

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

## June 30, 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 With GOD

### BELL TOLL

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

### GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS

### INTROIT

### ✠ 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.

### ✠ HYMN of PRAISE

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

UMH 61, vs. 1-3

### ✠ PSALTER

*Psalms 105: 1-11*

UMH 828

### SUNG RESPONSE

**They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.**

O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,  
make known God's deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to the Lord, sing praises!**

**Tell of all God's wonderful works!**

Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

**Seek the Lord and his strength;**

**seek the Lord's presence continually!**

Remember the wonderful works of God has done,  
the miracles and judgments God has uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,  
children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

### SUNG RESPONSE

The Lord is our God,

whose judgments are in all the earth.

**The Lord is mindful of his everlasting covenant,  
of the word commanded for a thousand generations,  
the covenant made with Abraham,**

His promise sworn to Isaac,

and confirmed to Jacob as a statute,

to Israel as an everlasting covenant, saying,

**"To you I will give the land of Canaan  
as your portion for an inheritance."**

### ✠ GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father  
and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Amen.**

## LISTENING to GOD'S WORD

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Heather Durham*

*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

*Old Time Religion Medley*

Chancel Choir

### ✠ SCRIPTURE

*Matthew 7 7-14*

<sup>7</sup>“Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door is opened. <sup>9</sup>Who among you will give your children a stone when they ask for bread? <sup>10</sup>Or give them a snake when they ask for fish? <sup>11</sup>If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, you should treat people in the same way that you want people to treat you; this is the Law and the Prophets.

<sup>13</sup>“Go in through the narrow gate. The gate that leads to destruction is broad and the road wide, so many people enter through it. <sup>14</sup>But the gate that leads to life is narrow and the road difficult, so few people find it.

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

“Persistent Listening”

*Pastor Deirdre*

### PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and the LORD'S PRAYER

*Adoration*

Holy God, you are all-powerful and all-knowing. We come acknowledging just how awesome You are. You have created all things in our world, including giving us the gift of life.

**Today, we come to praise You, for all that you have done  
for us.**

*Confession*

We come knowing we are not perfect. We do not always listen to you nor are we always obedient to what you ask of us. We too quickly close our ears and hearts to You and follow our own will and way.

**We are sorry for failing to be open and honest to You.  
You know our hearts, and in silence, we ask for  
your forgiveness.**

*(Respond silently by praying for forgiveness.)*

### *Thanksgiving*

In spite of our faults and failures, you Holy God, still bless us abundantly. You have delivered us from pain and suffering and in you we find hope and healing. We thank you today for these blessings, of family, friends and this faith community, and especially those whose names we now speak aloud...

*(Respond with prayers of thanksgiving for blessings.)*

### *Supplication*

We know, despite all our blessings, we still experience pain and hurt. At times we feel lost and do not know which path we should follow. Although we may not understand, You offer help and healing through your Son, Jesus Christ, who came to heal all people. We pray now for those in need of your healing...

*(Respond with prayer requests for those in your life who are sick or suffering.)*

Pour Your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ who taught us how to pray. We pray this prayer aloud now ...

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

## RESPONDING to GOD'S GRACE

### ✠ HYMN of FAITH

*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

UMH 277

### MINISTRY MOMENT - ANNUAL CONFERENCE

*John Toney*

### 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

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

UMH 381, vs. 1 & 4

### ✠ 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.*

*The flowers on the altar are given by Don, Carol, and Emma Gordon in memory of Don's parents, Bryant & Ione Gordon, and Carol's parents, Porter & Carmen Marr.*

## 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).

### THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful reception to celebrate my graduation and commissioning. I am so thankful for the love and support of my St. John's family. Pastor Deirdre.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CLOSURES

The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5. We will reopen for regular office hours on Monday, July 8 at 9 a.m.. The Shepherd's Market will be closed on Thursday, July 4 and will reopen for regular pantry hours on Monday, July 8 at 3 p.m.

### 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 using the insert in today's bulletin or go online to [www.fpu.com/1091639](http://www.fpu.com/1091639). If you have any questions, contact Amy Richardson at [amyrichardson318@yahoo.com](mailto:amyrichardson318@yahoo.com).

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN MISSIONS

St. John's UMW is supporting 2 missions of the Baton Rouge District UMW. **Born With Angel Wings** accepts donations of formal gowns that will be transformed into little gowns to be given to those parents who have had a still-born baby or a baby who lived only a short time. If you have a garment to donate, contact Janet Hogstrom by email ([jhogstrom@cox.net](mailto:jhogstrom@cox.net)) or phone (832-236-0627 or 225-767-9423) and she will arrange a pick up. Financial donations should be mailed to Pat Lively, 944 E. Lakeview Dr., Baton Rouge 70810.

**Reality House in Baton Rouge** provides substance abuse programs for women with dependent children. Donations of diapers, towels, soap, deodorant, shampoo, and hair products are much appreciated by the women and may be brought to Ruth Circle meetings on July 2 and August 6 at 9:30 a.m. and to Mary Martha Circle on August 13 at 7 p.m. Financial contributions may also be made to UMW for this mission project.

### SHORT SUMMER STUDY

Pastor Deirdre and Morgan Dynes, our Summer Ministry Intern, are leading a 4-week summer study looking at Depression through a Spiritual and Scriptural lens. Many people experience depression or aspects of depression at some time in their lives. We feel lonely, discouraged, or sad and wonder if God has any place in our negative emotions. Join us beginning Thursday, July 11. You will have the option of participating at 11 a.m. (after the Shepherd's Market) or 5:30pm. Please email [morgandyne@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:morgandyne@stjohnsbr.org) with any questions.

### ESTATE PLANNING

The United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana is offering a FREE Estate Planning Course, "It's Different in Louisiana." There is no cost or obligation, no meetings to attend. You must register online at <https://umf.org/create-your-legacy> after which the five easy lessons will be mailed to you at weekly intervals. Each lesson is written by a Louisiana tax and estate planning attorney to give you information specific to the unique laws our state has regarding community property and probate.

### 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 will be much appreciated. There will be a blue tub in the Narthex and in the Admin Building to put the supplies. For a complete list of suggested supplies see our Friday Newsletter.

### SHEPHERD'S MARKET GROCERY BAGS

Don't forget to pick up a green or yellow grocery bag for Grocery Bag Sunday to help fill the shelves of The Shepherd's Market. Some suggested canned goods that are needed are: green beans, corn, peas, soups, and meats.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

- Sunday, June 30**  
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, July 1**  
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  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E
- Tuesday, July 2**  
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC  
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle UMW, Parlor  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Pastor's Office  
4:30 p.m. Wellness Covenant Group, Library  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Parlor  
6:00 p.m. Praise Team Rehearsal, Choir Room
- Wednesday, July 3**  
10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, Library  
1:00 p.m. Holy Folders, Library  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary
- Thursday, July 4**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED
- Friday, July 5**  
OFFICE CLOSED  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
- Saturday, July 6**  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

Ushers: *Kathleen Adams, Scott Durham, Liz McDonald, Penny Kemler*

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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



June 30, 2019

11:00 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.*