

**SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2015**  
**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
**And kindle in them the fire of your love.**  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
**And you will renew the face of the earth.**

SONG OF PRAISE *I Will Call Upon the Lord* FWS 2002

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

So shall I be saved from my enemies.  
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God of my salvation be the exalted.  
The Lord liveth, and blessed be the Rock;  
and let the God of my salvation be the exalted.

SONG 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.

PRAYER

**Almighty God, you created us in your own image. Grant us grace to push against evil in our world. Urge us to turn from our selfish pride to a life of serving others -- to bring you glory, to share your peace and justice. Through Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The World Methodist Social Affirmation UMH 886

PSALTER *Psalms 98* UMH 818

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *1 Peter 4:7-11* Barbara Benton

SERMON *The Promises We Keep? Service* Pastor Jay  
*Idols or Icons: How We Show What God’s Love Looks Like*

HYMN *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549  
vs 1, 2, & 3

WORDS OF WITNESS Bobbi Marino

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

**Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to bow before you in true repentance -- to turn from our sin, to turn to you. And help us to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and the pride that separates us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out fear and bind us together in unity. For the glory of your name. Amen.**

(Silent Confession)

The Lord God is merciful and gracious, endlessly patient, loving and true; showing mercy to the thousands, forgiving sins and granting pardon. 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 *How Great is Our God* Elizabeth Shoup,  
Brian Shoup, John Toney

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**

HYMN *Pass It On* UMH 572  
vs 1 & 3

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar are in memory of my mother,  
Heartsease Higgins and my mother-in-law,  
Genevieve Cooper. Given by Lynn Cooper.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn Cooper, Buffie Grayson, Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer
<b>Host(s)</b>	Kathy King

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S**

**TODAY, May 10**

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!**

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

**Monday, May 11**

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

**Tuesday, May 12**

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle UMW, Parlor

**Wednesday, May 13**

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Service  
5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A  
6:00 p.m. Communications Team, Library  
6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room  
7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

**Thursday, May 14**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor  
9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym  
6:00 p.m. Community Book Read, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, May 15**

OFFICE CLOSED  
9:00 a.m. Arts and Crafts, Gym-A

**Saturday, May 16**

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

**WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICES**

Wednesday morning services will continue through May 20 in celebration of Eastertide, leading up to the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24. Join us, at 7:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, in this quiet time for reflection, prayer, worship, and sharing in the Eucharist. The sanctuary will remain open until 8 a.m. for those who wish to remain a while longer.

**SPECIAL MOTHER’S DAY OFFERING**

**TODAY** we will take up our annual Mother’s Day Offering to benefit the United Methodist Children’s Homes around Louisiana. You may use the special envelope and mail your gift directly to the LUMCFS or make your gift through St. John’s putting Mother’s Day Offering in the memo line.

**VBS VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Anyone interested in helping during VBS, June 15-19, should come to the training session scheduled for **Sunday, May 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m.** in the gym. Volunteers are needed in all areas: set-up, crafts, snacks, decorating. Contact Deacon Sarah if you have any questions OR if you want to volunteer!

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

## THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S

Thank you so much for our senior celebration. What a joy it is to be a recipient of the Sarah Holbrook Scholarship. It will be such a great help as I begin Nursing School at ULL. I appreciate everything that my St. John's family has done for me. Sincerely, Andree' Halliburton.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 12** at 7:00 p.m. for our annual covered dish supper at the home of Mary May, 537 Rue de la Place (766-4781). All women of the church are welcome to join us!

## COMMUNITY BOOK READ

The Baton Rouge Community Book Read is *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole. Join us in the parlor on **Thursday, May 14** at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Guy Johnson (storyteller1750@att.net) or Danielle Blackwood (dblack@lsu.edu).

## VOLUNTEERS FOR WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Volunteers are needed to help with the Wildwood Elementary Field Day on **Thursday, May 14**. Several St. John's folks did this last year and really had a good time. There is a morning shift and an afternoon shift during which we will help with the games and the small group competitions. Please contact Buffie Grayson (francesgrayson@cox.net or 978-2621) for more information

## A TASTE OF ST. JOHN'S

Registration for A Taste of St. John's is continuing! Forms can be found online, in Sunday School portfolios, and in the church office with a registration deadline of May 22. The contest will take place on **Sunday, May 31** at 6:00 p.m. in the gym, so start cooking!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's time to start planning for this summer's VBS which will be held **June 15 - 19** from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. This year's theme is Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED**. All youth (who have completed 6th grade) and adults are invited to join us on our journey to Hometown Nazareth. There is a place for everyone: from set-up to leading groups, from decorating to making crafts! Sign-up forms are available in the church office or on the St. John's website. For more information contact Deacon Sarah.

## ST JOHN'S 101

St. John's 101, will meet on **Sunday, May 17, 24, and 31** in the Library from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. This three-week course is designed for those who are considering making St. John's their church home or those who have recently become members of St. John's. Participants will encounter a comfortable space for questions and learn about the many ways to participate in the life of St. John's.

If you are interested in joining the 101 group, please contact Pastor Jay by email at [pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:pastorjay@stjohnsbr.org) or by phone 772-3550.

## SERMON NOTES

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

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



Icon: Mary, Mother of God

## Mother's Day

**8:30 Worship Service**  
**May 10, 2015**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### 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.