

**YOUTH SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017**  
**11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP Stephen LeBlanc  
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)

OPENING HYMN *This is the Day!* UMH 657  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made.

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

OPENING PRAYER Devon Dickson  
The apostle Paul said: Let no one look down on your youthfulness but set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity. In this way, let us pray together as the family of God:  
**God of grace and glory, we praise you for your love shown us this day. For our ministry across all ages and diverse backgrounds, we give you thanks and ask for your help. Lead us to serve you with all that we are, and help us to serve others in all that we do. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ceci Caputo

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Carter James Bellelo  
son of Rebecca and Steven Bellelo

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.

BLESSING OF THE SENIORS  
**God of truth and knowledge, you teach us the truthful way of life through your wisdom. On this day and in days to come, please bless these graduates as they finish their course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them. We thank you for all who supported them along the way. Walk with these young people as they step forward in life. Take away their anxiety and strengthen their many talents and skills. Inspire in them a confidence in the future you plan. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we pray and give praise. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE *Mark 12:28-34* Chris Green

SERMON Hannah Green, Emilie Ferguson

HYMN *Joyful, Joyful* UMH 89, v. 1-3  
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON  
Lord, we confess our fractures and our failings,  
our sins against you and others.

**Lord, we confess to you.**  
Lord, we confess that we often fail to love you and to love our neighbors, because we are self-centered and afraid of risking ourselves.

**Lord, we confess to you.**  
Lord, we fail to keep your commands and we often break the promise of your Sabbath rest by our self-importance of working more and trusting less.

**Lord, we confess to you.**  
Lord, we build walls of prejudice and stifle your generosity.  
**Lord, we confess to you; please forgive our sin and lead us to turn back to you.**  
Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us heed your promise of forgiveness.  
Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

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

OFFERTORY *Singing the Glory Down* Chancel Choir

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

The Lord's Prayer UMH 895  
\*Giving the Bread and Cup Maddie Cooper, Josh Green,  
Becca Lively, Noah Lively, Taylor Worthy

Communion Music *Worthy is the Lamb* Ana de la Fuente  
and Mason Stubbs

Special Music Nico de la Fuente

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.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Isabella "Bella" Savoie Wylie  
daughter of Richard and Sarah Wylie

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

HYMN *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS 2153  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me ...

I'm gonna pray so God can use me ...

I'm gonna sing so God can use me ...

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!**

BLESSING OF ALEX MARTIN

POSTLUDE *This is the Day!*

\*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 GIVEN . . .**  
to the glory of God in honor of Carter James Bellelo on his baptism by the Bellelo and Carter families.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	
<b>Ushers</b>	Betsy Adams, Faith Robertson, David Idikwu, Josh Green
<b>Host(s)</b>	Barbara Lively

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 7 - YOUTH SUNDAY**  
7:50 a.m. Early Bird Choir, Choir Room  
5:00 p.m. Senior Celebration, FLC  
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, FLC

**Monday, May 8**  
9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor  
10:00 a.m. Let's Geaux Play, Admin Bldg.  
11:00 a.m. Good Grief, 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 9**  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC  
8:30 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
6:00 p.m. SPRC, Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, FLC-A  
7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle, The May Residence

**Wednesday, May 10**  
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 11**  
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 12 - OFFICE CLOSED**  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FL  
9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, FLC-A

**Saturday, May 13**  
8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

**PRAYER REQUEST FORM**

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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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### WELCOME! WELCOME!

At the 8:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 30, we welcomed to our St. John's family, through the Sacrament of Baptism, Shawn Walker, and, at the 11 a.m. worship service, Natalie Brooke Farrar, infant daughter of Brandon and Rachel Farrar.

### HEAVENLY HASH REDUX! WEDNESDAY MAY 10, 6 P.M., FLC HOSTED BY THE LIFE ADVENTURERS CLASS

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 9** at 7 p.m. at the home of Mary May (537 rue de LaPlace) to enjoy our annual covered dish dinner. Bring a dish to share with everyone; it will be an enjoyable evening of delicious food and fellowship. Please plan to attend.

### LET'S GEAUX PLAY!!

Calling all preschoolers and their adult playmate to come play with us on **Monday, May 8**. 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.

### GOOD GRIEF, ST. JOHN'S!

If you are someone struggling to find direction and hope in loss, you are invited to join us as we seek healing in community. We meet on the second Monday of each month from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the library. For information contact Deirdre Halliburton. Join us on **Monday, May 8**.

### LAGNIAPPE UPDATE!

A big thanks to all who donated to our Lagniappe fund! This campaign, which ended at Easter, helped to raise \$16,243 to go towards projects to enhance the beauty of St. John's campus such as landscaping for the grounds and furniture for the narthex. Thank you for your generosity!

### PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

We'd love to see you on **Saturday, May 13** around 8:30 a.m. at the Piccadilly on Essen Lane. Join us for a Dutch treat buffet breakfast.

### LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We will be doing landscaping work around the narthex on **Friday, May 5** and **Saturday, May 6** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a landscape professional there to supervise the work. If you have any gardening implements, please bring them with you. Contact Bob Ayres (432-352-3712 or bayres50@cox.net) if you will be able to help. Any length of time you are able to help during those hours will be much appreciated.

### 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.

### MOTHER'S DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

MAY 14, 2017

On Sunday, May 14, we will take up a special Mother's Day offering in support of Louisiana United Methodist Children & Family Services. Your support helps provide services that include intensive residential care at 3 locations, education for children with special needs, therapeutic foster care, family counseling, and other programs that advocate for disadvantaged children and their families. For more information contact Marilyn or Richard Damberg at 753-6052.

## 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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St. John's Youth



2016 Fall Retreat at the Worthy's Farm

**Youth Sunday**  
**May 7, 2017**  
**11 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.*