

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

June 16, 2019 at 11 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 With GOD

BELL TOLL

*The tolling of the bell invites you into a time of centering and stillness.*

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

*Ben Hartman*

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

**We are greeted in peace and in love.**

Welcome this day to the worship of our creator.

**We worship in hope and with grace.**

Welcome this day to our community of faith.

**Where we are sisters and brothers in Christ.**

Welcome this day to the presence of the one who calls us beloved.

✠ HYMN of PRAISE

UMH 732

*Come We That Love the Lord*

✠ AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

UMH 883

*A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada*

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

## LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Pastor Deirdré*

*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

*Revelation 21:1-6*

*Ben Hartman*

<sup>1</sup>Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup>He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life."

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

"God Still Speaks"

*Pastor Lane*

PASTORAL PRAYER and the LORD'S PRAYER

## RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN of FAITH

FWS 2051

*I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry*

✠ LITANY: WHO WILL HEAR?

*Morgan Dynes*

The prophets of old spoke of God's justice,  
even when it was unwelcome.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen with hearts of love.**

Responding to God's call, Jesus traveled,  
preaching and teaching to all who would listen.

Who will hear his message?

**We will listen with hearts of love.**

Christ sent out disciples two by two,  
to spread the good news in any place  
that would welcome them.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen with hearts of love.**

God's prophets are among us still speaking,  
around the world and in these pews.

Who will hear their message?

**We will listen with hearts of love. Amen.**

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

*How Can I Keep From Singing*

✠ 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!**

## DEPARTING to SERVE

✠ PRAYER of SENDING for a RENEWAL LEAVE

We gather in peace and joy to send our beloved Pastor Lane to a time of rest and renewal.

**We, the congregation of St. John's United Methodist**

**Church, send you forth with love in our hearts, with  
gratitude for your faithful service and stewardship to our  
church over these past two years.**

We will hold you and your family in our hearts. We pray that your spirit will be refreshed and renewed in the time spent with family, seeking new adventures that offer clarity and discernment, and that you will find rest and peace that only the spirit of Jesus can offer.

May you be enveloped by the marvels of God's creation, and blessed and renewed in this time set apart for rest of body, mind and spirit.

**We wish you renewal, both physical and spiritual. We, the  
congregation of St. John's, promise to faithfully carry on  
the work here and to support Pastor Deirdré and other  
leaders who continue the work of fulfilling the vision of  
St. Johns to feed people spiritually and physically. We  
look forward to the day we welcome you back into the  
loving arms of this faith community.**

We pray these things in the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

✠ 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 383, vs. 1-4

*This Is the Day of New Beginnings*

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

*The flowers on the altar are given by Caleb Doan and Alejandra Brevé  
in celebration of their wedding June 15, 2019.*

*The flowers on the altar are given in gratitude by Pastor Lane  
to her church family for supporting her renewal leave.*

## 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.



The journey to a deeper faith life can be summed up in three words: Listen, Love, Leap! God is constantly speaking to people, but too often we struggle to hear and discern the message. Today we begin a series that calls us to quiet our thoughts and hearts and LISTEN to what God has to say. Join us as we open our hearts and minds to God's surprising Word, as we Listen (Sundays in June), Love (Sundays in July) and Leap (Sundays in August).

### VBS IS COMING SOON!

**VBS - Power Up, Raise Your Game - June 24 - 28, 9 a.m. - noon.** Registration forms are available on our website ([www.stjohnsbr.org](http://www.stjohnsbr.org)), in the narthex, and in the hallway of the Admin Building. Children aged 4 years through those completing 5th grade are eligible to attend. Invite your friends and neighbors also. It's free!

**Volunteers Needed.** Sign up forms are available in the narthex and a printable form is available on our website, [www.stjohnsbr.org](http://www.stjohnsbr.org), so you may sign up to be a volunteer during Vacation Bible School, **Monday, June 24 - Friday, June 28**, 9 a.m. - noon. You might want to volunteer to help with decorating and set up, be a group leader (two adults per group), our photographer, kitchen helper (making snacks for the kids) or to bring snacks for the volunteer break room, "Stop 'n Go." Please contact Pastor Deirdre if you have any questions.

### SUMMER ONLINE GIVING

Though you may have a different routine during the summer, the ministries of St. John's continue going strong. It's easy to forget about your financial commitments to the church when you are busy or away. One easy way to *not* forget is to *not* have to remember! Setting up recurring scheduled giving is the way to do this. You can set up a weekly or monthly gift, or make a one-time gift and not have to worry if you wrote that check. Online giving can be accessed through our website [www.stjohnsbr.org](http://www.stjohnsbr.org) and clicking on Give Now. We accept credit cards and debit cards.

### PASTOR LANE'S RENEWAL LEAVE

Pastor Lane will be on renewal leave from June 17 to September 3. During this time she will be stepping back from the day to day operations of the church to rest, refocus, and re-energize. According to the *United Methodist Book of Discipline*, clergy who have been in full-time ministry for at least six years may take a spiritual renewal leave of up to 6 months to model Jesus' rhythm of ministry, where the Lord "withdrew from the crowds" to engage in a deliberate season of prayer and renewal. While she is away, Pastor Deirdre will assume clergy responsibilities, with the support of our Ministry Intern, Morgan Dynes, our capable staff, and occasional guest preachers. Please do all you can to help during this season through your prayers, attendance and support.

### SPANISH CLASS

In June and July, the Wednesday morning Spanish Class will be practicing reading and oral skills. If you know Spanish (poco o mucho) and would like to get a little practice, you are welcome to join them in the library at 10 a.m. every Wednesday. They will be reading from Antoine de Saint-Exupery's "The Little Prince" (El Principito).

### SHARE NEW OR GENTLY USED CHILDREN'S SHOES

For a mission project, our children's Sunday school classes are collecting new or gently used children's shoes. Children outgrow shoes so fast sometimes their shoes are still in pretty good shape when it is time to buy another size. We are asking families to go through closets and donate gently used shoes to this project. We are also accepting new shoes.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, June 16**  
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*  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*
- Monday, June 17**  
9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*  
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*
- Tuesday, June 18**  
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*  
1:30 p.m. Staff Meeting, *Parlor*  
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- Wednesday, June 19**  
10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, *Library*  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*
- Thursday, June 20**  
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*  
10:30 a.m. FIT Meeting, *Parlor*  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
- Friday, June 14**  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
- Saturday, June 15**  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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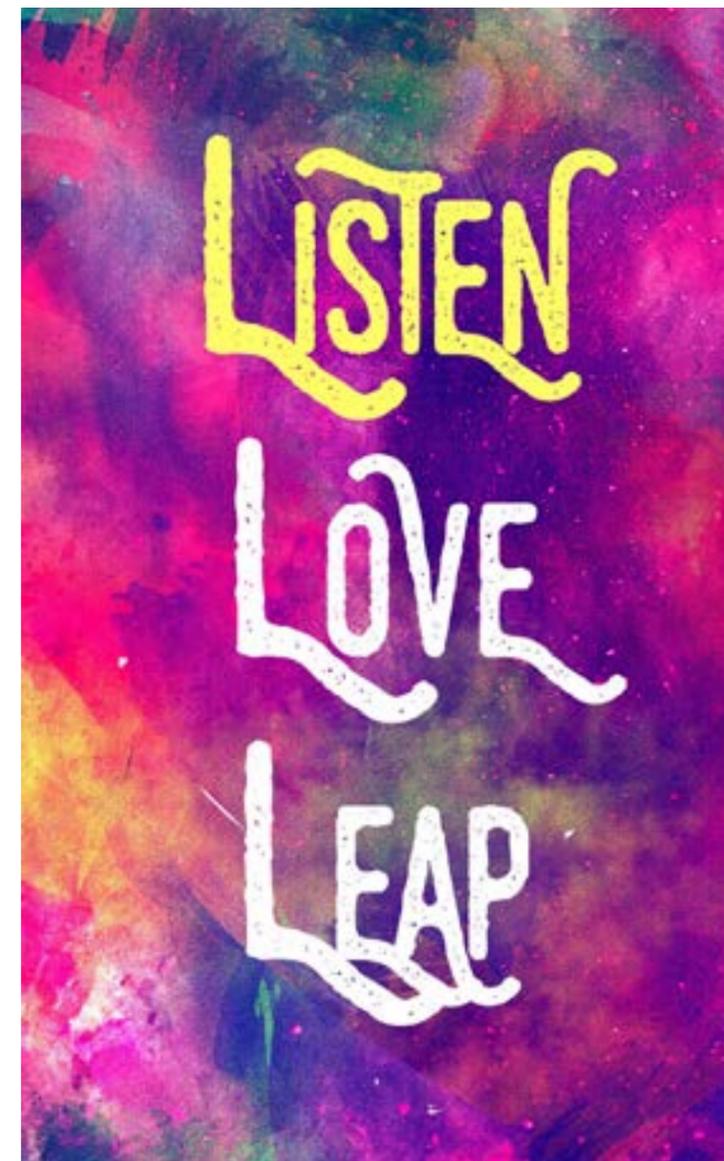
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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



June 16, 2019

11:00 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.*