

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CONSECRATION OF SACRED SPACE Sandra Kuykendall
 Rejoice, rejoice! God has moved the hearts of the people that this house has been built for prayer and praise, proclamation and healing!
O God, sanctify this place!

By the power of your Holy Spirit, consecrate this space as sacred - a house of your worship. Bless us and sanctify what we do here that this place be holy for us and a sanctuary for all who enter these doors.

O God, sanctify this place!

Guide and empower the preaching of your word, Inspire the celebration of your sacraments, Embrace the pouring out of prayer, Encourage the singing of your praise, Bless the testimonies of faith and stories of your grace, Honor the ceremonies of marriage and of death and resurrection.

Now, O God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, sanctify this place for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Let us worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

SONGS OF PRAISE *What A Mighty God We Serve* FWS 2021, v. 1 & 2
 What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!

Let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord, let us sing and praise the Lord!

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.

OPENING PRAYER Sandra Kuykendall
Thank you, Lord God, for the gift of this special day and of this sacred space. For the waters of baptism, we give you praise. For the taste of bread broken and cup shared, we offer our thanks. For the gift you give us to gather together in worship, we lift our voices to you, O God, for you are our rock and our redeemer, our chief cornerstone. Strengthen us, Lord Jesus, for your service in the world and grant us a foretaste of your feast that is to come. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed* UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Sarah Prevot

SCRIPTURE *Matthew 11:25-30* Nelson Williams

SERMON *For Every Mission...* Pastor Jay

HYMN *God Will Take Care of You* UMH 130

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Ellen Elize Leonard
 with her parents, Billy and Erin Leonard and big brother, Quinn

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
Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not love our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the need. Forgive us we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(silent confession)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; this proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

THE PEACE

OFFERTORY *I Am the Church*

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 Phil and Jill Slicker,
 Bobbi Marino, Danielle Blackwood

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 *On Eagle's Wings* UMH 143

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

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.

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE . . .

from Bryan and Cindy Adams in celebration of Betsy's 15th birthday and our renovated sanctuary.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Lynn Cooper, Jim Matthew

Host(s) Kathy King

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 21

7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room
 12:00 p.m. Pot Luck Lunch, FLC
 4:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC
 5:00 p.m. Youth, 207 Admin Building

Monday, May 22

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor
 10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, Halliburton Home
 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 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

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 25

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

Friday, May 26

OFFICE CLOSED
 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
 8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

Saturday, May 27

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**COME ONE, COME ALL
 CHURCHWIDE POTLUCK, TODAY AT NOON
 FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

TODAY, following worship, we will all join together for 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. You can bring your dish any time Sunday morning to the kitchen just make sure it is marked for the potluck. PLEASE BE SURE YOUR SERVING DISHES ARE MARKED WITH YOUR NAME.

After our meal, we will continue in celebration from 12:45-1:30 with prayer and special music.

You won't want to miss this afternoon of celebration and fellowship!

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): _____

HEAVENLY HASH REDUX!
WEDNESDAY MAY 24, 6 P.M., FLC
Hosting: Seekers Sunday School Class

LET'S GEAUX PLAY!!
(SPLASH DAY AT MISS DEIRDRE'S)

On **Monday May 22**, Geaux Play will meet for a time of water play and lunch at the home of Deirdre Halliburton. All preschoolers, their caregivers and siblings are invited. Please wear your bathing suit, and bring a salad or lunch item to share. Geaux Play will NOT meet Memorial day, May 29. Call Deirdre at 769-7539 for more details.

HOGUE 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).

WELCOME! WELCOME!

At the 8:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 14, we welcomed to our St. John's family, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Carissa and Cadee Murray, daughters of Maurice and Virginia Gauthier.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
JUNE 4 - AUGUST 6

St. John's will begin its summer Sunday school session on June 4 and we are asking for volunteers to lead one or both of our classes: pre-k, kindergarten, and 1st grade will comprise one class, while 2nd through 5th grade will comprise the other. Curriculum materials developed for just such summer classes are available and very easy to follow. If you would like to take part in this fun experience, please contact Morgan (one of our summer interns) at morgandynes@stjohnsbr.org or by calling the church office.

LIBRARY PROCEDURES

It has been brought to our attention that books are being borrowed from the church library without following procedure. If you borrow a book from the library, there is a card on the inside back cover that must be filled out and put in the checkout box. When you return the book you can put it on the table for our librarian, Norma Thomason, to check it in. Please return any books that you no longer are using OR fill out the card in the back and put it in the checkout box. We are missing some DVDs, so if you or your Sunday school class is in possession of these materials, please contact the church office.

MEMORIAL DAY CLOSINGS

St. John's office will be closed **Monday, May 29** in observance of Memorial Day. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday.

The Shepherd's Market will be closed on **Monday, May 29** and will resume regular pantry hours on Tuesday.

SERMON NOTES

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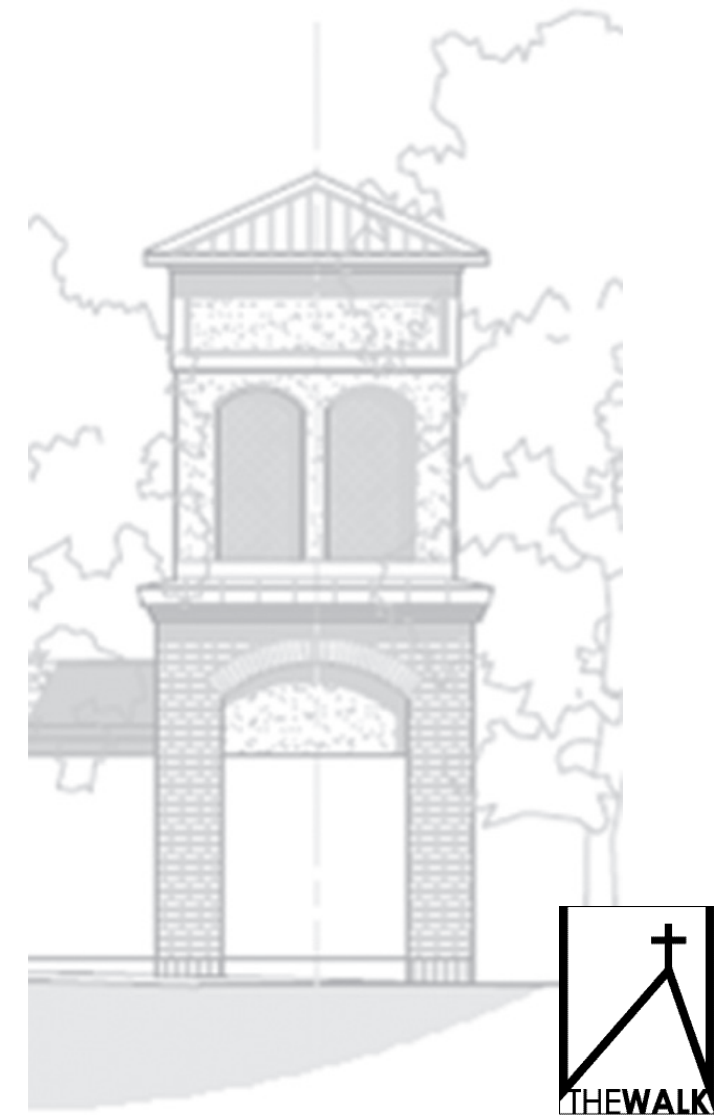
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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



"... for we walk by faith, not by sight."

-2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)

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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.



Remember to pray for **The Walk**.

"...for we walk by faith, not by sight."

- 2 Corinthians 5:7

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