

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Have mercy on us, God of friend and stranger, of those near and far.

Awake us from our complacency, Holy Spirit of God.

Shake our circles of contentment and feelings of entitlement. We gather not to declare what we deserve, but to give our lives again to the one whom we seek to serve.

Sweep through our hearts and our church, Holy Spirit of God.

You, Lord Jesus, came not to be served but to serve; to give your life as a ransom for many.

Rise up in us to serve your kingdom and give glory to your name.

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Have mercy on us. Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE

My Life Is in You, Lord FWS 2032

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.

I will praise you with all of my life, I will praise you with all of my strength; with all of my life, with all of my strength.

All of my hope is in you.

My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord; my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it’s in you.

All Hail King Jesus FWS 2069

All hail King Jesus! All hail Emmanuel,
King of kings, Lord of lords, bright Morning Star.
And throughout eternity, I’ll sing your praises;
and I’ll reign with you throughout eternity.

PRAYER

O Lord our God, you are always more ready to give us your good gifts than we are to receive them. You are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. Help us to seek you with our whole heart and to follow you with all our energy. We are sinners swallowed up by pride and self-interest. Lead us away from our selfish steps and into the true love of your more generous Way. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed UMH 881

PSALTER *Psalms 24:1-10* UMH 755

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Mark 10:32-45* Troy James

SERMON *Protos and Doulos:
A Sermon on What We Want* Pastor Jay

HYMN *The Servant Song
vs 1, 2, & 5* FWS 2222

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslave us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive us. Restore us. And strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

(silent confession)

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

(From Upper Room Worshipbook: Music and Liturgies for Spiritual Formation, 37).

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 *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
vs 1, 3, & 4* FWS 2171

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of and in memory of the March 22 birthday of Eric Crake. Given by Marilyn Crake.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Carol Gordon, Jim Matthew
Host(s)	Yvonne Fuller

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, March 22

12:15 p.m. Worship Team, Parlor
5:00 p.m. SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE - LENTEN EDITION!, Gym
 4:30 p.m. Children’s Choir, Choir Room
 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Monday, March 23

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 24

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 25

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

Thursday, March 26

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
 5:00 p.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, March 27

9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A
 9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

Saturday, March 28

9:00 a.m. EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA, Gym
 9:00 a.m. VITA Tax Assistance, Gym-A
 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

TONIGHT, 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

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): _____

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Rehearsals are being held at 4:30 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.

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, April 7**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. All women are invited to attend.

DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES

St. John's is searching for a full-time Director of Ministries with Youth and Children. This person will oversee all of our discipleship ministries with ages birth - 12th grade. More information can be found on the church website or by contacting Deacon Sarah.

BOWLS AND PLATTERS AND TRAYS, OH MY!

If you have generously brought food to one of St. John's gatherings and forgot your bowl, platter, or tray, please pick it up as we are running out of storage space. There will be a table set up in the gym during coffee time for you to claim your items.

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.

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.

SERMON NOTES

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



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Sunday, March 22, 2015
Fifth 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.