

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 26, 2017
11:00 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Joyce Perry

God said ‘Let there be light’ and there was light
And God saw that the light was good.

Jesus said, ‘I am the light of the world,’
**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
But will have the light of life.’**

Let us live as children of light
**For the joy of the light is found
in all that is good and right and true.**

HYMN UMH 57
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all of the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
’ tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’ tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall feel your sins forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

OPENING PRAYER Joyce Perry

In mystery and silence, O Lord, you are present in our lives. You bring new life out of destruction, hope out of despair, growth out of hard times, and light out of darkness. Thank you, gracious God, that you do not leave us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to sense your guidance in the unfolding of our lives. Inspire us to attend to the gentle ways your Spirit leads us that we may share with others the joy you give us. In Jesus Christ’s holy name we pray. Amen.

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Guy Johnson

ANTHEM Chancel Choir
Here I Am, Lord

SCRIPTURE Deirdré Halliburton
John 9:1-41

SERMON Pastor Jay
More ?s Fewer .s

HYMN UMH 451
Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN FWS 2158
Just a Closer Walk with Thee

I am weak , but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I’ll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord,
none but thee.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

When my feeble life is o’er, time for me will be no more;
guide me gently safely o’er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea
daily walking close to thee: Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by the Mong family in gratitude for answered and unanswered prayers.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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| Ushers | Kelly and Mary Martha Allen, Rhonda Tucker, Natalie Cooper |
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| Host(s) | Joyce Perry |
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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 26

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| 7:50 a.m. | Early Bird Choir, Choir Room |
| 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 27

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| 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 28

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| 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 |

Wednesday, March 29

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| 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 30

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| 8:30 a.m. | Holy Folders, Library |
| 8:30 a.m. | The Shepherd’s Market, FLC |
| 7:00 p.m. | Boy Scouts, FLC |

Friday, March 31

OFFICE CLOSED

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| 6:30 a.m. | Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor |
| 9:00 a.m. | Arts & Crafts, FLC-A |
| 5:30 p.m. | Mental Health First Aid, Library |

Saturday, April 1

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| 9:00 a.m. | Mental Health First Aid, Library |
| 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

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

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): _____

ST. JOHN'S LITTLE WHITE HOUSE

-Have you noticed yet? The little white house on Highland Rd. is gone! After years of occupying that corner of our property, the little house left for it's new home in Walker on Monday morning.

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 disciple James and Mary Jones will present a program about the disciple John. All women are invited to attend.

LET'S GEAX 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.

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!**

LAGNIAPPE CAMPAIGN

Once the narthex is completed and renovations to the sanctuary are done, there are additional needs still to be addressed in order to put the finishing touches on this beautiful area of our campus. After many discussions, the Trustees have decided on the top four and listed them in priority order: (1) Repair/replace the windows in the sanctuary, (2) construct an entrance to our property where the white house used to be, (3) furnish the Narthex, and (4) landscape the area around the Narthex. The campaign will continue through the Lenten Season only. If you are interested in giving some extra (Lagniappe) toward this campaign, **please** be sure to indicate it is Lagniappe.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Are you an early riser who enjoys working with infants and toddlers? We are looking for Sunday morning nursery attendants to work two or three Sundays a month in both the toddler and infant nurseries from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. There will also be occasional nursery staff needed for events during the week. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and pass a background check. For more information or to schedule an appointment for an interview, contact Lorri McGuire Monday - Thursday (766-4594 or lorrimguire@stjohnsbr.org).

YARD SIGN

If you would like a "...We're Glad You're Our Neighbor" yard sign, they can be obtained in the Family Life Center or in the church office for a cost of \$20. Checks should be made out to St. John's with "yard sign" in the memo line.

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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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

Mosaic of Jesus healing a blind man.



John 9:6

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2017

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.