

The Celebration of the Gospel

June 27, 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.

Gathering

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Call to Worship

Bill Metcalf

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

Creator God, you formed our universe from a shapeless void;

You fashioned the planets and forged the stars;

You established the seasons and determined life's rightful order.

Creator God, we worship you!

Word of Life, you spoke over your creation and made it live;

You painted nature into beautiful color;

You stirred seas and rivers to song;

You called forth creatures of every shape and size:

Word of Life, we respond to you!

Spirit of Life, you gathered the dust of the earth and made humanity in your image;

You breathed life into us, that we might know you;

You filled your earth with tribes and nations;

You entrusted your precious world to us your family.

Spirit of Life, we receive you!

God saw all that had been made, and called it very good.

Almighty God, today we celebrate the goodness of your creation and rejoice in the gift of relationship with you.

Hymn of Praise

UMH 144

This Is My Father's World

**This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.**

**This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

Journeying

Road Trip Notes - Yellowstone

Video

Children's Moment

ShiRae Transou

Scripture

Genesis 2:4-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, at the beginning of time your Spirit moved over the waters. So now, send your Spirit to stir our hearts and inspire us to receive the re-creating power of your Word. Grant us wisdom and courage as we seek to learn from you. We pray through Christ, your incarnate Word. Amen.

Sermon

"Good, Old Faithful God"

Pastor Lane

Communing

Hymn of Faith

UMH 92, vs. 1, 2, 4

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.

Affirming Our Faith

We Believe

We believe in God the Creator,
who reminds us, in the drawing of the every new day,
that new life is possible.

We believe in the wonder and grandeur of a universe
where the whole of life is called to live
in harmony of care.

This we believe.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
who prayed in mountains of peace,
and brought us the Word
in mustard seeds of faith and fig trees of blessing,
whose footsteps touched the earth in love and who
invites us to follow.

This we believe.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
whose wisdom often lies
embedded in ancient peoples.

They trod lightly across deserts and
lived gently among plants and creatures.

They reached respectfully for the mystery, which is
God-with-us, the One who never leaves us
nor forsakes us.

This we believe.

We believe in the everlasting hope,
the great calling of the people of God, the Church,
for the transforming of all things,
which is possible in God.

This we believe. Amen.

from the Uniting Church in Australia

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

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.

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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.**

Hitting the Road...

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH 140, vs. 1, 2

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

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**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

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Blessing and Sending Forth

Pastor Lane

Postlude

*The flowers on the altar are from Joyce Perry
in honor of Bill's 80th birthday!*

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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