

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2015  
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God,

**For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.**

Let us worship the Lord in spirit and in truth.

**The Lord alone is worthy to be praised.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

*We Sing to You, O God* FWS 2001

We sing to you, O God, the Rock who gave us birth, let our rejoicing sing your name in all the earth. To you, O God, let songs be raised, in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

*I Will Call Upon the Lord* FWS 2002

I will call upon the Lord

I will call upon the Lord who is worthy to be praised.

who is worthy to be praised.

So shall I be saved from my enemies.

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The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock; and let the God of my salvation be the exalted.

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PRAYER

**Lord you are compassionate and you are holy. Your grace saves us from ourselves -- our sin, our failings, our fractures. We need your help. Please lead us away from pride and self-centered plans. Urge us to think first with your ways of love and justice on our hearts. Move us to act toward others that your name might be glorified, that our neighbors will know your power and mercy flowing through our words and actions. For the glory of Christ we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 107:1-9* UMH 830

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Mark 10:13-16*

SERMON *Showing His Skinfulness (Orthodoxy, Part 3)* Pastor Jay

HYMN *O Lord, You’re Beautiful* FWS 2064

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON UMH 893

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

**Lord, we confess to you.**

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

**We have built up walls of prejudice.**

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

**We have stifled generosity and left little time for others.**

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

**In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.**

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 94

**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.**

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257 b, c, d

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**

CLOSING HYMN *More Like You* FWS 2167

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of our 54th wedding anniversary. Given by Kathleen and Jim Matthew.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Reader</b>	Elizabeth Shoup
<b>Ushers</b>	Carol Gordon, Judy Barbay, Lynn Cooper, Beth Forester
<b>Host(s)</b>	Rhonda Tucker

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

**TODAY, March 15**

8:00 a.m. Blood Drive, Parking Lot  
 5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym  
 5:00 p.m. Lenten Study, Library  
 5:00 p.m. Children’s Choir, Choir Room  
 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

**Monday, March 16**

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  
 6:30 p.m. Covenant Bible Study, Library

**Tuesday, March 17**

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
 5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A  
 6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms  
 6:30 p.m. Disciple III, Library

**Wednesday, March 18**

7:00 a.m. Lenten Worship Service  
 5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
 6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms  
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room  
 7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday, March 19**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
 8:00 a.m. Non-Garage Sale Drop off, Gym  
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
 5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A  
 6:30 p.m. Church Council, Library  
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, March 20**

8:00 a.m. Non-Garage Sale Drop off, Gym  
 9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A  
 9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

**Saturday, March 21**

9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A  
 10:00 a.m. Non-Garage Sale Drop off, Gym  
 12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

**LENTEN AND EASTER EVENTS**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Lenten worship services continue **Wednesdays**, 7-7:30 a.m., through April 1. The Sanctuary will remain open until 8 a.m. for those who wish to remain a while longer.

**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE! LENT EDITION**

**Sunday, March 22**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in the gym, join us for dinner followed by a service of Holy Communion. All ages are invited to this time of fellowship and worship, featuring our children and youth. Come and bring your friends!

**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

“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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## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals are being held at 5:00 in the choir room for all children interested in singing in the children's choir on **Palm Sunday, March 29**. They will sing at both the 8:30 and the 11:00 service. If your child, or any child, would like to sing, please come to the choir room today at 5:00. For more information contact Lindsey Roy, music director.

## EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA!

Join us for a pancake breakfast, crafts, and an Easter egg hunt on **Saturday, March 28** at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Invite your neighbors and friends! **NOTE:** We are collecting plastic Easter eggs and wrapped candy for our Easter Eggstravaganza. If you would like to help, please bring them to the church by **Sunday, March 15** and leave them in the blue collection bins in the hallway of the Admin/Education Building.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Continue your Holy Week experience, **Sunday, March 29**, at 5:00 p.m. with a potluck dinner in the gym and remembering the Passion of Christ by walking the Stations of the Cross. A perfect event for all ages!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CHARGE CONFERENCE

Your presence is needed and appreciated: Charge Conference, **Sunday, March 29**, 4:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

### COVENANT BIBLE STUDY

Carlos Welch is facilitating an 8-week Bible study titled "Trusting the Covenant" on **Mondays** at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. If you are interested in joining this study, call Carlos at 767-3077. Participant books are \$24.25; checks can be made out to St. John's with Covenant Study in the memo line.

### UMW "NON-GARAGE" GARAGE SALE

It's time to bring your garage sale items to the gym. The UMW has set the following drop-off dates and times. The gym will be open at these times ONLY, so please plan accordingly: Thursday, March 19 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Friday, March 20 - 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Saturday, March 21 - 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 22 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### SILENT AUCTION & CRAWFISH BOIL

Our annual Silent Auction will take place in the gym on **Sunday, April 12**. All members of the church are asked to participate by providing items, services, food, and gift certificates! All proceeds go to support missions of St. John's. For more information contact Beth Forester (handtalker@cox.net or 769-6584) or Richard Damberg (dambergs@icloud.com or 938-7748). A crawfish boil is also being planned for **Sunday, April 12**. Information on cost of tickets will be published at a later date.

### GIFT CARDS FOR WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

If you have a gift card you haven't used, please consider donating it to Wildwood for Teacher Appreciation Week. During the week, names are drawn at the end of each day and a lucky teacher wins a prize! Contact Buffie Grayson at francesgrayson@cox.net.

### SALSA AVAILABLE!

If you would like to buy salsa, there is a small supply left from the salsa sale. Contact Brycen Daniels for more information.

## SERMON NOTES

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



Mark 10:14b

**8:30 Worship Service**  
**Sunday, March 15, 2015**  
**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

### 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.