

# RESPONDING *to* GOD'S GRACE

✠ HYMN *of* FAITH

*Here I Am Lord*

UMH 593

✠ PRAYER *of* CONFESSION

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.  
If we claim to have fellowship with him, yet walk  
in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.  
But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,  
we have fellowship with one another, and the blood  
of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from sin.  
If we claim to be without sin, we  
deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned  
against you by what we have done, and by what we have  
left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our  
whole heart and mind and strength.  
We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.  
You alone know how often we have grieved you  
by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways.  
Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father;  
and free us from our sin.**

**Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.**

✠ WORDS *of* ASSURANCE *and* PARDON

Repent and believe the good news. You are a beloved and  
forgiven child of God.  
**You are a beloved and forgiven child of God.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

✠ SHARING *the* PEACE *and* LOVE *of* CHRIST

OFFERING OUR TITHES *and* GIFTS *to* GOD  
*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Special Music

✠ 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

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.**

UMH 15

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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna 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 is risen; Christ will come again.**

## *The* CELEBRATION *of the* GOSPEL

**August 4, 2019 at 8:30 & 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

✠ CALL *to* WORSHIP

Sing a new song to the Lord!  
**Let the whole earth sing to the Lord!**  
Sing to the Lord; bless God's holy name.  
**Each day proclaim the good news that God saves.**  
Publish the glorious deeds among the nations.  
**Tell everyone about the amazing things God does.**  
For great is the Lord!  
**Great is the Lord and worthy of our praise! Amen.**

✠ HYMN *of* PRAISE

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

FWS 2197

## LISTENING *to* GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Hosea 11:1-11*

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Barbara Benton*

*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.*

PRESENTATION *of* BIBLES

United Methodist Women

SCRIPTURE

*Colossians 3:12-17*

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

"Don't Just Stand There, Live the Sermon!"

*Pastor Deirdre*

*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

**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

*Christ Beside Me*

FWS 2166

*During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward  
The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.*

✠ BLESSING *and* SENDING FORTH

✠ POSTLUDE

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

*The flowers on the altar are given by Sallie Paulsen  
in memory of her sister, Sylvia Hoy Brumfield.*

## 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).

### BLESSING OF BACKPACKS & PROMOTION SUNDAY

TODAY is Promotion Sunday and Blessing of Backpacks at both worship services. All students were invited to bring their backpacks to be blessed before starting school - this included undergrad and graduate students. This is also Promotion Sunday for our children and youth who will be going into a new Sunday School class! Those children who are going into Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th, and 9th grade will receive a Bible from St. John's United Methodist Women.

### RUTH CIRCLE UMW

The Ruth Circle will meet on **Tuesday August 6** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. Kathleen Adams will present a short report on Mission U. Pat Lively will be giving a summary of UMW programs from this past year. 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.

### 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.

### ONE-DAY MISSION TO ST. MARK'S

St. John's next mission to St. Mark's will be a one-day mission on **Sunday, August 25**. For those of you who could not go on the three-day mission this will be an excellent opportunity to participate. The Meal Preparation Team will be leaving St. John's at 5:30 a.m. in order to get the meal ready to serve after the worship service. Others may join the mission at 9 a.m. to help with worship and serve the meal. For more information on the meal prep contact Kathleen Adams at 921-2664. While there is no cost to participate, **ALL VOLUNTEERS must register** with Rev. Larry Norman at 933-1881.

## HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

**Sunday, August 4**  
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. Writers' Group, Parlor  
4:00 p.m. Youth Week: GRUB SUNDAY  
7:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary

**Monday, August 5**  
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, August 6**  
8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC  
8:15 a.m. Worship in the Market, FLC  
9:30 a.m. Ruth Circle, Parlor  
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, August 7**  
10:00 a.m. Spanish Class, Library  
4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, FLC-A  
6:30 p.m. Alpha Bells, Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, Choir Room

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

**Friday, August 9**  
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor  
8:30 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC  
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, Library  
10:00 a.m. Everybody Reads Training, Library

**Saturday, August 10**  
8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Essen Piccadilly  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

8:30 Ushers: Jim and Theresa Sandifer, Aileen Pine, Dawn Staves  
11:00 Ushers: Rhonda Tucker, Deirdre Matthews, Guy Johnson, Harriet Walters  
8:30 Host: Chris Stubbs -- 11:00 Host: Joyce Perry

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United Methodist Church

*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*



August 4, 2019

8:30 & 11 a.m. Worship Services

*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.*