

The Celebration of the Gospel

April 25, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Fourth 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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Invitation to Dance Again

Call to Worship

Rev. Larry Norman

This is our call!

Face this new day, even when you aren't sure.

We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Get ready for life, for life is all around.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of hope and set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

**For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thy self, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Prayer

Rev. Larry

**Holy One, Relationship Restorer,
Lover of all Creation – You set this world in motion
and gave it life.**

**Turn us to you when our steps are not sure.
Come and dance with us, 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

Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

Rev. Larry

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's Moment

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

Epistle Reading

1 John 3:16-18, 23-24

Pastor Lane

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

"Dare to Dance
the Dance of Love"

Pastor Lane

Stepping Out In Response

Hymn of Faith

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
**Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
We are thine, thou dost befriend us,
be the guardian of our way;
keep thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

Leaping Into Action

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

Go Forth for God

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

Benediction

Pastor Lane

Postlude

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us do thy will;
blessed Lord and only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

Affirming Our Faith

The Apostle's Creed

Rev. Larry

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.

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

Rev. Larry

The Lord's Prayer

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

Doxology

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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!

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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tech team, ushers, and hosts for assisting in today's service.*

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