

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

FEBRUARY 10, 2019 at 8:30 A.M.

Welcome to All

All are invited 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.

GATHERING In GOD'S NAME

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

† SONG of PRAISE

Change My Heart, O God

FWS 2152

**Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.
You are the Potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, may I be like you.**

My Life Is In You, Lord

FWS 2032

**My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.**

REPEAT

**I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
with all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.**

**My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you**

† CALL to WORSHIP

Mike Allen

We hear the noise of the world all around us.

Help us to hear your voice.

We hold onto biases and stereotypes.

Help us to hear your truth.

We allow ourselves to be driven by anxiety and self-interest.

Help us to hear your peace.

We think of reasons to remain complacent and still.

Help us to hear your call. Amen.

† SONG of RESPONSE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

FWS 2193

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.**

LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Heather Durham

Parents may accompany their children to the altar if desired.

Ushers will pass out folders during the Children's Moment. 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

Luke 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.
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

“Change the Narrative”

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING to GOD'S MERCY

† HYMN of FAITH

Gather Us In

FWS 2236

† PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Great God,
throughout the generations, we have staked our security
on the assertion that you never change.
If we're more honest, we might admit
that it is we who fear change.
Rather than imagine you are constantly calling us to be
bolder, wiser, and kinder, we prefer to hunker down
and plug our ears.
It is safer and easier to suppose that if you never change,
we don't have to change either.
The truth is that you have been rewriting the story of
creation since the beginning of time, and we are called
to grow and change with you.
Forgive us for limiting you in order to protect ourselves.
Call to us once again; we are listening.**

(Time for silent prayer and confession.)

† WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

In the name of Jesus, in whom we experience transformation,
you are forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

† SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

† DOXOLOGY

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God,
all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

† INVITATION to the LORD'S TABLE

Once, in another time and place,
Jesus sat at a table with friends, offering them both comfort and
challenge though his presence with them.

**Today, in this time and place,
we too gather around a table wanting to be close to God.
Through this shared meal, may we know the comfort, the
challenge, and the joy of God's company. Draw us closer to
you in this eternal mystery of Holy communion.**

† 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.

It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to
give praise and honor to our All-loving God, who breathes life into
the universe and into each of us. So we celebrate, joining our voices
with all the company of Creation, who forever sing their unending
hymn to proclaim the glory of God's name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

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

PRAYER of CONSECRATION

And so, we do in this place what Jesus did in a small room with friends.
Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread
and juice, that the story of hope may continue in us and through us. May
this meal be for us a renewal of our call to bring new life to others.

**Generous God, whose story and song are now and always the
hope of the world, we praise you for the stories of creation and
incarnation, redemption and reconciliation -- your unending
words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling,
waiting and welcoming -- your eternal music of hope
Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

SHARING the LORD'S SUPPER

- ♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- ♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction." When broken bread is placed in your hand you may dip it lightly into the cup.*
- ♦ *Gluten-free communion is offered to anyone who desires it at the station on the right.*
- ♦ *You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**O God,
thank you for embracing us around your table and sending
your Holy Spirit to be with us.
We offer ourselves to go and work towards fulfilling the
mission of a Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.
We offer ourselves to be a people willing to love all, as we have
been loved by you.
Breathe your life through ours that your story may continue in
us and through us, until the world is remade. Amen.**

DEPARTING to SERVE

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

FWS 2279

The Trees of the Field

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

After the service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for refreshments.

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.

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY - "JUST MERCY"

How are we called to be channels of God's mercy in an all-too-often-unjust world? "Just Mercy," our February sermon series, will engage us in conversations that spark redemption. We will come face to face with some of the most pressing challenges of the day, learn to tell the truth about our fears and shortcomings, and respond in meaningful ways together. This 4-part series is anchored in scripture from the Revised Common Lectionary. Next Sunday's scripture is Luke 6:17-26.

All are invited to read Bryan Stevenson's compelling book of stories, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. Our series is loosely based on principles from the book. The book is available from Amazon and other booksellers.

HYMN FEST & STATE OF THE CHURCH POTLUCK

TODAY from 4 - 6 p.m. we hope you will join us for a **Hymn Fest** and **State of the Church Potluck**. We will begin in the Sanctuary with the Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, and Praise Team providing special music, as well as accompanying the congregation in singing some of their favorite hymns. A love offering will be taken in support of the our church's music ministries (Write "Music" on the memo of your check, please).

Music will continue in the FLC at 5:00 during dinner. Don't forget to bring a favorite dish to share at the potluck (you may drop it off in the FLC prior to the Hymn Fest). Our evening will conclude with a State of the Church address by our church leadership.

YOUTH - SHARE SALE FUNDRAISER

St. John's UMY is having a fundraiser for their summer trip to Kansas City, YOUTH 2019! During our Stock Share Sale, we will invite church members, family, and friends to purchases "shares" of stock for \$10. Today and on **February 17, and 24** we will be selling shares in the narthex before and after both worship services and in the FLC during Coffee Time. Please consider purchasing multiple stock shares. Investors will be celebrated with stock certificates and a Shareholder's Thank You dinner! We appreciate your support of the youth ministry at St. John's.

MISSION TO ST. MARK'S, NEW ORLEANS

St. John's annual three-day mission to St. Marks UMC in New Orleans will be April 5-7. The team will do repair and remodeling work at the North Rampart Community Center Friday and Saturday. On Sunday the team will prepare and serve a meal for homeless persons as well as participate in St. Mark's Sunday morning worship. The mission fee of \$135 per person includes your lodging and meals and helps defray the costs of preparing the Sunday meal and materials for the construction projects. Registration forms are available in the narthex, church office, or from Rev. Larry Norman, 225.933.1881.

GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMUNION & PRAYER VIGIL

You are invited to a Pre-conference Communion Prayer Vigil **Friday, February 22** at 6 p.m. here at St. John's. We will gather in prayer for the special session of the General Conference, all of the delegates, for the unity of the church, and that we seek to fulfill the mission Christ has given to us.

LENTEN RETREAT

Enter the season of Lent with St. John's at our March 8-9 on-campus Lenten Retreat: "Listening in Stillness, Serving in Joy," facilitated by Rev. Dr. William Thiele, founding director of the School for Contemplative Living. See insert in today's bulletin for information and registration.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, February 10

- 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*
- 4:00 p.m. **Hymn Fest, Sanctuary**
- 5:00 p.m. **State of the Church Potluck, FLC**

Monday, February 11

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 2:00 p.m. UMW Executive Committee, *Parlor*
- 3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
- 3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 4:00 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, February 12

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
- 1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
- 2:00 p.m. Reading Connection, *Library*
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Library*
- 4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Board Meeting, *FLC-A*
- 6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*
- 7:00 p.m. UMW Mary Martha Circle, *Parlor*

Wednesday, February 13

- 10:00 a.m. Spanish Refresher, *Library*
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, *Choir Room*
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, February 14

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 10:30 a.m. FIT Meeting, *Library*
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, February 15

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*

Saturday, February 16

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

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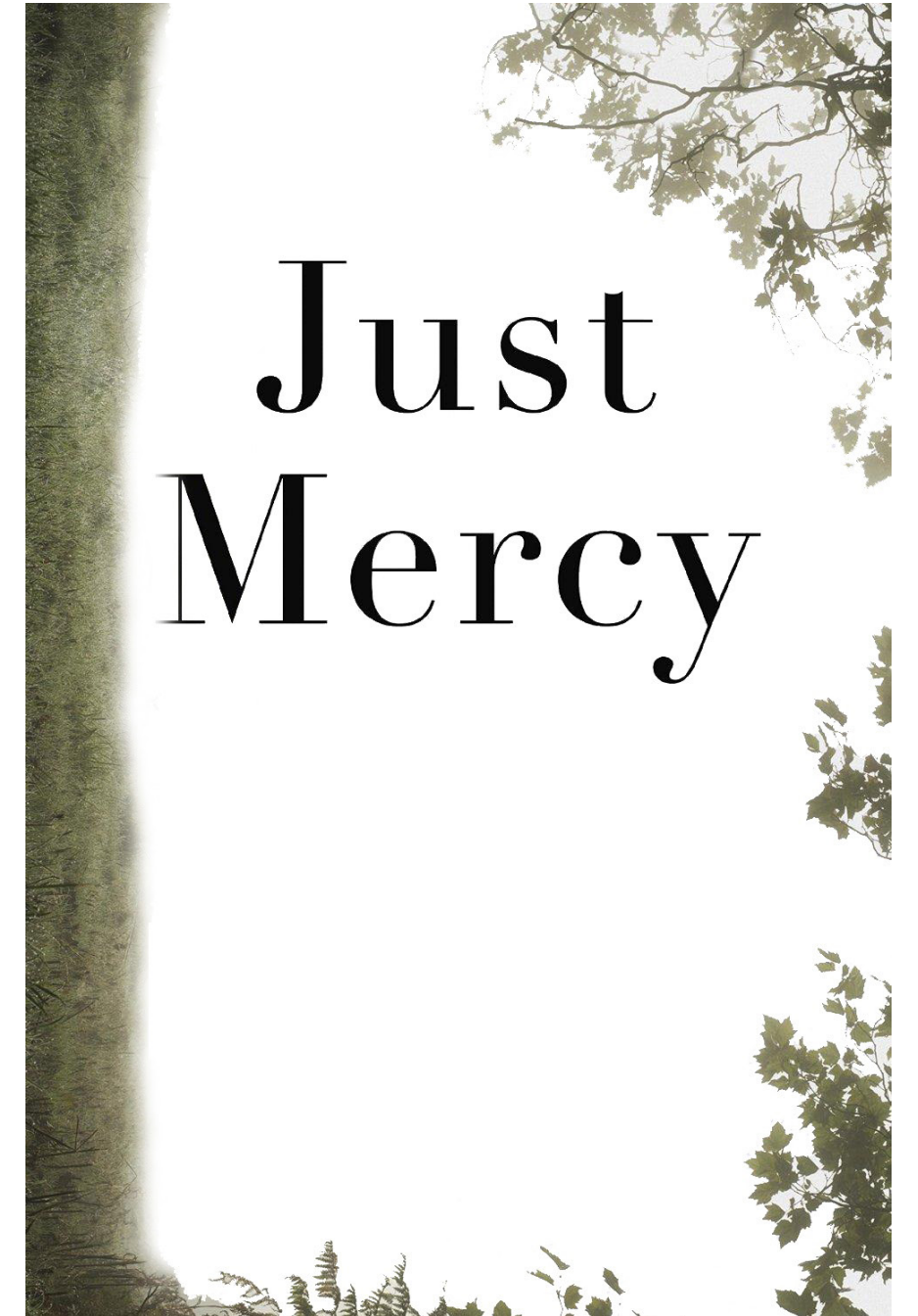
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Just Mercy

February 10, 2019

8:30 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.