

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

No one has ever seen God.

If we love one another, God lives in us;

and God's love is perfected in us.

Let us love one another and love the Lord our God.

Let us worship God in word and song.

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!

Refrain

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 *How Majestic Is Your Name* FWS 2023

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth.

O Lord, we praise your name. O Lord, we magnify your name:

Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

PRAYER

Everlasting God, you have revealed yourself as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. You alone live forever. You reign in the perfect unity of love. Move in us that we might serve your Kingdom through acts of mercy, words of peace, and loving service. Help us, Eternal God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit -- to live in praise of your divine majesty. In you who are three persons in one God, for ever and ever, we pray. Amen.

THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed UMH 881

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE *Isaiah 6:1-8* Sheryl Southwick

SERMON *The Gospel According to Tina Fey* Pastor Jay
(or How to Improvise with the Lord)

HYMN *The Servant Song* FWS 2222
vs 1, 2, 5

WORDS OF WITNESS Jacob Nichols

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.

Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.

Lord, we confess to you.

Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word

We have built up walls of prejudice.

Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy

We have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf. Come fill this moment and free us from sin.

(Silent confession.)

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; this proves God's love toward 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

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 *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593
vs 1 & 3

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration our 50th wedding anniversary by Jim and Claudia Fowler.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Dawn Staves, Fran Anderson, Jill Slicker, Betty Sandifer
Host(s)	Bobbi Marino

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

TODAY, May 31

3:00 p.m. St. John's 101, Library

6:00 p.m. A Taste of St. John's, Gym

7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary

Monday, June 1

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor

3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Parlor

4:00 p.m. Shepherd's Market, Gym

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Market, Gym

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

Wednesday, June 3

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

6:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, June 4

6:15 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor

9:00 a.m. Shepherd's Market, Gym

6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Library

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, June 5

OFFICE CLOSED

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

Saturday, June 6

12 noon AA meeting, Gym-C

ST JOHN'S 101

TODAY !! St. John's 101, will meet in the Library from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., in the library. This 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.

YOUTH 2015 SUMMER TRIP

St. John's Youth will be attending the Youth 2015 Conference in Orlando, Florida from June 24 - 29. To help defray costs of the trip, a Sponsor Board will be in the gym **today**. Sponsorships are \$20 per square.

On **Sunday, June 7**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Library there will be an informational meeting for parents and youth about Youth 2015.

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

Next **Sunday, June 1**, is Grocery Bag Sunday. The Shepherd's Market yellow shopping bags will be passed out today and the items you bring back next week will help us stock the shelves of the pantry.

Note: Volunteers are always needed in the pantry on Monday evenings starting at 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. Come and join us, if you can; you will be glad you did!

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): _____

UMW RUTH CIRCLE

The next meeting of the Ruth Circle will be **Tuesday, June 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Mary Jones will present a program about Hagar, in our continuing series of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR VBS

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it, and we are gathering needed supplies; all items can be dropped off in the church office. Please contact Deacon Sarah or Alex Martin (alexmartin@stjohnsbr.org) if you have any questions. **All items should be brought to the office by Sunday, June 7.**

Donations (for the church to use and keep): New or gently used flat sheets in solid colors (full size and larger), area rugs (all sizes), artificial plants, throw pillows, new wash cloths (10), new white t-shirts in adult sizes, medium and large (100), white crew socks (15 pair), new or gently used stuffed animals (5), new or gently used bath towels (5), full or queen-size blankets (4), standard-size pillows (4).

Borrowed items (to be returned after VBS - please mark with your name): mortar & pestle (2), blue tarps (2), area rugs (all sizes), artificial plants, throw pillows.

VBS SET UP

Set up for VBS will be **Saturday, June 13**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the gym. Please come and help us set up Nazareth and the market place. All ages are welcome

UMCOR HEALTH KITS

St. John's will be presenting 100 Health Kits to UMCOR during the Annual Conference in June. Please use the special envelopes to make your donation to help defray the cost of the kits. Thanks for your help with this worldwide mission of the United Methodist Church.

CHARGE CONFERENCE

A charge conference is scheduled for **Sunday, June 14**, at 5 p.m. in the sanctuary to vote on the candidacies of Deirdre Halliburton and Theresa Sandifer for ordained ministry.

THANK YOU, ST. JOHN'S

"Our family is grateful for the wonderful congregation at St. John's. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting everyone and making new friends. Thanks for all the effort you made for Carl's memorial service. Fondly, Kris Renfroe"

"Thank you for the Sarah Holbrook Scholarship. It's definitely a help with college. I'm proud to have gotten it and that my church family has always been a huge part of my life! Haley Stubbs."

WALL OF CROSSES

Many thanks to all who brought crosses to put on the wall in the church office and thanks to Nelson Green for doing the placement and hanging of the crosses. Stop by and see how wonderful it looks. There is still room on the wall if you would like to donate to this artwork of crosses.

SERMON NOTES

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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



8:30 Worship Service
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Trinity Sunday

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.