

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

March 31, 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 In GOD'S NAME

BELL TOLL

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

PRELUDE

Terry Byars

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

André de la Fuente

O God who is greater than the most powerful forces in this world, enable us to be still and know that You are God.

O Lord who answers out of the whirlwind of everyday life, breathe in us Your Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide us in the midst of the storm.

O still, small voice, speak to us this hour that we might become makers of Your peace in our homes, in our communities, in our world.

We pray all this in the name of the One who calmed the raging sea. Amen.

✠ HYMN of PRAISE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

UMH 453

PSALTER

Psalm 46

UMH 780

SUNG RESPONSE

“Be still, and know that I am God.” The Lord of Hosts is with us.

God is our Refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;**

Though its waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
The holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;
God will help it at the dawn of the day.

**The nations rages, the kingdoms totter;
God's voice resounds, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

SUNG RESPONSE

Come, behold the works of the Lord,
Who has wrought desolations in the earth;

**Who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,
Breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
And burns the shields with fire!**

“Be still, and know that I am God.

I am exalted among the nations,

I am exalted in the earth!”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

SUNG RESPONSE

LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pastor Lane

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.

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus

Chancel Choir

✠ SCRIPTURE

Mark 4:35-41

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

“Peace! Be Still!”

*Latrice Mallard,
Ministry Intern*

RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

PRAYERS of THE PEOPLE

Calming Savior, when you awoke with the cries of the disciples out of the whirlwind, you challenged them to see you as Creator. We thank you that your love is more powerful than any life force or force of nature.

When we suffer or complain, help us to note your wondrous works throughout the universe, and give you thanks for caring about us in the middle of it all.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Almighty God, give us courage to trust you to face danger unafraid, and to believe in your providence.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you still storms with a whisper, for you are good. Still the storms that rage within us.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Giver of God's grace, open our hearts to receive you in faith, to do your work on earth, and to give thanks for every opportunity to be your witnesses.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

As you calmed the sea, still the storms within us and around us, both in our personal lives and in our shared lives.

When you say, “Peace! Be still!” may we obey.

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

God of all Creation, we come to you from our storm-tossed lives to seek your peace; we come to you with our questions and uncertainties, our worries and anxieties, we come to you from our joy and our happiness - each emotion a kaleidoscope of our feeling in life's changing patterns.

Hear us as we name aloud those loved ones who need your comforting presence or healing touch...

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

With thankful hearts, we name aloud, too, our joys and celebrations. Receive them as words of thanks and praise...

Loving God, you hear our prayers: **You live among us.**

Help us to place out trust in you. Fix our eyes on you and on the ministries to which you have called us. For we ask these things in Jesus' name, who taught us to pray... **Our Father...**

✠ HYMN of FAITH

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

✠ DOXOLOGY

**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.**

UMH 95

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

Victory in Jesus

UMH 370

✠ BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given by David and Cathy Dollar to our St. John's family for the prayers, food, and gifts Cathy received during her recent episode with breast cancer.”

Don't forget to pick up a grocery bag on your way out and bring it back next week for Grocery Bag Sunday.

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.

LENT WORSHIP SERIES - "BE STILL"

Lent, the 40-day season before Easter, is about taking time to "Be Still," to pray, read the Bible, think, reflect, listen, and to be given hope and power to move in the direction that God intends. The storms of life rage on all around us, but peace comes when we trust in Jesus' calming presence in our lives. Scripture for next week is Joshua 10:12-15.

UMCOR SUNDAY (SPECIAL OFFERING)

Today we are taking a special offering for the United Methodist Committee on Relief. Gifts from today will help cover administrative costs, making it possible for UMCOR to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects our donors specify, instead of on administrative or fundraising costs. Make your check out to St. John's UMC with UMCOR in the memo line.

MISSION TO ST. MARK'S, NEW ORLEANS

St. John's annual mission to St. Marks UMC in New Orleans will be **April 5-7**. If you would like to make a donation to the mission to help defray the cost of preparing the meal, supplies for needed repairs, or for scholarships, please make your check out to St. John's UMC with St. Mark's in the memo line.

ORIGAMI EASTER PROJECT

Would you be willing to help with an at-home origami project for Easter?

Instructions and materials will be provided. You do not need to know how to do origami to take part. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please contact Pastor Lane at pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org or 766-4594.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Our Easter Eggstravaganza will be **Saturday, April 13, 9 - 11 a.m.** Bring your family, tell your neighbors! There will be fun for all ages - not only an Easter egg hunt, but games, crafts, a pancake breakfast AND maybe a visit from the Easter Bunny! **WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP:** We are collecting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for the Easter egg hunt. There are blue tubs in the narthex and the hallway of the Admin Building for you to put the eggs and candy.

HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

Palm Sunday Worship - April 14 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Our children will begin our service processing with palms. (Children arrive 10 minutes prior to worship.)

Holy Thursday - Thursday, April 18 at 6 p.m. Our service remembering the Last Supper will include footwashing/handwashing, and Holy Communion.

Good Friday Tenebrae - Friday, April 19 at 6 p.m. Our choir will present "It Is Finished" - a service of shadows; and the Alleluia Ringers will provide special music.

Easter Sunday - April 21 at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Our services will begin with children processing with flowers and will feature beautiful special music as we celebrate the risen Christ. Children should arrive 10 minutes prior to worship.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday, April 2** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Betty Sandifer will present the program, "The First Resurrection Woman." All women are invited to attend.

YOUNG WOMEN'S UMW GROUP FORMING

St. John's United Methodist Women is creating a new circle for younger women dedicated to learning about our community's needs and finding ways to serve God's people. We will focus on UMW's current issue priorities: maternal health, climate justice, economic inequality, and mass incarceration.

If you are interested in joining, contact Kristine Isenhower at skisenhower@gmail.com or see her in person by April 14. We will schedule our first meeting in late April or early May once we have input from potential members.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 31

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
3:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher Training, Library
4:30 p.m. Youth Group, Going to Jefferson UMC
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

Monday, April 1

9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, 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, April 2

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. Wellness Covenant Group, Library
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Library
6:00 p.m. Reconciling United Methodists, Parlor
Fast Track Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, April 3

10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, Library
10:00 a.m. Companions in Christ, Parlor
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, April 4

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC

Friday, April 5

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

Saturday, April 6

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

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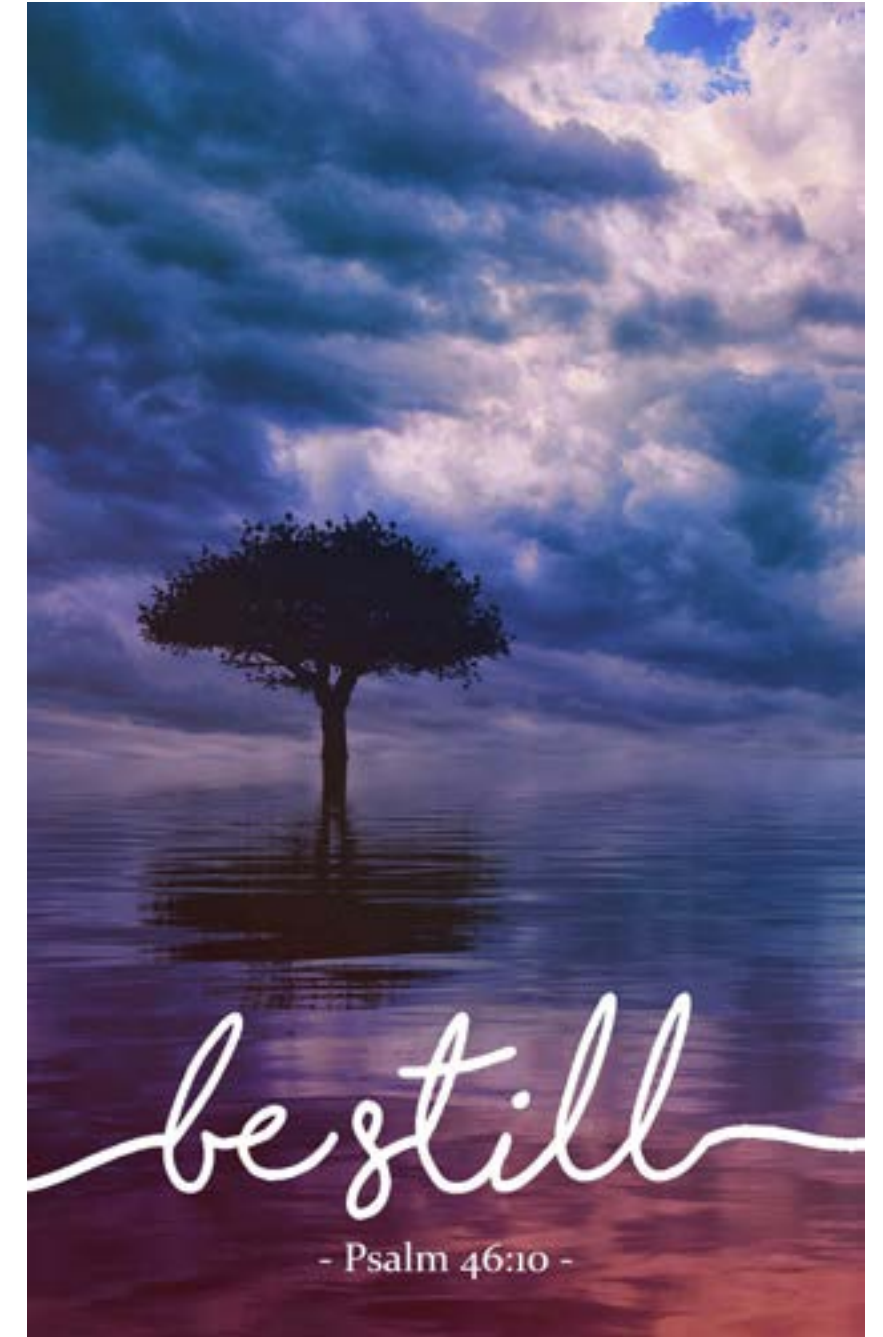
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March 31, 2019

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.