beseech you, give us success!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

We bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God, who has given us light.

Lead the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God,

I will extol you.

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good; for God's steadfast love endures for ever!

(SUNG RESPONSE)

✠ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

LISTENING

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Heather Durham

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.

ANTHEM Chancel Choir

Hosanna, Hosanna!

✠ SCRIPTURE Deacon Janet Hogstrom

Mark 11:1-11

¹When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" ⁴They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, ⁵some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" ⁶They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. ⁷Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. ⁹Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

¹¹Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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 Lane

"Love Leads The Way"

RESPONDING

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH UMH 365, vs. 1 & 4

Grace Greater than Our Sin

PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Pastor Julia

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD

✠ 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.

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 261

Lord of the Dance

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

Don't forget to take a yellow shopping bag and help support The Shepherd's Market by returning it next week on Grocery Bag Sunday

The flowers on the altar are given by Richard and Marilyn Damberg in honor of Pat Cobb on her birthday and for her flower ministry to St. John's.

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy week worship services continue on March 29 with a Maundy Thursday service at 6 p.m. The service will include scripture readings, footwashing, Communion, and music by the Chancel Choir. On Good Friday, March 30 at 6 p.m. we will hold a "Service of Shadows" which will feature readings from the life of Jesus, leading to the crucifixion. On Easter Sunday, April 1, we will hold services at our regular times (8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.) celebrating the risen Lord.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Our church-wide/community-wide EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA will take place on **Saturday March 31** from 9 - 11 a.m. There will be a pancake breakfast, games, crafts, a puppet show, an Easter egg hunt, and maybe the Easter Bunny will join us! Bring your family and tell your neighbors! Come have a fun time with family and friends.

To make this an awesome event for the children, we need plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. There will be blue tubs in the narthex, the hallway of the Admin Building, and the FLC for the eggs and candy.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The church office will be closed on Monday, April 2 and will reopen at 9 a.m. for regular hours on Tuesday, April 3. The Shepherd's Market will be closed Monday, April 2 and will be open for regular hours on Tuesday, April 3 at 8 a.m.

MISSION HIGHLIGHT

St. John's United Methodist Women will begin featuring a Mission of the Month at coffee time in the FLC. Take a look at our mission board to learn more about the national and international missions UMW supports!

This month's mission is the North Rampart Community Center in New Orleans where we are sending a mission team from St. John's in April. There is still time to sign up to participate. For more information please email Rev. Larry Norman at lduckn@aol.com. This mission is open to all ages and abilities.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Shay Chauvin will be participating in the next Kairos for women April 27-29. As with all Kairos weekends, home-baked cookies are very popular and Shay will need to bring 35 dozen! Cookies will be due back at church on **Sunday, April 15**. Please store/freeze your cookies at home until then as we do not have space here.

MEALS FOR THE WESLEY AT LSU

Every Wednesday during the semester, just prior to weekly worship, a meal is provided to the students at the LSU Wesley. If you or a group or a Sunday School class would like to help by providing a meal for 30-40 students, go to TakeThemAMeal.com using the name Wesley Foundation and the password 2907.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Participants in our youth confirmation class had an enjoyable and informative day Saturday, March 24 attending "Confirmation with the Bishop" at the Wesley Center in Woodworth. Both the youth and adult classes are taking an Easter break and will not meet on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Classes will resume Sunday, April 8.

You are invited to write them a note of encouragement and put it in their mailboxes in the narthex. The youth love to check their mailboxes.

SHOUT OUT FOR YELLOW PANTRY BAGS

Our supply of yellow Shepherd's Market grocery bags has been greatly reduced. We are asking folks if they would look around their homes or in their cars to see if they have yellow bags and to please return them, with food, if possible! If not, you can bring them to church on Sunday, the office during regular office hours, or the pantry Wednesday afternoon or Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 3** at 9:30 in the parlor. Pat Cobb will present a program on the history of United Methodist Women. All women are invited to attend.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 25

9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
12:15 p.m. SPPRC Meeting, *Parlor*
5:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *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 27

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
4:45 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*

Wednesday, March 28

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 29

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, March 30

OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday, March 31

9:00 a.m. Easter Eggstravaganza
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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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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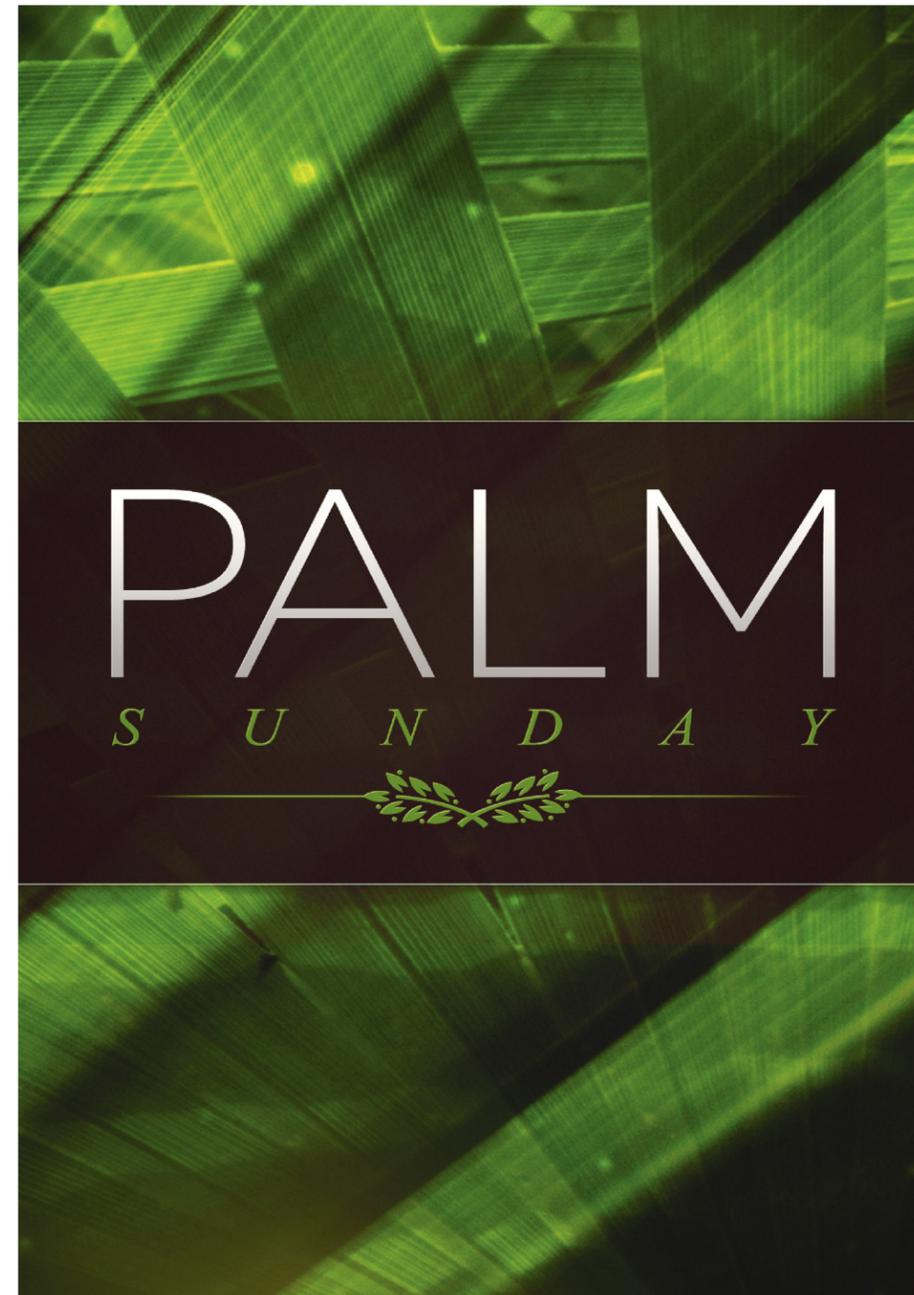


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MARCH 25, 2018

11 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.