

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Tim Poorbaugh

Christ is risen!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!
 Hear the words of Jesus Christ - his promise of comfort and peace:
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,
And I will give you rest.*

The Lord says: Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.*

Let us worship the Lord and keep His commandments.
 (*Matthew 11:27 & Psalm 46:10)

HYMN FWS 2050
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth
 Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
 Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one, in arms of patience hold me close, so that in faith I root and grow until I flow'r, until I know.

OPENING PRAYER Tim Poorbaugh

Our God and God of ages past, you are our loving Parent. Your creativity mothers us; your generosity enlivens us. May our rest on this day be pleasing in your sight. Satisfy us with your goodness. Gladden us with your salvation. Purify our hearts to serve you in truth. In your gracious love, O God, let your Sabbath remain in our keeping that we might honor your name and find your gift of peace. Blessed is the Lord, Parent to us all. Amen.*

*adapted from Se'arey Tiflah (Gates of Prayer: The New Union Prayerbook, Central Conference of American Rabbis, 1975)

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Marilyn Damberg

ANTHEM *Folk Hymn Tapestry*

SCRIPTURE Claire Dixon
Isaiah 58:6-14

SERMON Pastor Jay
"A Social Religion" (How the Delight of Sabbath Is More Than Personal Piety)

HYMN UMH 534, v. 1 & 2
Be Still My Soul
 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
 leave to your God to order and provide;
 in every change God faithful will remain.
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
 through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past.
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
 all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

MINISTRY MOMENT: LA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES Richard and Marilyn Damberg

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

HYMN UMH 557
Blest Be the Tie That Binds
 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
 the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
 and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
 but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

Let there be joy!

Let there be peace!

Let there be light!

Let there be sabbath!

May God bless us with sabbath holiness!

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE . . .

in celebration of Ray Halliburton's birthday from Deirdré, Trey, Andreeé, and William.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Zach and Kristine Isenhower, Kelly and Mary Martha Allen
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Host(s)	Richard and Marilyn Damberg
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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 14

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!
 7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

Monday, May 15

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, Admin Bldg.
 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, May 16

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 6:00 p.m. Designated Music Groups, Choir Room

Wednesday, May 17

4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A
 6:00 p.m. Heavenly Hash, 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, May 18

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
 6:30 p.m. Church Council, FLC
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, May 19

OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, May 20

7:30 a.m. Men's Unity Breakfast, FLC
 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
 6:00 p.m. Service of Consecration, Sanctuary

*PLEASE JOIN US
 CONSECRATION SERVICE, 6 P.M., MAY 20
 WORSHIP, 8:30 AND 11 A.M., MAY 21
 CHURCHWIDE POTLUCK, MAY 21, NOON*

Saturday, May 20 at 6 p.m. we will hold our first service back in the sanctuary - a Service of Consecration.

Sunday, May 21 we will hold our first regular 8:30 and 11:00 worship services in the sanctuary.

Following worship, at noon, we will continue the celebration with a potluck lunch in the Family Life Center. We will provide only drinks so all types of dishes are needed: entrées, veggies, breads, salads, sides, and desserts.

After our meal we will highlight various activities of prayer groups and the dedication of new structures (the Burch Bell Tower and narthex) as well as renovated areas in the sanctuary.

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): _____

WELCOME! WELCOME!

At the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 7, we welcomed to our St. John's family, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Carter James Bellelo, infant son of Rebecca and Steven Bellelo, and, Isabella "Bella" Savoie Wylie, infant daughter of Richard and Sarah Wylie.

MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

Today, as we do every year on Mother's Day, we will take up a special offering in support of Louisiana United Methodist Children & Family Services. Your support helps provide care and counseling for children and their families throughout Louisiana. The envelope insert can be used to mail your gift direct to LUMCFS or you can make your check to St. John's with Mother's Day or LUMCFS in the memo line.

HEAVENLY HASH REDUX! WEDNESDAY MAY 10, 6 P.M. FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Hosted by the Life Adventurers Class

LET'S GEAUX PLAY!!

Calling all preschoolers and their adult playmate to come play with us on **Monday, May 15**. Parents, grandparents, or caregiver are welcome to join us from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. each Monday in May with their preschooler or infant. For more information contact Deirdre Halliburton.

UPCOMING EVENTS - WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8-12: For the gift card drawing for teachers, if you would like to donate a gift card in any amount, please bring it to church office; leftover cards that you have never used are also welcome. Field Day, May 12: volunteers are needed to assist with a large variety of activities that include supervising games, passing out snacks. Contact Buffie Grayson (978-2621) for more information.

WE NEED YOU! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 Monday, June 12 - Friday, June 16

The call for volunteers for Vacation Bible School 2017 is out! Please prayerfully consider giving of your time for this wonderful opportunity to reach children, ages 4 through those who have completed 5th grade, and teach them about the Bible and how God loves them. Volunteer forms are available in the Family Life Center and the Admin Building. Registration forms for your children, grandchildren, neighbor children, friends, etc. (ages 4 years through completion of 5th grade) are also available.

HOG ROAST! THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 5:30 P.M. FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Everyone is invited to the Hoge Roast on **Thursday, June 1** at 5:30 in the FLC. Pastor Jay will be roasted and toasted by St. John's family and friends. If you would like to be included in the roasting and toasting, please contact Fran Anderson (frances_anderson11@yahoo.com) or Carrie Stephens (carriestephens@stjohnsbr.org).

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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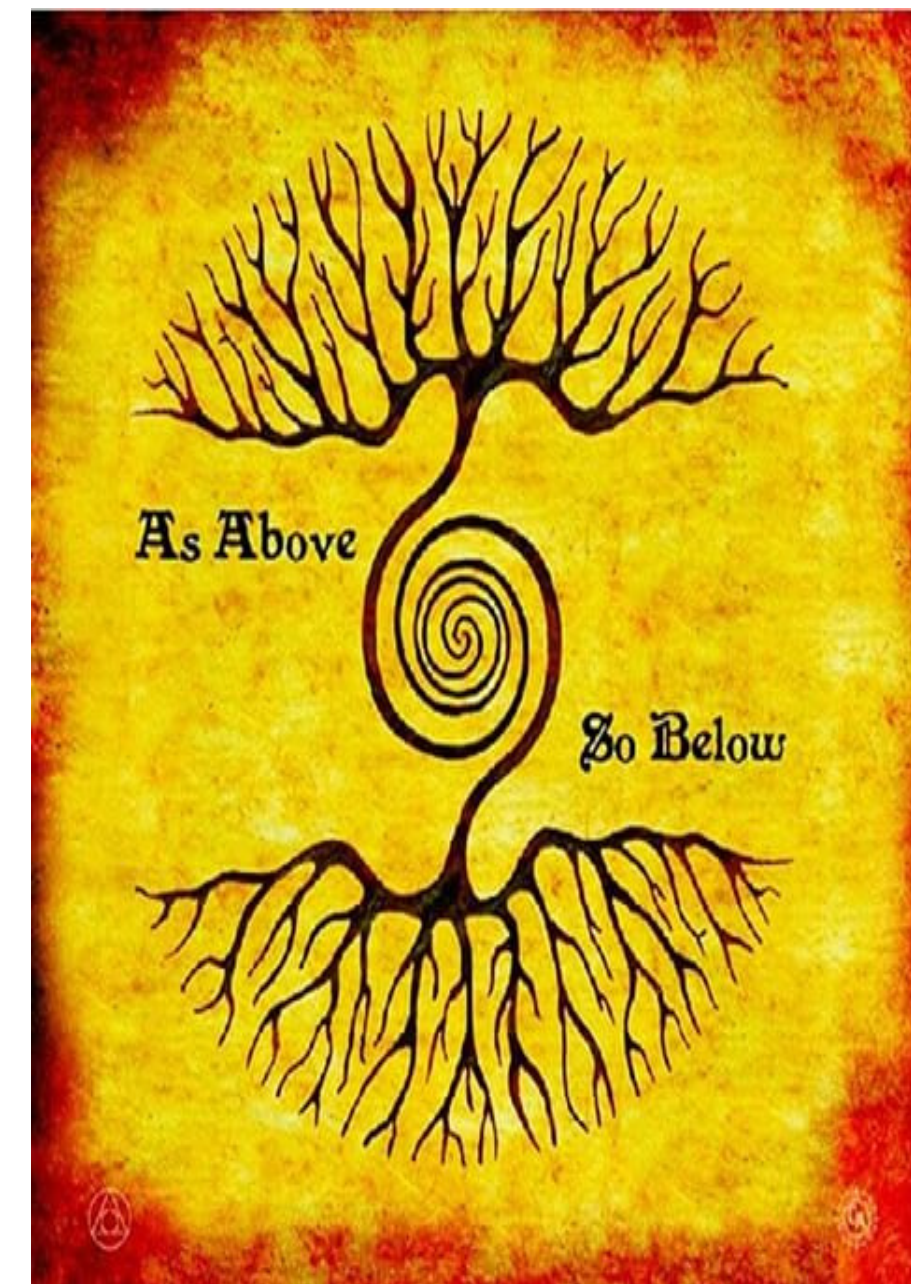


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Mission Statement

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.