

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

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP David Henson  
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

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* FWS 2088

Lord, I lift you name of high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave; from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

*Jesus Be Praised* FWS 2079

Jesus, we worship you; with our voices filled with praises,  
Jesus, we worship you; songs of love we raise.  
Jesus, Jesus be praised! Jesus, Jesus be praised!

OPENING PRAYER David Henson

Let us hear anew the word that leads to life: Be sure to keep my Sabbaths, because the Sabbath is a sign between you and me.

**Lord, you bless us with the joy of rest - the sign of your constant care for us. Please guide us into your peace. Inspire our hearts and fill our imaginations - help us let go of the temptation to the sins of self-importance. Urge us to trust more fully in your work that we might breathe deep and enjoy your care for our spirits and our bodies. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Ceci Caputo

SCRIPTURE *Exodus 31:12-18*

SERMON *The Vocabulary of Sabbath: Shecinah & Menuha & No* Pastor Jay

HYMN *God of Grace* UMH 577, vs. 1 & 4

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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 *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

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 *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* UMH 668

Let us now depart in thy peace, blessed Jesus.  
Send us to our homes with God's love in our hearts.  
Let not the busy world claim all our loyalties.  
Keep us ever mindful, dear Lord, of thee.

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.

**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**

**Ushers** Jill Slicker, Carol Gordon, Dawn Staves, Karen Traylor

**Host(s)** Jim and Theresa Sandifer

**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  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor  
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

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR CONSECRATION DAYS  
MAY 20 AND 21**

**Keep Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 in your calendar for two days of consecration and fellowship events as we re-enter the sanctuary!**

**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. At noon we will continue the celebration with a potluck lunch which 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.

**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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### 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**  
United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

St. John's Youth



2016 Fall Retreat at the Worthy's Farm

**Youth Sunday**  
**May 7, 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.*