

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

June 16, 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 with GOD

BELL TOLL

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

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

† SONGS of PRAISE

Come and Find the Quiet Center

FWS 2128, vs. 1 & 2

**Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,  
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.**

Lord of All Hopefulness

FWS 2197, vs. 1

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

† CALL to WORSHIP

John Toney

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.

† SONG of RESPONSE

All I Need Is You

FWS 2080, vs. 1

**All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.  
You are the source of all I need.  
All I need is you.**

## LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Deirdre

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

John Toney

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

## RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

† HYMN of FAITH

I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

FWS 2051

† PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of Grace, in the days when your word was rarely heard and  
when visions were scarce, you broke into Samuel's life  
and called his name...

and he said "Here I am, speak, for your servant is listening."

**We confess that often, so many voices clamor for our attention  
that your word is again hard to hear.**

**Forgive us if you have called us to be prophetic witnesses or to  
use our gifts to serve you, and we have not heard, or have been  
unwilling to respond.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you met Philip and Nathaniel on the road and  
said "Follow me" and they did...

**We confess that we do not expect to meet you on the familiar  
roads we travel and so we fail to discern your presence  
or your call on our lives.**

Holy Spirit, you empower us to recognize and to respond to the  
invitation of Jesus to follow him, even when that means traveling on  
unknown and unfamiliar paths...

**Merciful God, take from us all that hinders our hearing your voice  
and fill us anew with the Holy Spirit that we may joyfully  
respond to Jesus' call on our lives.**

**In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

† WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

The good news is that even if we, at first, do not hear the divine word  
addressed to us, God calls again and again.

When our words and actions separate us from God, Jesus was prepared  
to pay the price to restore us to God.

Let us joyfully proclaim that we are beloved and forgiven.

**In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Open our hearts and minds to hear the welcome and love you freely  
lavish on us.

**Thanks be to God for this unbounded love. Amen.**

† SHARING the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

May the Spirit's peace be always with you,  
**and also with you.**

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!**

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 18

Our sung communion responses are from  
The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2275

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. (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.

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.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

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. Amen. Amen.**

**Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING the BREAD and CUP

- 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 in front of the pulpit.
- You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

## 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 Deirdre 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 who 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 a Day of New Beginnings

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

After the service, all are invited to the Family Life Center for refreshments  
and to celebrate Pastor Deirdre's commissioning as a provisional elder.

## 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

### FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

*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.*

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June 16, 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.*