

The Celebration of the Gospel

May 9, 2021 at 11 a.m.

Sixth 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

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Invitation to Dance Again

Call to Worship

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

This is our call!

The sun breaks through the clouds.

We lift up our heads to meet the day.

Christ calls us to deep friendship with one another and a great love for all people.

We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

And when rain comes again, we will open our umbrellas set out anyway.

For we are called to dance again!

Hymn of Praise

Christ for the World We Sing

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

Prayer

Carrie Poynot

Holy One, Justice-Seeker, Lover of Creation,
let us be open to learn from the dances of others.
Their steps bring great joy and diversity to our lives.
Open us to new steps for a new day.
Come and dance with us and 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

Children's Moment

Mari, Jane, and Livia Walker

Scripture Reading

John 15:9-17

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

"Dance In All Our Diversity"

Pastor Lane

Stepping Out In Response

Hymn of Faith

What a Friend We Have In Jesus
What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Affirming Our Faith

Pastor Deirdré

*A Statement of Faith
of the United Church of Canada*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. 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

Pastor Deirdré

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Help Us Accept Each Other

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*Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.
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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!

Leaping Into Action

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

Benediction

Pastor Lane

Postlude

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