

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

MARCH 31, 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.

CENTERING Before GOD

BELL TOLL

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

PRELUDE

Terry Byars

GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ SONGS of PRAISE

Come and Fill Our Hearts

FWS 2157

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia!

(REPEAT)

I've Got Peace Like a River

FWS 2145

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,

I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

✠ CALL to WORSHIP

Rev. Larry Norman

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.

✠ SONG of RESPONSE

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

UMH 521, vs. 1 & 2

I want Jesus to walk with me.

I want Jesus to walk with me.

All along my pilgrim journey, Lord,

I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.

When I'm troubled, Lord, walk with me.

When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord,

I want Jesus to walk with me.

ENGAGING 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.

✠ 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

✠ HYMN of FAITH

Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

✠ PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of love and power,

We listen to the stories of miracles and

doubt that these things can happen today.

We look at the waves of misfortune, misery, distrust,

and anger and wonder how we can still those waves.

We try to fix things on our own.

We feel the pressures of power and fear flooding

into our lives, threatening to drown us and

we wonder where you are.

You answer our fears with your voice, “Peace, be still.”

Help us to hear you.

Forgive us for the littleness of our faith.

Forgive us for our doubts.

Help us to place our trust in you, Lord Jesus.

Fix our eyes on you and on the places to which

you have called us.

For it is in helping your people and reaching out

in love that we will find true peace.

(A time for silent prayers and confession.)

✠ WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Peace. Be still. Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Jesus came to bring you new life. Believe in Him.

Place your trust in God. Receive the blessings, hope and peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

Glory to God. Amen.

✠ SHARING the LOVE and PEACE of CHRIST

✠ 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

✠ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

During Lent, our communion responses will be from

The United Methodist Hymnal, page 19-20, Musical Setting B.

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:

SUNG RESPONSE:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, **Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,**

God of power and might, **God of power and might,**

Heaven & earth are full of your glory.

Heaven & earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. **Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna **Hosanna**

in the highest. **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 has died;**

Christ is risen; **Christ is risen;**

Christ will come again. **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. Amen. **Amen. Amen.**

Amen. **Amen.**

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 juice.*

♦ *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 of THANKSGIVING

Let us thank God, whom we worship here in the beauty of holiness.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For refreshing us day by day with the bread of life and

the cup of salvation,

We thank you, Lord.

For stilling the storms within us and around us,

We thank you, Lord.

For calling us to follow you into the world, to feed your people

and grow into the likeness of Christ,

We thank you, Lord. Amen.

DEPARTING to SERVE

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

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.

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.

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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March 31, 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.