

**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2016**  
**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth!

**Worship the Lord with gladness.**

Come before the Lord with joyful songs;

know that the Lord is God for it is he who made us.

**We are the Lord’s people,**

**The sheep of God’s pasture.**

Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to God and**

**Praise the name of the Lord.**

(from Psalm 100)

SONGS OF PRAISE

*Sing Alleluia to the Lord* FWS 2258

Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia, alleluia;

Sing alleluia to the Lord!

Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia to the Lord.

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia! Sing alleluia to the Lord!

*Give Thanks* FWS 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us.”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

give thanks because he’s given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say, “I am rich

because of what the Lord has done for us.” Give thanks!

PRAYER

For our mothers, who have given us life and love,

that we may show them reverence and love,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

For mothers who have lost a child through death,

that their faith may give them hope,

and their family and friends support and console them,

**We call to you, O Lord.**

For women, though without children of their own,

who nurture and care for us, who teach us and guide us,

who encourage and inspire us,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

Loving God, as a mother nourishes her children,

you watch over your Church.

**Bless these women that they may be strengthened in**

**Christlike love.**

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

**Grant that we may share your love for them,**

**And show your mercy to the world around us.**

**Through Jesus our savior, we pray. Amen.**

**THE WORD**

PSALTER *Psalm 97* UMH 816

(Response 1)

GLORIA PATRI UMH 70

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Deacon Sarah

SCRIPTURE *Acts 16:16-34* Barbara Benton

SERMON Pastor Jay

*A Lesson from That Time Earlier This Week When I Was*

*Locked in the Bathroom in My Office*

*(A Sermon on Consequentialism and How Evangelism Is So Much*

*More about the Means, not the Ends)*

HYMN *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

vs 1 & 3

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 loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(Silent confession.)

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Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that 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 *Here I Am, Lord*

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.**

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE III UMH 15

COMMUNION RESPONSES FWS 2257

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 *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* FWS 2153

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*

\*Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it; when you come up to the altar, let the server know you would like to receive the gluten-free elements.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE ...**

are given by Beth Forester in memory of her mother, Eva Forester,

and in honor of all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures

who impact our lives.

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**Ushers** Joyce Robinson, Randy Thayer, Barbara Benton, Fran Anderson

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

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, May 8**

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

**Monday, May 9**

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

6:00 p.m. Puppet Practice, 207 Admin Building

**Tuesday, May 10**

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor

6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library

7:00 p.m. Mary Martha Circle, Mary May’s House

**Wednesday, May 11**

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

6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s Southside

6:00 p.m. Wednesday Night Group, Parlor

6:00 p.m. Communications Team, Library

6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

7:17 p.m. 717 Group, George’s Southside

7:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

**Thursday, May 12**

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor

8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library

9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym

9:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Parlor

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

**Friday, May 13**

OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, Gym

**Saturday, May 14**

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Piccadilly

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 22, AFTER 11 A.M. SERVICE**

**DEDICATION OF FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

**CRAWFISH BOIL**

**SILENT AUCTION**

**MOTHER’S DAY SPECIAL OFFERING**

Every year, St. John’s takes part in the annual Mother’s Day Special Offering to help support Louisiana United Methodist Children & Family Services. If you would like to help, you may use the special envelope inserted in this bulletin to mail your check (made out to LUMCFS) direct to Ruston or you can write a check to St. John’s with Mother’s Day in the memo line and we will mail it for you. For more information, visit their website at LMCH.org.

**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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### MARY MARTHA UMW

The Mary Martha UMW Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 10** at 7 p.m. in the home of Mary May, 537 Rue de LaPlace (766-4781). Please bring a dish to share as well as its recipe. If you prefer not to bring that recipe, please bring the recipe for another dish. All women are invited to attend.

### THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET

There will be a delivery from the Food Bank on **Friday, May 13**. If you are able to help, be at the gym by 8:30 a.m. Any help you are able to give is very much appreciated.

### PRIME TIMERS BREAKFAST

Join the young-at-heart Prime Timers for a Dutch-treat buffet breakfast at the Piccadilly on Essen **Saturday, May 14** at 8:30. Everyone is invited (no matter what age)!

### SILENT AUCTION

IT'S TIME TO START BRINGING ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION. Please bring your items to the church office during regular office hours or the Sojourner's classroom (room B, gym) on Sundays. If you have any questions, contact Beth Forester (405-9324 or bethforester@yahoo.com) All donations are welcome and appreciated. Some suggested items are: food (baked goods, cooking lessons, hosting a meal in your home, etc.), services (Sunday school lessons, pet sitting, massage sessions, etc), artwork, framed photographs, quilted items, children's toys, etc.

### YOUTH FUNDRAISER FOR SUMMER MISSION

This summer, **June 26-July 1**, St. John's Youth will travel to Sunflower, MS, to the Delta Grace Mission where they will not only be assisting the Sunflower UMC with their summer ministry but will also be doing house repairs in the area. They have set a fundraising goal of \$3,000 for the trip.

At coffee time today and on Sunday, May 15 you will be able to help support this incredible group of teens by adding your name to the canvass to build their sunflower: a leaf is \$25, a yellow petal is \$50, and a gold leaf is \$100. Let's fill in the Sunflower so the Youth can go share God's love and their talents with God's people.

### SUMMER STUDY: HOLLYWOOD JESUS BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 29 - 5 P.M.

Like Movies? Love Jesus? Then this 4-week study is for you! Join Pastor Jay and Deacon Sarah, in the parlor, as we explore some famous movies about Jesus, as well as movies that have nothing to do with Jesus but teach important truths about our faith. (Snacks and movie clips provided.) Childcare available upon request. Contact Deacon Sarah for more information.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 JUNE 13-17, 2016 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Mark your calendars! **Cave Quest-Following Jesus the Light of the World** will take place **June 13-17** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Online registration is now open at St. John's website: [www.stjohnsbr.org](http://www.stjohnsbr.org) under Upcoming Events. All kids aged 4 years through those completing fifth grade are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to help make this week one during which the children will learn about following Jesus - the Light of the World. If you are able to help, please fill out the form inserted in this week's bulletin and put it in the offering plate or return it to the church office during regular office hours.

## 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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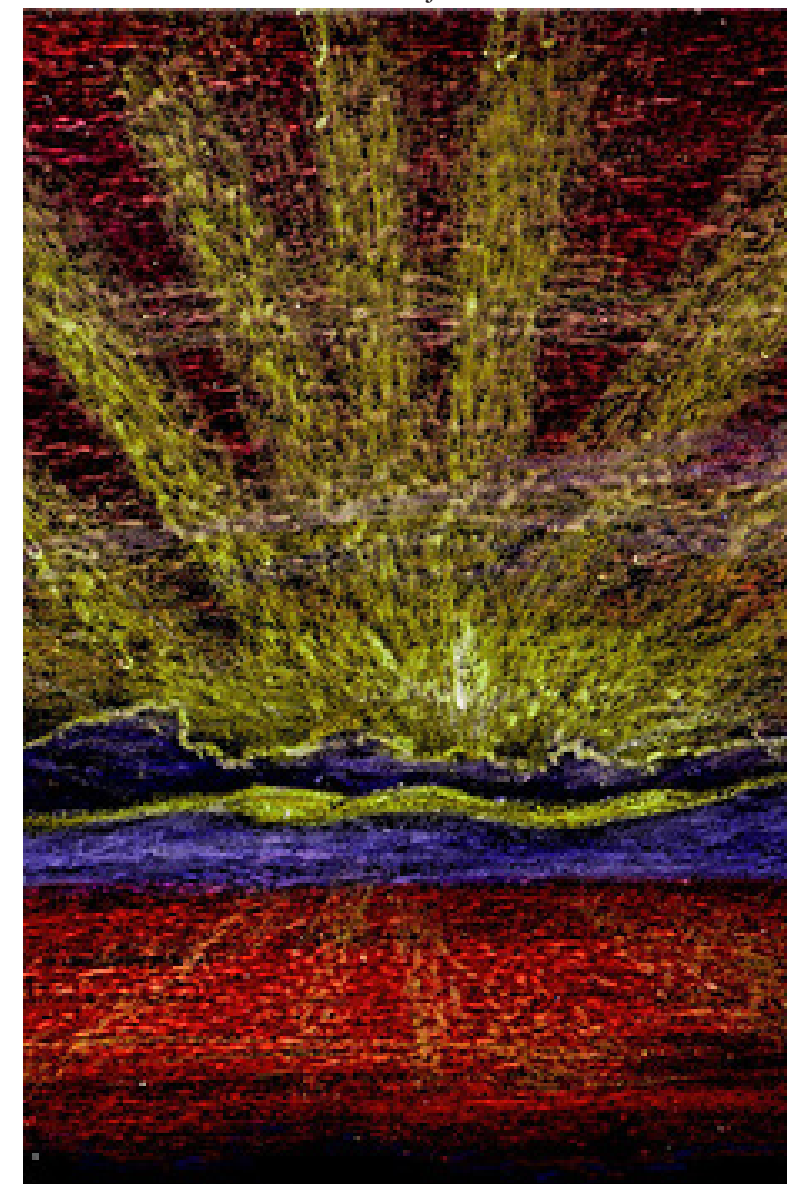
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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

Stushie: Let the distant shores rejoice!



Psalm 97:1b

**May 8, 2016**  
**8:30 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.