

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

July 28, 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

Honor and Praise

FWS 2018

**Righteous and holy in all of your ways;
we come before you with honor and praise.
Here to adore you for all of our days,
we come before you with honor and praise.
Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are.
Shine down upon us, O bright Morning Star.
Righteous and holy in all of your ways;
we come before you with honor and praise.
Filling the temple, the work of your grace;
we come before you with honor and praise.
Here to adore you for all of our days,
we come before you with honor and praise.
Lord of the heavens, how faithful you are.
Rise in our spirits, O bright Morning Star.
Righteous and holy in all of your ways;
we come before you with honor and praise.**

His Name Is Wonderful

UMH 174

**His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He is the mighty King, Master of everything;
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.
He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages,
almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him,
his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord.**

† CALL to WORSHIP

Mike Allen

**Holy God, light of the world, come to our lives and reveal to us
your truth.**

Holy God, hope of the despairing, come to our lives and
grant us your peace.

Jesus Christ, bread of life, nourish us to true and eternal life.

Jesus Christ, gentle shepherd, come and lead us to springs
of living water.

**Living Savior, just and gentle judge, come and reveal us
to ourselves.**

Living Savior, healer of the wounded, come and make us whole. Show
us the way to new life.

**Holy God we come to worship you this day. May we offer
ourselves to you, in Spirit and in truth. Renew our spirits,
and strengthen us to be your people, through the indwelling
power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

† SONG of RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy

FWS 2007

**Holy, holy, holy.
My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you:
You are holy, Lord!**

LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-13

Mike Allen

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Pam Toney

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

1 Peter 2:4-10

Pastor Deirdre

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

“Love Yourself”

Morgan Dynes

RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

† HYMN of FAITH

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368, vs. 1-3

† PRAYER of CONFESSION

**God of pure, unbounded love, we are a people who long to be loving,
and a people who often fail.**

Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others.

**Forgive us when we do not chose our words with care, and when they
hurt our families, friends and neighbors.**

**Help us to go the second mile in loving and giving of ourselves;
make us strong and wise in our loving.**

Teach us what it means to love our enemies.

**Hear us now as we pray to you for healing in our relationships;
with you, with our loved ones, with friends and associates,
with our neighbors and ourselves.**

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

† WORDS of ASSURANCE and PARDON

Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still.

Awaken to the promise of Christ's amazing grace.
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

† SHARING the PEACE and LOVE of CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

It's Me! It's Me, O Lord!

† 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

† 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.*

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us
in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in your eternal realm.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory, for the sake 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

UMH 559, vs. 1, 2, & 4

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

† BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

† POSTLUDE

*Don't forget to pick up a yellow 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.

*The flowers on the altar are given by Pat Cobb
in memory of her husband, Earl Cobb.*

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. Our summer series calls us to quiet our thoughts and hearts and listen to what God has to say. Our obedience to this simple discipline opens our hearts to LOVE God and neighbors in deeper and more holy ways. Join us as we continue to open our hearts and minds to God's surprising Word, as we Love (Sundays in July) and Leap (Sundays in August).

YOUTH WEEK: JULY 28 - AUGUST 4

Youth Week begins today, and our coordinator, Amy Fine, has exciting and fun activities planned including a service day helping in The Shepherd's Market. The week ends on Sunday, August 4 with the ever popular GRUB SUNDAY at which time those going into the 6th grade are welcomed into *The Youth Group!*

SECOND QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS

The 2019 Second Quarter Giving Report and the second quarter giving statements (as of June 30) were mailed out last week. If you have any questions about your statement, please contact LeAnn Davis at leannDavis@stjohnsbr.org or 766-4594.

BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 4 is Promotion Sunday and Blessing of Backpacks at both worship services. All students are invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed before starting school - this includes undergrad and graduate students. This is also Promotion Sunday for our children and youth who will be going into a new Sunday School class.

RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday August 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It won't be long before school bells are ringing and this means its time for Opening Doors to begin collecting school supplies for students in the Gardere area. Your donations are much appreciated. Deadline is **Monday August 12**.

Suggested supplies are loose leaf paper, pencils, pens (black or blue), Elmer's glue, glue sticks, 24-pack of crayons, colored pencils, spiral notebooks (3 subject or more), standard rulers, folders with clasps and pockets, scissors, boxes of Kleenex, rolls of paper towels, Clorox wipes, hand wipes, dry erase markers, kid scissors, construction paper, copy/computer paper. There are blue tubs in the Narthex and in the Admin Building for your donations.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Opening Doors is sponsoring Dave Ramsey's 9-week course *Financial Peace University*. The class will begin on **Tuesday, August 20** in the library from 6:30 - 8 p.m. If you are interested in participating, you may register by going online to www.fpu.com/1091639. The cost of the course is \$59; checks should be made out to St. John's UMC, with FPU in the memo line. For more information contact Amy Richardson at amyrichardson318@yahoo.com or 225-773-7417. If you will not be participating in the course but would like to donate toward a scholarship to allow someone else to attend, put FPU scholarship in the memo line of your check. Thank you so much.

SOLES 4 SOULS

The Soles 4 Souls mission project (collecting new and gently worn shoes in all sizes) is in full swing! There are blue tubs in the narthex and in the hallway of the Admin Building to place your donations. Please have all donated shoes at the church by **August 31**, when our shoe drive will end.

FALL BIBLE STUDY

We will be offering a Disciple Fast Track Bible study this fall on "The Prophets." This 12-week study includes sessions on the Old Testament Major and Minor Prophets (except Daniel). The study will begin on **Tuesday, September 10** at 6 p.m., location to be decided. Look for a registration form in future communications.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S YOUTH WEEK

Sunday, July 28

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 Week: **Marshmallow Roast**
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
3:00 p.m. Youth Week: **The Shepherd's Market**
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, July 30

7:00 a.m. Youth Week: **Fishing**
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, *FLC*
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, *Pastor's Office*
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, *Library*
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *Parlor*

Wednesday, July 31

10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, *Library*
12:00 p.m. Youth Week: **Painting with Amy**
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, *FLC-A*
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, *Sanctuary*

Thursday, August 1

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
11:00 a.m. Bible Study on Depression, *Library*
1:00 p.m. Youth Week: **Kayaking, Paddle Boarding**
6:00 p.m. Bible Study on Depression, *Library*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*

Friday, August 2

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
6:00 p.m. Youth Week: **District Lock Out**

Saturday, August 4

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

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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July 28, 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.