

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## May 19, 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

INTROIT

*Meditation on Beautiful Savior*

Alleluia Ringers

† SONGS of PRAISE

*Jesus, Name Above All Names*

FWS 2071

**Jesus, name above all names,  
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us  
blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

*Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise*

FWS 2084, vs. 1 & 2

**Come, let us with our Lord arise,  
our Lord, who made both earth and skies;  
who died to save the world he made,  
and rose triumphant from the dead;  
he rose, the Prince of life and peace,  
and stamped the day forever his.  
This is the day the Lord has made,  
that all may see his love displayed,  
may feel his resurrection's power,  
and rise again, to fall no more,  
in perfect righteousness renewed,  
and filled with all the life of God.**

† CALL to WORSHIP

*Morgan Dynes*

Once again we gather,  
from different homes and circumstances,  
with different dreams and ideas, different values and tastes,  
different in age and color, different in gender and language,  
**yet, we are one family – Children of God every one;  
we join our hearts in worship,  
we join our voices in praise  
and we join our lives as the Body of Christ. Amen.**

† SONG of RESPONSE

*Spirit of the Living God*

UMH 393

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

## ENGAGING GOD'S WORD

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Ben Hartman*

*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

*Acts 11:1-18*

*Morgan Dynes*

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

*Pastor Lane*

## RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

† HYMN of FAITH

*They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

FWS 2223

† PRAYER of CONFESSION

Lord God,  
we have found a home in You; we have found a family in You;  
we have found a place to belong; to know and be known,  
to love and be loved.

And we are so grateful for this awesome gift.

But, too easily, we forget the benefits it brings;

**we have forgotten our place, and doubted Your love;**  
remind us, and all who feel neglected by You,  
that we are engraved on Your hands.

**We have forgotten who we are, and have failed to care for ourselves;**

remind us, and all who feel worthless,  
that You have called us by name.

**We have forgotten our connectedness, and have divided ourselves;**

remind us, and all who would exclude, oppress and condemn others, that we are all made in Your image, and we are all one body.

*A time of silent prayer is allowed, in which the people are invited to become aware of and pray for those sitting on either side of them.*

For the sake of Jesus, who loved us to the death,  
and whose love conquered the grave,

**Forgive us, hear our prayer,  
And teach us to be one again. Amen.**

† WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;  
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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

† SHARING the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

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

WORDS of WITNESS

*Richard Damberg*

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

*The River*

Alleluia Ringers

† DOXOLOGY

**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!**

UMH 94

† CALL to the TABLE

*Make Us One*

FWS 2224

**Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let our love flow so the world will know we are one in you.**

† THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 18

**We believe in the God who made every man and woman in God's image.**

**We believe in the Christ who died to reconcile every human being to God, and to restore our common humanity.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit that has always hovered over creation, and ignites love's fire in our hearts.**

**We believe in the community of faith that worships God, follows Jesus, and lives by the Spirit.**

**And we believe in the time when all things will be made new, and all things will be brought together under Christ. Amen.**

Lord God, we praise You and we thank You, we are the product of Your creativity, made to be like You; when we rebelled against You, and denied our true selves, You stepped into our flesh and our reality, and submitted to the cross so that we could find our way home.

And now, in gratitude, we join in the love song of creation for all eternity:

**Jesus died; Jesus came alive again; Jesus is coming back.**

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

We remember how all things were made new: on the night before He died, Jesus took the loaf of bread, and after blessing it, and breaking it, He gave it to His friends:

**Remember Me whenever you eat. This is my body given for all.**

When supper was finished, He took the cup of wine, and after blessing it, He gave it to His friends:

**Remember Me whenever you drink. This is my blood shed for all.**

With thanksgiving we eat and drink;  
with joy we remember,  
and with Christ's inclusive love, we gather together around His table.

*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.**

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.*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

*Forward Through the Ages*

UMH 555, vs. 1 & 3

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

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

*The flowers on the altar are in honor of Deirdre Halliburton on her graduation from Asbury Theological Seminary, Saturday May 18, 2019.*

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.

### WELCOME, MORGAN DYNES

We are pleased to announce that Morgan Dynes has been hired as our Summer Ministry Intern; Tuesday, May 14, was her first day. Morgan is excited about being back at St. John's and fulfilling the roles and pastoral duties she will undertake this summer.

Morgan spent the fall semester studying in London and is now about to enter her senior year at LSU. She is a member of Jefferson United Methodist Church and has been active in Happening and both the District and Conference Councils on Youth Ministries. Morgan is also currently in the Candidacy process for ministry.

### VOLUNTEER FOR VBS

Forms are available in the narthex for you to 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. Please contact Pastor Deirdre if you have any questions.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

During the summer, church attendance fluctuates, family vacations are on the calendar, summer sports are in swing, our teachers would like to take a break -- these are just a few of the things that affect our Summer Sunday School Program. In June and July our children who have completed K - 5th grade will combine into one class..

**We are still in need of teacher volunteers for K - 5th grades for those two months.**

Each Sunday we will need 3 volunteers. This is an excellent way to "get your feet wet" by testing the waters as a Sunday school teacher, so to speak. You may sign up for one Sunday or multiple Sundays. Bring a friend to join you! The materials we use are very helpful in spelling out just how the lesson is taught. For more information, contact Pastor Deirdre.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Family Movie Night, Friday June 7, 5 - 7 p.m.** Faith, Family, and Formation presents a night of fellowship, hamburgers on the grill, and a movie! Come see Pixar's "Inside Out," said to be creative, clever, heartfelt, and beautifully animated. Good fun for the whole family.

**Louisiana Annual Conference, June 9 - 12.** Pastor Lane, Pastor Deirdre, John Toney, and Bobbi Marino will represent St. John's at the Annual Conference in Shreveport. Pastor Deirdre will be commissioned during the Celebration of Ministry service on June 10.

**VBS - Power Up, Raise Your Game - June 24 - 28, 9 a.m. - noon.** Registration for VBS has begun. 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. Tell your friends and neighbors also.

### PILLOW CASES FOR GRACE CAMP

Each year folks from St. John's sew pillowcases for the youth who attend Grace Camp, a summer camp for youth who have an incarcerated family member. The pillowcases are very easy to construct and come in a kit with the needed materials and easy to follow instructions. Joyce Perry will have some kits TODAY (May 19) during coffee time. For more information contact Joyce at 763-6613 or [joyce.perry@cox.net](mailto:joyce.perry@cox.net).

### UPDATE ON FAMILIES IN TRANSITION (FIT)

Opening Doors' latest ministry, Families in Transition, has received a grant from the Huey & Angelina Wilson Foundation in the amount of \$10,000. This will allow the program to continue and grow, but we still need St. John's family to invest in this important work. The first family benefiting from FIT, our own Idikwus, are making great strides toward becoming financially independent thanks to the assistance FIT has provided.

The family secured a new place to live and more reliable transportation. Recently David received a work permit and is job hunting. We will soon be distributing information on his skills and the type of work he is seeking. If you would like to help with his search, or if you have any leads, please contact him ([idikwuode4real@gmail.com](mailto:idikwuode4real@gmail.com)) or Richard Damberg ([rdamberg@mac.com](mailto:rdamberg@mac.com)).

If you'd like to donate to the important work FIT is doing, you can do so via PayPal on the Opening Doors website, [www.openingdoorsbr.org](http://www.openingdoorsbr.org), or mark "FIT" in the memo line on any check made out to St. John's UMC.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, May 19**  
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. Youth Group, FLC  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
- Monday, May 20**  
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, May 21**  
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  
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Library
- Wednesday, May 22**  
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, May 23**  
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
3:00 p.m. Everybody Reads Training, Library  
6:00 p.m. Church Council, Library  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, FLC
- Friday, May 24**  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library
- Saturday, May 25**  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

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May 19, 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.*