

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## August 5, 2018 at 11 A.M.

### Welcome to All

*All are invited to to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.*

✠ Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold** indicates congregational response.

## UNITING WITH GOD

GREETING *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL to WORSHIP Joyce Perry

Dig deep for the courage that comes from the Lord.  
**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God, is with us wherever we go.**

Dare to face your brokenness, your anxieties, and your fears.

**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God, is with us wherever we go.**

See all your potential and rest in the assurance that you are enough.

**We will be strong and courageous, for the Lord, our God, is with us wherever we go.**

Come worship the Lord without fear, for you are accepted, loved, and set free.

**Thanks be to God for the courage that comes to us in unexpected ways along the journey of faith.**

✠ HYMN of PRAISE UMH 127  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

## GROWING TOGETHER

PRESENTATION of BIBLES St. John's UMW  
*Students entering Kindergarten, 3rd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade are invited forward to receive a Bible on behalf of the United Methodist Women (UMW).*

BLESSING of BACKPACKS Pastor Lane  
*Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.*

*Ushers will pass out folders during the Blessing of Backpacks. Please register your attendance. If you have any joys or concerns please fill out a prayer card found in the left pocket of the folder and place it in the offering plate.*

✠ SCRIPTURE Pastor Deirdré  
*Matthew 14:22-36*

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified.

“It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup>“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

<sup>29</sup>“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup>Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

<sup>34</sup> When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup> And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him <sup>36</sup> and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION *Based on Psalm 19:14*

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are my strength and my redeemer. Amen.**

SERMON Pastor Deirdré

## RESPONDING WITH LOVE

✠ HYMN of FAITH UMH 369  
*Blessed Assurance*

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION  
**Holy God,**  
**we can be so full of fear at times –**  
**afraid of the unknown;**  
**afraid of what is beyond our control;**  
**afraid of what is strange to us.**  
**And we know that fear stops us in our tracks,**  
**hinders our action, and gives us an excuse**  
**for not doing what you call us to do**  
**and what you empower us to do.**  
**So we pray that you will give us courage, O God.**  
**Give us strong hearts and open hands,**  
**that we might set aside our fear,**  
**and walk confidently into this world you have made**  
**and into this time you’ve placed us.**  
**In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

*(a time for silent prayers and confession)*

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE & PARDON

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!**

✠ SHARING *the* LOVE & PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS to GOD Catherine Wells & Ray Halliburton  
*It Is Well with My Soul*

✠ DOXOLOGY UMH 95  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**  
**praise him, all creatures here below;**  
**praise him above, ye heavenly host;**  
**praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING UMH 15  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The congregation is seated and the institution of the Lord’s Supper is recalled.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

SHARING *the* BREAD *and* CUP  
♦ *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.*  
♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER *after* RECEIVING  
**Bless us and lift us up, O Lord.**  
**We have been nourished by your presence**  
**around your table of grace.**  
**As we go from this place, give us courage and strength**  
**to bravely and boldly witness to your love and power.**  
**For we ask it in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## BOLDLY WE GO

INVITATION to CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP  
*We joyfully welcome all those whose wish to become members of St. John’s and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.*

✠ HYMN of DISCIPLESHIP UMH 130  
*God Will Take Care of You*  
*During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd’s Market grocery bags.*

✠ BLESSING & SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

## Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship. However, if you or your child would prefer, nursery care is available in the Administration Building next door; an usher can escort you. Children's bulletins and sermon sacks are available from an usher.

Our ushers are happy to assist you in any way. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

*Thank you for being here.*

### BRAVE - OUR AUGUST WORSHIP SERIES

For most of us, bravery is not about doing the impossible, but about finding courage to face the everyday pressures and anxieties life throws our way. During the Sundays in August, we will discover how to be brave and what it means to fully rely on God's peace and promises in every situation. *Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.* Joshua 1:9 Scripture for Sunday, August 12 is Esther 4:12-17.

### DINNER AND DIALOGUE

On **Sunday, August 12** we will host a potluck dinner and dialogue about the Commission on A Way Forward, from 5 to 7 p.m. Our facilitators will be Revs. Jo Ann Cooper (former St. John's Associate Pastor) and Ed Cooper, co-pastors of First UMC, Pineville. We invite you to bring a dish to share and an openness to learn and be in fruitful conversation. After dinner, we will hear an overview about the Commission's proposals to the special session of General Conference about human sexuality, followed by tabletop dialogue, with questions that foster unity, build trust, and deepen our relationships with one another.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, August 7** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Judy Koonce will present a program about the temple in Jerusalem. All women are invited to attend.

The Mary Martha Circle will meet on **Tuesday August 14** at 7 p.m. in the parlor with a birthday party honoring 150 years of UMW. Kathleen Adams will present a program on the history and legacy of the UMW. All women are invited to attend.

### HEAVENLY HASH RESUMES

We're revamping Heavenly Hash for the fall, and will be offering a Wednesday night supper **ONCE A MONTH** on the **FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 5**. We'll be serving supper from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. You can arrive as your schedule permits.

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Opening Doors' annual school supply drive has begun. There are blue tubs in the narthex and the Admin Building to collect your donations. Some suggested supplies are loose leaf paper, pencils, blue or black pens, 24-pack crayons, rulers, 3-subject spiral notebooks, or glue sticks. For a complete list, contact the church office or check the Friday Newsletter. Deadline for donations is **Monday, August 6**.

### GIVING STATEMENTS

Giving statements for the second quarter 2018 have been sent out. If you have any questions, please contact our financial manager, LeAnn Davis at 766-4594 or [leanndavis@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:leanndavis@stjohnsbr.org).

### FALL BIBLE STUDIES

A survey on interest in fall Bible studies was distributed at both worship services on July 29. If you did not receive one and you are interested in participating in a Bible study, please contact Pastor Deirdre at 939-1425 or [pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:pastordeirdre@stjohnsbr.org) to let her know your preference: Disciple I (32 weeks), Fast Track Disciple III (12 weeks), or a short-term study topics, for example, prayer, what it means to be the church, major characters of the Bible, women of the Bible (4, 6, or 8 weeks).

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

### Sunday, August 5

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY  
BLESSING OF BACKPACKS  
PROMOTION SUNDAY  
8:00 a.m. Praise Team, Sanctuary  
8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m. YOUTH GROUP: GRUB SUNDAY, FLC

### Monday, August 6

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor  
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Parlor  
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

### Tuesday, August 7

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC  
9:30 a.m. UMW Ruth Circle, Parlor  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor  
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library

### Wednesday, August 8

5:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary

### Thursday, August 9

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

### Friday, August 10

OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

### Saturday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Lane Piccadilly  
10:00 a.m. La. Conference UMW Committee, Library  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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Remember to pray for **The Walk**.  
"...for we walk by faith, not by sight." - 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NRSV)  
#sjthewalk



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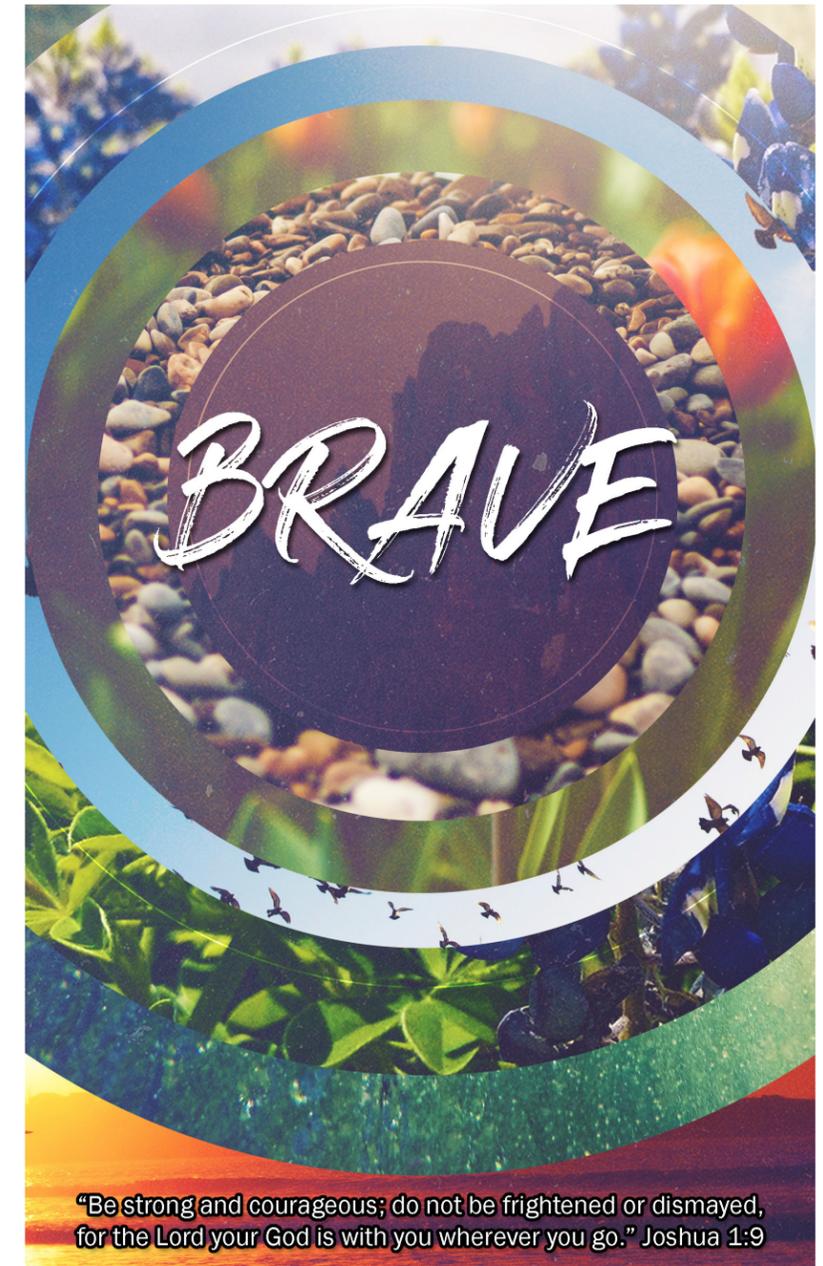
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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



August 5, 2018  
11 a.m. Worship Service

*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.*