

**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP Troy Prevot  
 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)

SONGS OF PRAISE FWS 2074  
*Shout to the Lord*  
 Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

*Praise the Name of Jesus* FWS 2066  
 Praise the name of Jesus. Praise the name of Jesus. He's my Rock, he's my Fortress, he's my deliverer, in him will I trust. Praise the name of Jesus.

OPENING PRAYER Troy Prevot  
**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

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 58:6-14* Heather Durham

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

HYMN *I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry* FWS 2051  
 I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on; you were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.

When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old, I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Carissa Mae Murray, Cadee Lynn Murray  
 with their parents Maurice and Virginia Gauthier

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY  
 Welcome to the family, we're glad that you have come to share your life with us, as we grow in love, and may we always be to you what God would have us be, a family always there, to be strong and to lean on.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON  
**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you; we often oppose 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 enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive us. Restore us. Strengthen us Through our Savior, Jesus Christ that we might abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

God did not send his son 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

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

OFFERTORY *A Mother's Faith*

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  
 Communion Responses FWS 2257b, c, & d

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895

\*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 *The Lily of the Valley* FWS 2062, v. 1 & 3  
 I have found a friend in Jesus, he's everything to me, he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul; the Lily of the Valley, in him alone I see all I need to cleanse and make me fully whole. In sorrow he's my comfort, in trouble he's my stay, he tells me every care on him to roll. (Hallelujah!) He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star, he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

He will never, newer leave me, nor yet forsake me here, while I live by faith and do his blessed will; a wall of fire about me, I've nothing now to fear, with his manna he my hungry soul shall fill. Then sweeping up to glory, to see his blessed face, where rivers of delight shall ever roll. (Hallelujah!) He's the Lily of the Valley, the bright and Morning Star, he's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.

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

\*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.

<b>THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE . . .</b>
in celebration of Ray Halliburton's birthday from Deirdré, Trey, Andréé, and William.

<b>WORSHIP ASSISTANTS</b>
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<b>Ushers</b>	Mike and Sally Allen, Fran Anderson, Barbara Benton
<b>Host(s)</b>	Rhonda Tucker

<b>HAPPENING THIS WEEK</b>
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**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  
 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor  
 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

<b>WELCOME! WELCOME!</b>
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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.

**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](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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**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.

### 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., FLC**

### 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 Deirdré 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.

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

Everyone is invited to the Hogue 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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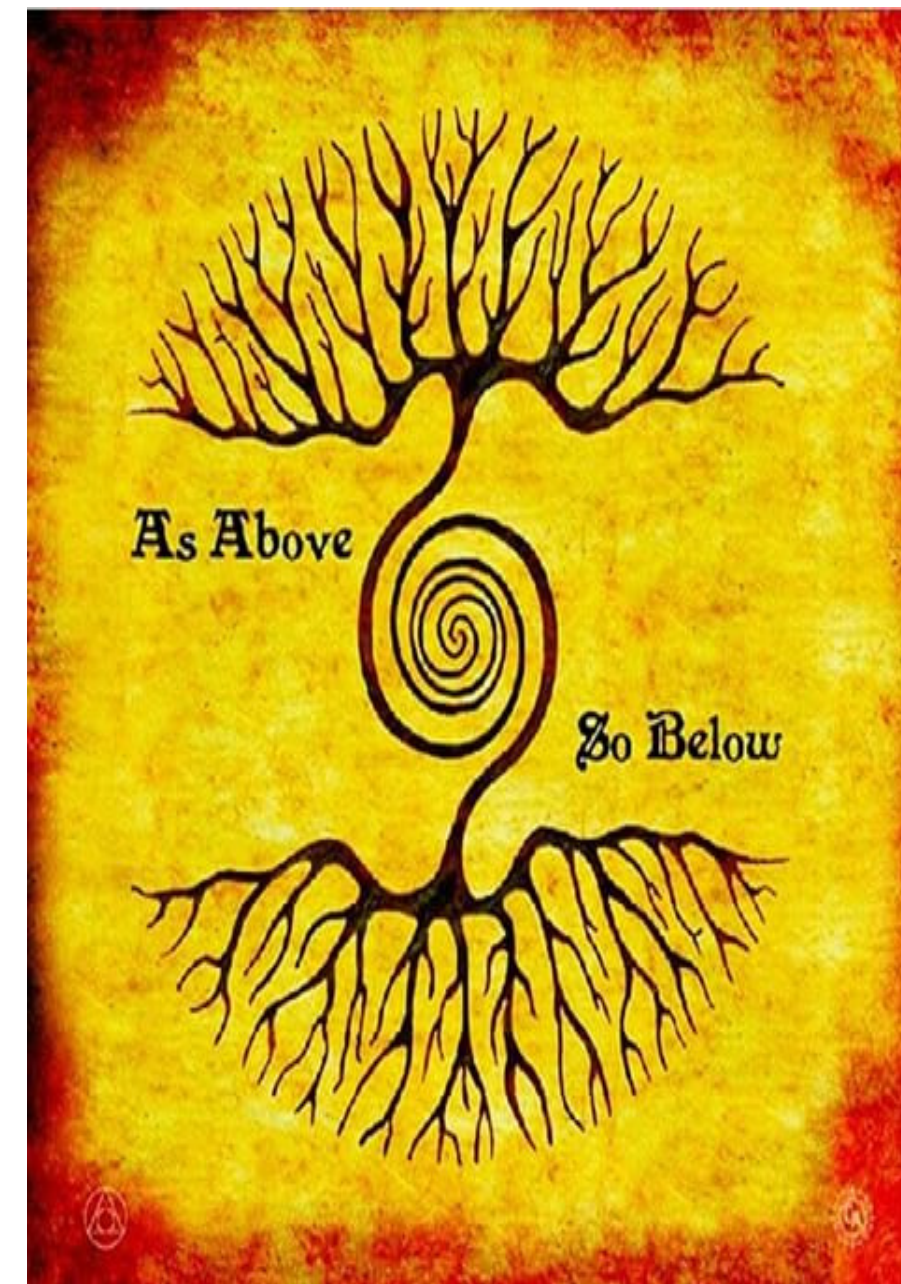


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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



**Sunday, May 14, 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.*