

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017  
8:30 A.M.**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Deirdré Halliburton

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.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

*Give Me a Clean Heart* FWS 2133

Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee.  
Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee.  
For I’m not worthy of all those blessings.  
Give me a clean heart, and I’ll follow thee.

*Into My Heart* FWS 2160, v. 1 & 2

Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
come in today, come in to stay; come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;  
shine out today, shine out alway; shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER Deirdré Halliburton

**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

SCRIPTURE *John 9:1-41*

SERMON *More ?s Fewer .s* Pastor Jay

HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

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.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Lord God, you are the Author of Love, and we come before you to confess our sin: we admit we are reluctant to set aside our hurt feelings, our anger, and our disappointments. Heal us with your touch of peace and mercy**

**that we might be cleansed of all unclean thoughts,  
that we might turn away from having mean-spirits.**

**Open our eyes to the power of your mercy  
shown to us in the unselfish gift of your Son, our Savior Jesus  
Christ.**

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: God did not send his Son, Jesus, into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. 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 *Because He Lives* Bryan Adams

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

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 *I Am Thine, O Lord* UMH 419

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.  
REFRAIN: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died. Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord, to thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine; let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in thine.  
REFRAIN.

O the pure delight of a single hour that before thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend! REFRAIN.

There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with thee. REFRAIN.

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 given by the Mong family in gratitude for answered and unanswered prayers.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Jill Slicker, Karen Traylor, Fran Anderson, Dawn Staves
<b>Host(s)</b>	Bobbi Marino

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, March 26**

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**

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**

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**

**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**

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  
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**

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**

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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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### 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 GEUX 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 deirdrehalliburton@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**

**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.*