

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
WORSHIP ON THE LAWN
September 5, 2021

Prelude

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Words of Grace and Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Gathering Song

Sanctuary
From *The Faith We Sing Songbook*, 2164

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

Call to Worship

"When Pastor Lane raises her hand, respond enthusiastically with "Oh Yes!"

Scripture

Psalm 46

Hymn of Faith

Spirit of the Living God
From *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 393

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.**

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Meditation

Pastor Lane

Offering our Tithes and Gifts to God

*We appreciate your generosity.
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.
You may give online at stjohnsbr.org/give.*

Hymn of Promise
From *The United Methodist Hymnal*, 707

**In the bulb, there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter, there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt, there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Prayers of the People

God of all time and all seasons,
hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing in Holy Communion

*Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion.
After cleaning their hands, Communion servers will place elements into your open hands.
If you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements.
Our communion elements are bread and grape juice.
A gluten-free option is also available.*

Closing Prayer

Call to Action

Sending Forth Song

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
From The United Methodist Hymnal, 400*

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.**

**Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, bought me with his precious blood.**

**Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

Benediction