

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015
8:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Roman soldier said,
 Say the word, Master. Your will will be done.
And Jesus said,
Go home. Your servant lives.
 Lord, give us faith as strong as that Roman’s,
For we walk by our faith, not by sight.

SONG OF PRAISE *He Who Began a Good Work in You* FWS 2163

He who began a good work in you,
 he who began a good work in you
 will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.
 He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

SONG OF PRAISE

I’m gonna live so (*live so*)
 God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*anytime!*)
 I’m gonna live so (*live so*)
 God can use me anywhere, Lord (*my Lord!*), anytime! (*anytime!*)
 I’m gonna work so (*work so*)
 God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*anytime!*)
 I’m gonna work so (*work so*)
 God can use me anywhere, Lord (*my Lord!*), anytime! (*anytime!*)
 I’m gonna pray so (*pray so*)
 God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*anytime!*)
 I’m gonna pray so (*pray so*)
 God can use me anywhere, Lord (*my Lord!*), anytime! (*anytime!*)
 I’m gonna sing so (*sing so*)
 God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! (*anytime!*)
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 God can use me anywhere, Lord (*my Lord!*), anytime! (*anytime!*)

THE WALK Andrew Blackwood

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, as we sit entranced at your feet, listening to stories of trial and faith, you call to us across the ages. Open our ears. Help us hear your sighs in the wind and your whispers in the silence. Open our eyes. Enable us to recognize the miracles and messages in the wonder of our daily lives. Open our hearts, loving Jesus. Help us embrace the spiritual fire you have kindled in us and inspire us to follow the path where you lead. Amen.
 (Dr. Betty Schroeder)

THE WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT Darlene Dickson

SCRIPTURE *Luke 7:1-10* Mari Walker

SERMON *Confidence, Convergence & Construction: Buildings as Bridges or Barriers* Pastor Jay

HYMN *The Servant Song* FWS 2222

PRAYER, CONFESSION, AND PARDON

O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good: we gather to give you our thanks. We confess that we have often failed to live out our thanks to you. What we have we take for granted; and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your riches; we think little about those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less.

Forgive us, O God - merciful and mighty. In this time of worship, accept our thanks. Teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear the good news: if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse 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.

(Paul J. Flucke, USA, 20th C., ALT)

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.

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE II UMH 15
 and 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 *We Are Called* FWS 2172
 vs 1 & 3

WALKING TOGETHER Marking Our Path

BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR . . .

are in memory of Eric E. Crake, 10-11-2014. From Marilyn Crake.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Ushers	Beth Forester, Jill Slicker, Belinda Dumas, Betty Sandifer
Host	Rhonda Tucker

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

TODAY, Sunday, October 11

12:30 p.m. The Walk - Small Group Meeting, Parlor
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 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Library
 5:00 p.m. Youth, Gym
 6:00 p.m. Missional Wisdom Study, Library

Monday, October 12

10:00 a.m. The Walk - Small Group Meeting, 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
 6:30 p.m. Puppet Show Group, 206 Admin. Bldg.

Tuesday, October 13

8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, Gym
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
 10:00 a.m. The Walk - Small Group Meeting, St. James Place
 6:30 p.m. Disciple IV, Library
 7:00 a.m. Mary Martha UMW Circle, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Volleyball, Gym

Wednesday, October 14

5:00 p.m. Ladies’ Covenant Group, Gym-A
 6:00 p.m. Men’s Group, George’s
 6:00 p.m. Week Night Group, Library
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
 7:00 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 15

6:15 a.m. Men’s Prayer Group, Parlor
 8:00 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
 9:00 a.m. Shepherd’s Market, Gym
 10:00 a.m. Invitation to Genesis, Parlor
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, Gym

Friday, October 16

OFFICE CLOSED
 9:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts, Gym-A

Saturday, October 17

12 noon AA Meeting, Gym-C

THE WALK - PRAYER CARDS
PRAY THE PRAYER ON THE BACK
DAILY AT 2:57!

THE WALK - PRAYER VIGIL

The Walk Prayer Vigil will be held from **Saturday, October 17 at 8:00 a.m. until Sunday, October 18 at 8:00 a.m.** Please join us in a time of intentional prayer during The Walk. You are invited to sign up for a 30 minute time slot online at www.stjohnsbr.org/the-walk-prayer-vigil or in the Church Office. You are also invited to gather in the Sanctuary at 8:00 am on Sunday, October 18 for a time of community prayer as we close our Prayer Vigil. For more information, please contact Deacon Sarah.

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): _____

THE WALK - SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

Small group meetings that will give you an opportunity to learn more about St. John's vision and plans for our two-phased building project continue through Wednesday. If you have not received your post-card invitation to join a small group meeting, please contact the office. If the date and time on your invitation is not convenient, please call the office and we can find a date and time that will fit in your schedule.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO RSVP to the office (766-4594) or by email (thewalk@stjohnsbr.org).

MARY MARTHA CIRCLE

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, October 13** at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Betty Schroeder will present a program on the Woman of Samaria, continuing the study of Women in the Bible. All women are invited to attend.

FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

The Shepherd's Market is sponsoring flu shots at the Walgreen's on Bluebonnet and Burbank on **Thursday, October 22** from 8:00 - 11:30 a.m. Participants should bring an ID and their insurance card. Vouchers will be available at Walgreen's for those who do not have insurance coverage.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Our Trunk or Treat festivities will be **Sunday, October 25** from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the parking lot facing Renee Drive. The sign-up board for decorating trunks will be set up in the back of the sanctuary and again in the gym during coffee time. Let's get our scary on and decorate trunks!! Contact Lorri for more information.

WALK TO DEFEAT ALS

In honor of Jere Johnston, a member of our St. John's family and ALS patient, please help raise awareness and proceeds by joining in the Walk to Defeat ALS on **Saturday, October 31** at the BREC park on Highland Road; check-in at 9:00 a.m., one-mile walk starts at 10:00 a.m. To register, go to the website at www.alsa.org, Team Jere and under Top Participants click on Jere Johnston. Contact Sarah Rispone (sj.rispone@gmail.com) or go to the ALS website for more information

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

Dear Church Family: I am grateful for all the prayers. Your prayers have made my unaffordable medicine extremely affordable and there is a plan that should reduce the size of the tumor and make it treatable. Thanks again. Dennis Blum.

FOUR MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

VIM: Holy Land and Jordan, 10/24/-11/7/15; India, 12/27/15-1/10/16. St. Mark's in New Orleans, 3/4-3/6/16. Isle of Iona, Summer/Fall 2017. Details about these mission trips will be on the website and in future bulletins. For more information, you may also contact Larry Norman (933-1881 or LduckN@aol.com).

SERMON NOTES

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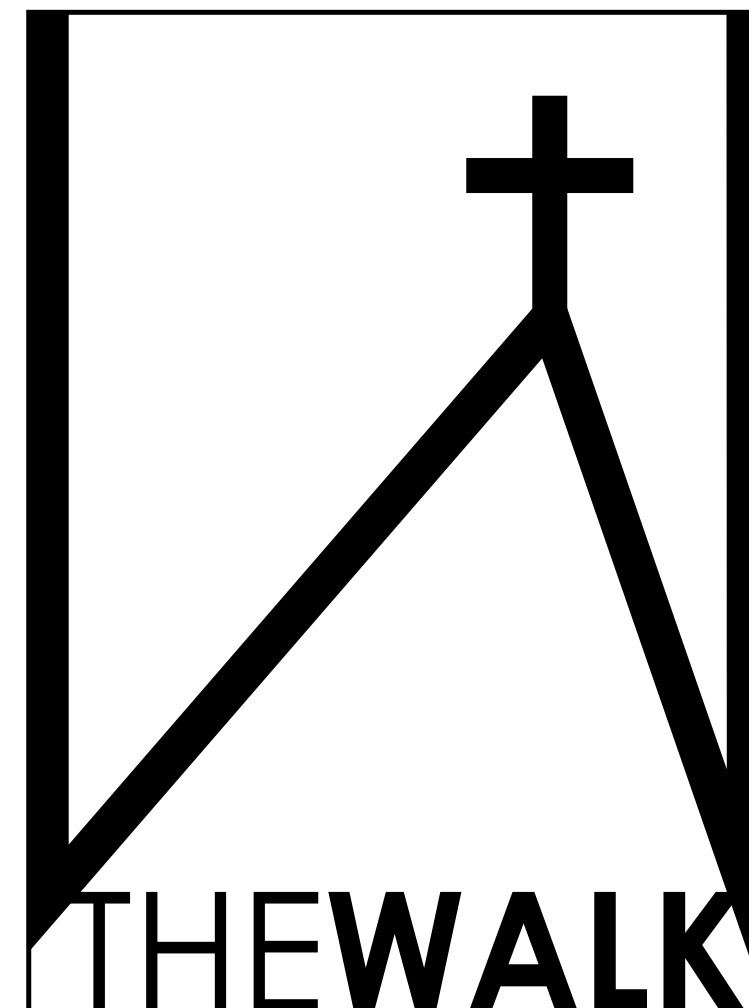
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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.



“... for we walk by faith, not by sight.”

-2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)

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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.