

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

October 13, 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.

We GATHER with GOD

BELL TOLL

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

WORDS of WELCOME

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Guests, friends, members, welcome to worship! We are glad you are here. Please feel free to participate in ways that you feel led and comfortable or just observe, if you prefer. We welcome your presence among us.

INTROIT

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Alleluia Ringers

† SONGS of PRAISE

*My Life Is In You, Lord
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.
I will praise you with all of my life,
I will praise you with all of my strength;
with all of my life, with all of my strength.
All of my hope is in you.*

*My life is in you, Lord; my strength is in you, Lord;
my hope is in you, Lord; in you, it's in you.*

Sanctuary

*Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.*

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† CALL to WORSHIP

John McWilliams

Have you ever experienced anything quite like this extravagant generosity of God, this deep, deep wisdom?
Everything comes from him and happens through him.

God brings the best out of us.

Through Jesus, we are changed from the inside out.

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God.

We place ourselves before God.

This is your true worship.

Always glory! Always Praise! Yes, and Amen!

From The Message, Romans 11:33-12:2

† SONG of RESPONSE

He Who Began a Good Work In You

FWS 2163

He who began a good work in you, he who began a good work in you
will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it.
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

We WITNESS GOD'S GRACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Sarah Prevot

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

Romans 11:33 - 12:2

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

"Take Care: Spiritual Self Care"

Pastor Deirdré

We RESPOND to GOD'S GIFTS

† HYMN of FAITH

UMH 467, vs. 1 -3

Trust and Obey

INVITATION to CONFESSION

Pastor Lane

Every week, as we worship together,
we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other,
and to God that we do not always live as we are called.
In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts,
let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace
and love.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

**Gracious God, source of all life,
we confess that we do not know how to care for ourselves.**

**We come before you in need of healing:
the healing of our bodies and minds,
the healing of our relationships,
the healing of our pride and fear and apathy.**

**We know that with you, nothing is impossible,
not even our healing,
or the transformation of our lives
or the renewing of the world is beyond your reach.**

**As we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice to you,
we pray that you will heal us,
and that you will heal the world,
so that we will be freed to serve, and love, and dream, and be
as Christ calls us. Amen.**

WORDs of ASSURANCE and PARDON

*It is not our efforts, but Christ's gift,
which transforms us into God's children.*

*For from him, and through him, and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever!*

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

CARING CONVERSATIONS

OFFERING OUR TITHES and GIFTS to GOD

I Am Thine, O Lord

with Frances Anderson

Alleluia Ringers

UMH 94

† 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**

REMEMBERING the LORD'S SUPPER

*The pastors offer thanks to God, retell the story of the Last Supper,
and invoke the presence of the Holy Spirit.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING the BREAD and CUP

- ♦ All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion. Ushers will direct you forward.
- ♦ 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.**

We DEPART 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

Take My Life and Let It Be

UMH 399

† 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 Marilyn and Richard Damberg
in celebration of the birthday of their daughter-in-law, Janette.*

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.

2020 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE:

THEME, COMMITMENT SUNDAY, & POTLUCK



TAKE CARE: Care is at the heart of who we are here at St. John's. We are passionately committed to the care and well-being of others. Throughout October, we will read scripture and hear messages about how we are called to "Take Care" of God's creation, our spiritual health, our church, and one another.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY: We invite you to become a caretaker alongside others on Commitment Sunday, October 27, when you will be invited to make a pledge to the ministries of St. John's in 2020.

POTLUCK BRUNCH: We will celebrate with a Potluck Brunch at 9:30 a.m. in lieu of Coffee Time and Sunday School that day. Bring a dish to share with everyone.

Next Sunday's scripture and theme are Matthew 25:1-13 - "Caring Together"

EXERCISE CLASS BEGINS MONDAY

Taking care of ourselves can be a challenging task, but God calls us to make the effort. One of many ways to do that is to join us for an exercise class (Yoga/Pilates) that will begin on **Monday, October 14** at 11:30 a.m. in the Narthex. There is no registration, just come if you can. For \$5 per class you'll be able to enjoy spiritual and physical renewal in a supportive group setting. All fitness levels welcome! (Bring water and an exercise mat, if possible.)

DINNER/DESSERT THEATER: "A CROWN FOR A KING"

TICKETS ARE ON SALE TODAY!

Friday, October 18: Dinner will be served at 6 p.m., curtain will be at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance, with a limited number of available for \$15 at the door.

Saturday, October 19: Dessert will be served at 2 p.m., curtain will be at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 in advance, with a limited number available for \$12 at the door.

Join us for two performances of the original play, "A Crown for a King," written by Guy Johnson. The play is great for all ages and features a multi-generational cast from St. John's.

Synopsis: When a sinister rebel tries to seize power in the kingdom, the true heir must flee for her life and at the same time learn what it means to be a just ruler. Fortunately, two tutors—a warrior maiden and a peace-loving scholar—are there to provide help through many dangers.

NEW "INSIDE ST. JOHN'S" NEWSLETTER COMING

On Tuesday October 22, we will launch a new mid-week email that will include prayer requests, birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations, timely announcements, and other St. John's family news. It will be in addition to our Friday e-newsletter, and geared towards our active members and friends of St. John's. If you would like to receive this new weekly email, please fill out the insert in your bulletin and put it in the collection plate or contact the church office at 225-766-4594. The newsletter will not be sent to you unless you request it.

ST. JOHN'S COFFEE MUGS

If you purchased a mug, there will be a table set up for you during coffee time in the Family Life Center. There are Mug Return Bins in the FLC as well as outside Lynn's office in the Admin. Building. Please return your coffee time mug to one of those bins. Additional mugs are available for \$20.

MANNA BAGS

There are Manna bags in the Narthex and in the Admin Building. Please take some to have in your car to offer to the hungry and homeless on the side of the road.

THANKS, ST. JOHN'S

A Big Thank You from the UMW and Days for Girls. With your help we were able to complete 120 reusable Feminine Hygiene Kits to be sent to girls in Nigeria, Cambodia, and Uganda. That means 120 girls can go to school each day and better themselves. Thank you!

HOLY FOLDERS

Do you like to run your errands first thing in the morning? We have a ministry that is just the thing for you - man or woman! Every Friday morning around 8 a.m., our Holy Folders are in the library folding the Sunday bulletin and would love for you to join them. It doesn't take long so you could possibly be back on the road by 8:30! Come check out this important behind-the-scenes ministry in the life of St. John's.

HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, October 13

- 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*
1:30 p.m. "A Crown for a King" Rehearsal, *FLC*
4:00 p.m. Youth Group, *FLC*
6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Sanctuary*

Monday, October 14

- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
10:00 a.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*
11:30 a.m. Exercise Class, *Narthex*
3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, *Library*
3:00 p.m. Lectionary Ladies Bible Study, *Parlor*
3:00 p.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
4:30 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
6:00 p.m. Fast Track Bible Study, *Library*
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, October 15

- 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*
6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University, *Library*

Wednesday, October 16

- 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, October 17

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, *Library*
6:00 p.m. "A Crown for a King" Dress Rehearsal, *FLC*
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, *FLC*
7:15 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, *Library*

Friday, October 18

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
8:30 a.m. Holy Folders, *Library*
6:00 p.m. *A Crown for a King Performance, FLC*

Saturday, October 19

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*
2:00 p.m. *A Crown for a King Performance, FLC*

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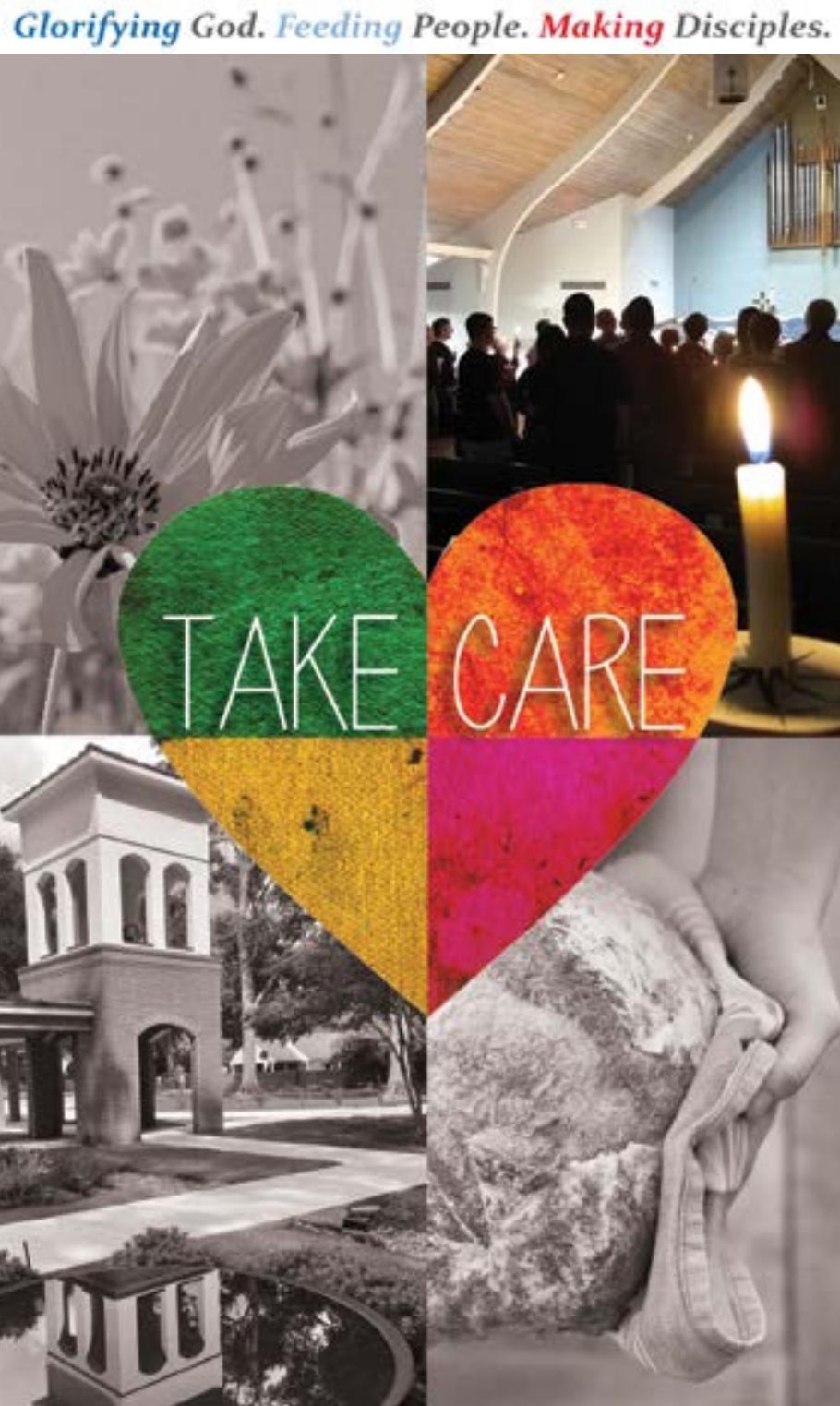
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ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church



October 13, 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.