

The Celebration of the Gospel

May 16, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Seventh Sunday of Easter

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.

Dancing Toward God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Invitation to Dance Again

Call to Worship

Pat Lively

This is the call!

Ready yourselves for new life.

We lift up our heads to meet the new day.

Get ready to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

Even when rain sets in, open those umbrellas of gratitude and set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

Dance on, Siblings in Christ!

May our worship be full of joy and praise!

Hymn of Praise

There's a Spirit In the Air

**There's a Spirit in the air,
telling Christians everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.**

**Lose your shyness, find your tongue;
tell the world what God has done.**

**God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**

**When a stranger's not alone,
when the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed,
living, working, in our world.**

**May the Spirit fill our praise,
guide our thoughts and change our ways:
God in Christ has come to stay.
Live tomorrow's life today!**

Prayer

Pat Lively

**Creator God, Redeeming Savior, Dancing Spirit,
help us to put on our dancing shoes
so that we can be the hands and feet
of Jesus in the world.**

**Come and dance with us and engage with us,
as we seek you, so that we can be risen
with Christ and in Christ.**

Be with us now, we pray. Amen.

Stretching Our Spirits

Children's Moment

Madeline Massett

Scripture Reading

Luke 24: 36-53

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

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

"Dancing With Open Hands"

Pastor Deirdré

Stepping Out In Response

Hymn of Faith

Pass It On

**It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.**

**What a wondrous time is spring,
when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing,
the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you want to sing,
it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.**

**I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him,
it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

Affirming Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pat Lively

Inspire our ways of learning
through earnest, fervent prayer,
and let our daily living
reveal thee everywhere.

“Go, make of all disciples.”
We at thy feet would stay
until each life’s vocation
accents thy holy way.

We cultivate the nature
God plants in every heart,
revealing in our witness
the master teacher’s art.

“Go, make of all disciples.”
We welcome thy command.
“Lo, I am with you always.”

We take thy guiding hand.
The task looms large before us;
we follow without fear;
in heaven and earth thy power
shall bring God’s kingdom here.

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.

Benediction

Pastor Lane

Postlude

Prayers of the People

As prayers are offered our response will be:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Pastor Lane

Thank you for worshipping with us!

The Lord’s Prayer

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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!

Leaping Into Action

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

Go, Make of All Disciples
“Go, make of all disciples.”
We hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from thee, our Father,
in thy eternal Word.