



Sunday August 22, 2021

11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Our worship series, "I've Been Meaning to Ask," continues this morning with the question, "What Do You Need?" What we know for certain is that we need each other. How does today's question invite us to lean in with curiosity and openness in order to strengthen the connections between us? How does this question invite vulnerability and open heartedness in our relationships? What are scriptural examples of those in need and the people around them who responded in an effort to help? We'll spend time with Job in the First Testament and Paul in the Epistles as we explore these questions together.

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

OUR CONTACT INFO

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - noon

60TH ANNIVERSARY

St. John's was founded in 1961 by 60 charter members. Ground was broken for the present sanctuary in August 1962, and it was dedicated Easter Sunday 1963. We are celebrating our 60th anniversary throughout 2021. Give God the Glory!

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Do No Harm, our first Wesleyan rule continues to be our benchmark for all recommendations. In light of the Governor's statewide mask mandate, St. John's has returned to requiring all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks while in worship and in small group gatherings.

We look forward to the day when we can return to maskless gatherings, until then, let us pray for our world, country, state, parish, and each other.

Grace & Peace

The Covid-19 Task Force

HELPFUL HINTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We fully welcome and love engaging children in worship! We include a special Children's Moment each Sunday.

- **The St. John's Prayground** is located in the front of the sanctuary. This is a place for children and their families to worship together, allowing children to more fully participate in the service. As a safety precaution, masks are required in the Prayground for everyone ages 2 and older. If you or your child needs a mask, some are available in the Prayground. More details about the Prayground may be found in the pew insert and on our website.
- A staffed **nursery** for infants through preschool is open every Sunday morning and is located next door in our Education/Administration building.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms in the back of the sanctuary and our nursery.
- Children are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**, which is served weekly at 8:30 a.m. and on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free elements are also available.
- **Sunday School** is offered for children starting at age 3 through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

GATHERING

Please stand as you are comfortable. **Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

*Call to Worship

Darlene Dickson

Family of faith, this must be the place.

This is the place for connection and growth,
for community and hope.

This must be the place for questions like,
“Where are you from?” and, “What do you need?”

For whispers of: “I’ve been thinking of you,”
and, “I’ve been meaning to ask. . .”

This must be the place, because all belong here.

All are welcome here.

**All hurt and joy, needs and prayers,
dreams and love, are welcome here.**

God is near.

Let us worship our Holy God.

*Hymn of Praise

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2171

LISTENING

Children’s Moment

Prayer for Illumination

Darlene Dickson

God of long winters and longer summers,
in the words of Paul,

do your best to come to us quickly.

Come to us with loud praise and joy,
or appear to us in a still, small voice.

Come to us through friends,
or come to us through strangers.

Come to us in this text and in this hour of worship,
and come to us quickly if you can.

We are seeking you.

We are always seeking you.

**With grateful hearts cracked open by love, we pray.
Amen.**

Scripture

Job 2:11-13
2 Timothy 4:9-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Lane

"I've Been Meaning to Ask...What Do You Need?"

SHARING

*Hymn of Faith

Stand By Me

The United Methodist Hymnal 512, vs. 1, 2, 3

*Affirming Our Faith

We believe in relationships.

**We believe in asking hard questions,
in showing up for one another,
and in sitting together through the pain.**

**We believe in listening with grace,
learning with curiosity,
and apologizing with sincerity.**

**We believe in asking for help,
saying what we need,
and trusting that no degree of vulnerability
could strip us of God's love.**

**We believe in trying our best
and offering grace
when our best is not enough.**

**And we believe that God is in all relationships—
modeling for us the value of community
through the relationships of the Trinity.**

**So we love today,
and we strive to love
even more tomorrow.**

Let it be so. Amen.

*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.**

Prayers of the People

Pastor Lane

The Lord's Prayer

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.*

***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.**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Call to Action

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**

Here I Am, Lord
The United Methodist Hymnal 593, vs. 1, 3

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

The flowers on the altar are given by Mary and Mark Northington in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

To join a livestream of worship, share today's service or watch previous worship services, visit stjohnsbr.org/live.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

60th Anniversary Pictorial Directory

St. John's is doing a new pictorial directory! We want everyone to get a new picture in the directory to celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Make your appointment now online at <http://bit.ly/stjohns60photo> or by calling Rhonda Tucker at 225-270-2193 or sign up today in the Narthex. Check out our *Inside St. John's* newsletter for more information.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will be meeting **Thursday, August 26** at 6 p.m. in the Library. If you cannot attend in person you will have the option to attend on Zoom. The Zoom information will be in Tuesday's *Inside St. John's* newsletter.

60th Celebration Sunday

Sunday August 29 will be our next 60th Celebration Sunday. During worship next Sunday we will "Give God the Glory" through both services. You don't want to miss this joyful happening.

Join St. John's Bell Choir

If you are wanting to join a close-knit, friendly, welcoming group then the Bell Choir is just what you are looking for. Join us on Sundays at 6 p.m. in our new practice room in the Admin Building (last door on the left). You don't have to have any prior musical knowledge. And you will be glad you came! For more information contact Gay Grimes 225-766-6434.

60th Anniversary Ornaments

We are taking pre-orders for handmade ceramic ornaments created by local artist Kai. Each ornament is \$15, and they will be ready for this Advent. **The hard deadline to order is August 31.** Visit stjohnsbr.org/order-ornaments to order or call the church office if you need assistance.

60th Anniversary Cookbooks

Pre-ordered cookbooks are available for pickup in the church office, and we have additional copies available for \$20 each. All proceeds from the cookbooks and ornaments will go toward the kitchen renovation. Give God the Glory!

Youth Meals

Please consider providing a meal for our Youth Group on Sundays - you don't have to have a child in the Youth Group to participate in this important ministry, it is an easy, simple way to get involved with St. John's and our youth, our future. They meet from 5 - 7 p.m. and really appreciate meals brought from home. To sign up to bring a meal or for more information please see Haleigh in the Narthex today or email her at haleighschwartz@stjohnsbr.org. This request is open to all.

St. Mark's Mission Meal, New Orleans

Our St. Mark's mission meal will be Sunday, August 29. Prior to that, on Saturday, August 28, we will gather at 9 a.m. in the FLC to prepare the sandwiches. We need 8 to 12 volunteers (who have been fully vaccinated) - everyone will be masked. All are invited to come and participate. We leave for St. Mark's early Sunday morning to deliver, finish the assembly, and distribute the bag lunches. Check out the newsletters for more information.

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