

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit inspire us and flow through us.

We praise you, Spirit of God, use us as you will.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord, the giver of all good gifts.

SONG OF PRAISE *Great Is the Lord* FWS 2022

Refrain: Great is the Lord, he is holy and just; by his power we

trust in his love. Great is the Lord, he is faithful and true;

by his mercy he proves he is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!

Great is the Lord and worthy of praise. Great is the Lord;

now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:

Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are you Lord and worthy of glory!

Great are you Lord and worthy of praise.

Great are you Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:

Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

SONG OF PRAISE *Clap Your Hands* FWS 2028

Clap your hands! Clap your hands! Sing a new song in celebration!

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Clap your hands! Clap your hands! God is great we praise our God with

song! God is great! We praise our God with song!

PRAYER

Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are

varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are various

activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in

each of us. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the

common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

We praise you, Lord, for your grace has knit us together.

Make us ever aware of the gifts you give us. Urge us to use

them for your glory and for your Kingdom to grow in our

neighborhood. Lead us to faithful works of compassion

and justice, of mercy and peace. In the name of Jesus

Christ, we pray and give praise. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed UMH 880

PSALTER *Psalms 67* UMH 791

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Acts 4:32-37* Jim Sandifer

SERMON *The Promises We Keep?* Pastor Jay
That Buzz in Your Ear

HYMN *What Gift Can We Bring* UMH 87

TESTIMONY OF GIFTS Kathy King

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 enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Please forgive us; restore us; and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ that we may live in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

RESPONSE TO THE PARDON

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us

our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness. 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

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 *Together We Serve* FWS 2175
vs 1 & 4

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of our 23rd wedding anniversary, May 2. Given by Nelson and Brenda Green

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Lynn Cooper, Jim Matthew
Host(s)	Rhonda Tucker

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S

TODAY, May 3

9:45 a.m. Sr. Youth Parents Meeting, Gym

10:30 a.m. Jambalaya Take-Out Lunch

3:00 p.m. Newcomer Gathering, Library

4:00 p.m. Youth Team Meeting, Gym

5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Monday, May 4

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 5

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor

6:00 p.m. Disciple III Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Service

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A

6:00 p.m. Tutoring, Gym Classrooms

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 7

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Library

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, May 8

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

9:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

Saturday, May 9

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.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH PARENTS

TODAY there will be an important meeting of the parents of St. John’s senior high youth at 9:45 a.m. in the gym. Please make plans to attend.

JAMBALAYA TODAY!!

Boy Scout Troop 505 will have their annual Jambalaya lunch available for take out beginning at 10:30; tickets are \$8 a plate or 2 for \$15 (Checks made out to BSA Troop 505.) There will be jambalaya plates available for purchase today.

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): _____

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet **Tuesday, May 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Betty Sandifer will present a program about Mary Martha in our continuing series of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

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).

SPECIAL MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING

Next Sunday 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.

VOLUNTEERS FOR WILDWOOD ELEMENTARY

Volunteers are needed to help with the Wildwood Elementary Field Day on **Wednesday, May 13**. 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 open! 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 or by phone 772-3550.

SERMON NOTES

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

And God created ... The Heart Nebula



Acts 4:32. All the believers were one in heart ...

8:30 Worship Service
May 3, 2015
Fifth 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.