

The Celebration of the Gospel

June 6, 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.

The Spirit Gathers Us Together

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

Call to Worship

Pastor Lane

Praise to the Lord, all people, praise to the Lord for his glory and strength.
Praise to the Almighty for glory is due His name; we worship God in the splendor of His holiness.

The voice of the Lord is above the waters.
The God of glory thunders—
**the Lord's love is more vast than the waters,
the voice of the Lord is power,
the voice of the Lord is splendor.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
The voice of the Lord flashes flames of fire.
**The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
In His temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned, King forever.
**The Lord gives His people strength;
the Lord blesses His people with peace.**

Hymn of Praise

UMH 88, vs. 1, 3, 4

Maker In Whom We Live
**Maker, in whom we live,
in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive
for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng
give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song
and echoes to the sky.**
**Spirit of Holiness,
let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy,
and bless thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell
thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable,
the beatific sight.**
**Eternal, Triune God,
let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below
record and dwell upon thy love.**

When heaven and earth are fled
before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made
thine everlasting praise.

Stretching Our Spirits

Children's Moment

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton,
ShiRae Transou

Special Music

Pastor Deirdré, Johnny McWilliams

Scripture

Pastor Deirdré

Psalm 138
God emboldens and equips those that he calls.

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

"Get Set"
Pastor Deirdré

Called to Respond

Hymn of Faith

UMH 368, vs. 1, 2, 4

My Hope Is Built
**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

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**On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.**

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**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!**

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Invitation to the Table

Pastor Deirdré

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in
peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our
sin before God and one another.

*The pastor invokes the present work
of the Holy Spirit and concludes:*

All honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lane

**We confess that we have not loved you
with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors, and
we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

- ♦ All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.
- ♦ Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction" with only the pastor touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements.
- ♦ You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.
- ♦ If you are mobility challenged, please let the usher know and the pastor will bring communion elements to you.
- ♦ If you live in the Baton Rouge area and would like someone to bring Communion to your home, please contact us in the church office.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

Prayer After Receiving

Pastor Lane

**Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

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

Sent Out to Serve

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!**

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH 419, vs. 1, 2, 3

I Am Thine, O Lord
**I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.**

The Great Thanksgiving

UMH 18

*Our sung communion responses are from
The Faith We Sing Hymnal #2257*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company
of heaven we praise your name and join their unending
hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*The congregation is seated and
the institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a
holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

Benediction

Pastor Deirdré

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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