

The Celebration of the Gospel

May 23, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

St. John's Memories

Danielle Blackwood

Call to Worship

Troy Prevot

We have gathered to worship you, Spirit of God. About us we sense the cloud of witnesses who led the way here, those who were called to form this congregation of St. John's sixty years ago and those who worked tirelessly through the years since to further its growth in service and love.

**We remember our past and
give God the glory.**

We have gathered to worship you, Spirit of God, thankful for opportunities given us here for service and spiritual growth. Here we may heed and answer the call to nourish our neighbor in body and mind.

**We serve our neighbor today and
give God the glory.**

We have gathered to worship you, Spirit of God, looking with confidence to a future built on past foundations, present dedication, and unending faith.

**We step with hope toward our future and
give God the glory.**

May the same Spirit of God that came upon the disciples at Pentecost, forming the Church and our founders sixty years ago, form St. John's, enliven and inspire us today.

**We remember our past, serve our neighbor today,
step with hope toward our future, and at all times
give God the glory.**

by Guy Johnson, adapted

Hymn of Praise

UMH 547

O Church of God, United
O church of God, united
to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message,
with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps
along the upward way.
From every land and nation
the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader
they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence
upon his saving word.

Though creeds and tongues may differ,
they speak, O Christ, of thee;
and in thy loving spirit
we shall one people be.

Lord, may our faithful service
and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power
of thy redeeming name.

May thy great prayer be answered
that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united
in thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness,
to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness
may find the one true light.

St. John's Memories

Video

Stretching Our Spirits

Scripture Comes to Life

A Dramatic Reading of Acts 2:1-21

Darlene Dickson, Caleb Doan, Guy Johnson,
Pastor Lane, Pastor Deirdre

Hymn of Faith

UMH 539

O Spirit of the Living God
O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

Blow, wind of God! With wisdom
blow until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

Teach us to utter living words
of truth which all may hear,
the language all may understand
when love speaks loud and clear;
till every age and race and clime
shall blend their creeds in one,
and earth shall form one family
by whom thy will is done.

So shall we know the power
of Christ who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

St. John's Memories Video

Children's Moment *Pastor Lane, Carrie Poynot*

St. John's Memories Video

Called to Respond

Offering Our Tithes *and Gifts to God*
Pentecost Medley

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 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!

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Prayer *Rhonda Tucker*

God of glory and grace,
we humbly raise our faces to you in gratitude
for our little church,
St. John's United Methodist.
For sixty years with your guidance and
benevolence, and through determined effort
and consistent devotion,
St. John's people of God have created
a sacred space of love and acceptance
and growth.
Leaning on you alone and through our efforts
to follow the loving example of Jesus,
St. John's has become a place of love and
affection, laughter and holy hands
reaching out to our neighbors near and far.
Bless us, dear God,
and help us to continue to be a soothing
melody for the spirit,
a gentle touch for those who grieve,
a teacher for dear children,
a moral compass for adults,
a beacon for the lost and
a light of hope for our community.
In the name of your blessed son,
Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

written by Betty Schroeder

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Sent Out to Serve

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

FWS 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.
We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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Benediction

Pastor Lane

For all who have ever walked through the doors of
St. John's and felt at home:
We Give God the Glory!
For all who have been fed spiritually and physically here:
We Give God the Glory!
For our sixty years, of sharing in worship, witness
and service:
We Give God the Glory!
And for all that is yet to be:
We Give God the Glory!
Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*Flowers on the altar are from Pat Cobb and dedicated to
St. John's 60 years as we continue to
Give God the Glory.*

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