

The Celebration of the Gospel

June 13, 2021 at 11 a.m.

All Are Welcome

If you are a guest, we welcome you to worship and ask that you consider filling out a contact form at www.stjohnsbr.org/guest so we can be in touch with you this week.



ST. JOHN'S

United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

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.

The Spirit Gathers Us Together

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Hymn of Praise

UMH 139, vs. 1, 3, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.**

Call to Worship

Pastor Lane

God has been our help in ages past.

God will still be our hope for years to come.

God has been our safe home, a place of refuge and a welcoming family.

**God is our shelter in the face of every storm
and a very present help.**

So we come with thankful hearts and voices lifted in praise.

**We come as beloved children, called
and loved by our creator.**

**We offer to you, O God, these prayers,
knowing you will be our guide forevermore.**

Amen.

Response Song

Give Thanks

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**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."**

REPEAT, THEN

Give thanks!

Stretching Our Spirits

Children's Moment

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton,
Pastor Lane, ShiRae Transou

Scripture

Pastor Deirdré

Psalm 20

We are sent to live victorious lives in Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

based on Psalm 19:14

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of
our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are
our strength and our redeemer. Amen.**

Sermon

"Geaux"

Pastor Deirdré

Anthem

Pastor Deirdré, Terry Byars

May the Words of My Mouth

Called to Respond

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 here: <http://www.stjohnsbr.org/give>

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.**

Call to the Table

Pastor Deirdré

Let us stand well.

Let us stand in awe.

Let us be attentive, that we may offer this holy offering in peace.

Mercy and peace, our sacrifice of praise.

The Great Thanksgiving

*Our sung communion responses are from
The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2257*

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" with only the pastor touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements.
- ♦ You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.
- ♦ If you are mobility challenged, please let the usher know and the pastor will bring communion elements to you.

Service of Release and Farewell

Words of Gratitude and Forgiveness

*Pat Cobb,
Pastor Deirdré, Pastor Lane*

PASTOR DEIRDRE: I thank you, the members and friends of St. John's, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am thankful that you have loved me well. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

**We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness,
and accept that you now leave to minister
elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your
time among us.**

**We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will
not leave us with your departure.**

PASTOR DEIRDRE: I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Vows of Release

PAT COBB: Do you, the members and friends of St. John's, release Pastor Deirdre from the duties of Pastor?
We do, with the help of God.

PAT COBB: Do you offer your encouragement for her ministry soon to begin as Senior Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Ponchatoula?

We do, with the help of God.

PAT COBB: Do you, Pastor Deirdre, release us from turning to you and depending on you?

PASTOR DEIRDRE: I do, with the help of God.

PAT COBB: Do you offer your encouragement for the continued mission and ministries here at St. John's?

PASTOR DEIRDRE: I do, with the help of God.

Blessing and Sending Forth

As we send you forth to a new mission field and congregation,

may the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

As you leave behind the ones with whom you have lived and worked, served and loved, struggled and celebrated, laughed and cried,

may the sun shine warmly upon your face.

As you settle into a home and new church, may you be strong and of good courage, faithful and humble, listening for the call of God that will guide your path and light you way,

may the rain fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again, let us not forget that though we go many different ways, we are still connected, members one of another, who share a common bond in life and ministry

**and that we are held in the hollow of
God's hand.**

On Eagles Wings

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

Departing to Serve

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH 664

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Pastor Lane

Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are dedicated to Pastor Deirdré,
with much love and appreciation from her St. John's family.*

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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