

The Celebration of the Gospel

February 7, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Welcome to All

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

Call to Worship

Rev. Latrice Mallard

Loving God, whose touch can heal
the broken places of life,
Touch us today.

God of peace, whose spirit of peace can quiet
our spirits of confusion and despair,
Reassure us today.

Listening God, who invites us to nurture our inner lives,
Be with us today.

Come, worship and celebrate.

God is reaching out to you this day!

**God has led us to this place to refresh our souls
and prepare our lives for service.**

**We come seeking balance and
a new way of living.**

Hymn of Praise

Something Beautiful

Something beautiful, something good;

all my confusion he understood;

**all I had to offer him was brokenness and strife,
but he made something beautiful of my life.**

Scripture

Mark 1:29-39

Rev. Latrice

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"A Second Chance"

Pastor Lane

Responding

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lane

As God's beloved children, we are invited to come
to God with the fullness of our lives,
to admit our love and our hate,
to admit our faith and our fear,
for God offers us a new possibility for living -
again and again and again.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us make our confession,
first in silent prayer.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered)

Together, let us pray.

Holy and gracious God,

**At times we feel so frail and fragile,
getting blown about by the latest crisis,
by bad news, by our own short tempers
and failings.**

**You call us to hold fast to what is good,
but so often we flounder,
unable to find that solid thing that will
center us again.**

Help us, we pray.

**Help us to see you as our center,
and to cling to the good that you create
in the world.**

**Help us to set aside all our jealousies
and prejudices,**

**all of our betrayals and lies,
all that adds to the world's hurt.**

**Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness,
that we will bear his love and truth to the world.**

We pray in his name. Amen.

Listening

Children's Moment

Darlene Dickson,
Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

Prayer of Preparation

Rev. Latrice

You who formed us, named us, and gathered us,
open our ears to hear your message.

You who give power to the faint,
help us understand your message.

You who uplift, strengthen, and heal,
inspire us to proclaim your message.

We pray in the name of Christ, who is the Message.
Amen.

Words of Assurance and Pardon

In Jesus Christ, God takes us by the hand, forgives our sins and lifts us up to new life.
Siblings in Christ, be at peace, your sins are forgiven.
**In the name of Jesus Christ, all is forgiven.
Glory to God. 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>*

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.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

We open our hearts to you, O God.

Let us give God the Glory and Praise!

**For your presence within us and around us,
we give you thanks and praise!**

God, we give you thanks for dwelling, not at a distance,
but intimately in our lives - as intimately
as our own flesh. You created us in your own image,
gifting us with bodies, and through them
we come to know you:
through touch.
through taste.
through struggle.
through rest.

And so, with those longing for a second chance,
with those revived by your grace and hope,
together, let us lift our praises to God, now and forever.

Holy are you, God of all life.

Creation sings glory and praise to you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who came for our sake.

Hosanna in the highest!

The congregation is seated as the service continues.

Out of great love for us, God came in the form of Jesus Christ, that we receive abundant life.

He fed people.

He ate with people.

He met their physical and spiritual needs.

And when his own life was threatened by political and religious execution, he turned to the Table.

He sought, first, in his hour of need, to share in a meal with his friends.

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*The institution of the Last Supper is shared
and a prayer of consecration is offered.*

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Lane

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*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.*

Prayer After Receiving

Pastor Deirdré

**Holy God, we give you thanks for this meal that
nourishes us, body and soul.**

**Empowered by your Spirit, may we go into the world,
proclaiming your gifts of healing and grace, as we
give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Departing to Serve

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Discipleship

He Touched Me

**Shackled by a heavy burden,
neath a load of guilt and shame,
then the hand of Jesus touched me,
and now I am no longer the same.
He touched me, O he touched me,
and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
he touched me and made me whole.**

**Since I met this blessed Savior,
since he cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise him;
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.
He touched me, O he touched me,
and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
he touched me and made me whole.**

Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*We thank all our worship stewards, musicians,
tech team, ushers, and hosts for assisting in today's service.*

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