



Sunday, August 21, 2022

11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

There is a season for everything, and a time for every event under heaven ... I have observed the burdens placed by God on human beings in order to perfect them. He made everything appropriate in its time. He also placed eternity within them—yet, no person can fully comprehend what God is doing from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 10-11

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome. Our ushers are happy to assist you in anyway. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

Thank you for being here.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We fully welcome and love engaging children in worship! We include a special Children's Moment each Sunday.

- **The St. John's Playground** is located in the front of the sanctuary. This is a place for children and their families to worship together, allowing children to more fully participate in the service. More details about the Playground may be found on our website.
- A staffed **nursery** for infants through preschool is open every Sunday morning and is located next door in our Education/Administration building.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms in the back of the sanctuary and in our nursery.
- Children are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**, which is served weekly at 8:30 a.m. and on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free elements are also available.
- **Sunday School** is offered for children starting at age 3 through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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GATHERING

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Larry Norman

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Richard Damberg

God of the open road,
God of the twisting path,
God of the narrow and upward way,
your people are gathered for worship!

We come seeking the presence of the living God.

We are on a journey of faith.

**We come seeking the meaning of life
and our call as Christians.**

Companioning Christ,
guide our lives and our steps
as we walk in your ways and place time in your hands.

**In faith, in trust, with hope,
let us worship our God. Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise**

Change My Heart, O God (2x)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2152

GROWING

Children's Moment

Jennifer Curry Csaszar

Prayer for Illumination

Richard Damberg

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable in thy sight, thou who art our strength and our
redeemer. Amen.**

Scripture

Richard Damberg

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Rev. Larry

"The Carpenter and the Unbuilder"

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Faith

Hymn of Promise

The United Methodist Hymnal 707, vs. 1, 2, 3

*Affirming Our Faith

Richard Damberg

A Modern Affirmation

The United Methodist Hymnal 885

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church,
apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself
in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end
that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. 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.

*Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ with Others

Prayers of the People

Rev. Larry

The Lord's Prayer

Ministry Moment

Donnie & Susan Lambert
Volunteers in Mission Team to Cuba

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

It Is Well With My Soul

by Phillip Bliss

Soprano Saxophone: Wade Dillingham

Piano: Terry Byars

We appreciate your generosity.

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

You may give online at stjohnsbr.org/give.

*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!**

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Call to Action

Rev. Larry

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

*Hymn of Discipleship

Trust and Obey

The United Methodist Hymnal 467, vs. 1, 3

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Rev. Larry

*Postlude

Terry Byars

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Scott Durham and Susanna Seals.

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the 6th wedding anniversary of Rev. Marie Williams and Richard Holbraten.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT - "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"

Join us for a Potluck and Movie Night on **Sunday, September 4** in the Family Life Center. The Potluck Dinner will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the film "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" (Rated PG). The movie is based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers, played by Tom Hanks, and a cynical journalist sent to interview him for a profile. It is a timely story of overcoming skepticism with kindness, love, and forgiveness from America's most beloved neighbor.

We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us! Please bring a dish to share for the potluck and come spend Labor Day weekend with your St. John's church family as we share a meal and enjoy a movie about one of the most influential Christians of the 20th century - Mr. Rogers! *A nursery and childcare will be provided along with an alternative movie (TBD) for children who may not be ready for this drama.*

The movie, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" is a great companion to our September worship series by the same title, which will explore faith lessons from Mr. Rogers and the life of Fred Rogers. A five session, faith-based discussion guide for the movie is available for small groups and Sunday School classes who would like to follow the movie up with further Bible study and conversation. Contact Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org) to receive the materials or for more information.

SIGN UP FOR ASSOCI-EIGHTS!

Associ-Eights is a short-term fellowship opportunity for members and friends of St. John's to gather in small groups for meals, movies, or whatever the group decides. It doesn't matter if you've been around St. John's for 30 years or 30 days - come be a part and have fun while getting to know some new people! This is a great way to get to know others in the St. John's church family. Forms are in the Narthex or you may sign up online at stjohnsbr.org/associ-eights by the deadline August 31.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - FALL ST. MARK'S MINISTRY

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 11**. St. John's will be going to St. Mark's UMC in New Orleans to participate in the mission to feed the homeless. All ages are welcome to participate in this ministry. For more information contact Rev. Larry Norman (225-933-1881 or lducknataol@gmail.com).

DISCIPLE I FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY

Beginning **Monday September 12 at 6 p.m.** in the Library, we will be offering the 13-week Disciple 1 Fast Track: The Old Testament. This study offers a meaningful experience for you to go deeper into the study of the Old Testament alongside others in a small group setting; the New Testament study will be offered in the spring. Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly sessions, which last approximately 75 minutes. The study book costs \$18 and can be paid online. You may register by filling out a registration form or register online at stjohnsbr.org/disciple-2022.

NEW MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT: MUSIC MAKERS

Beginning Sunday, **September 11 from 4:30 to 5:30**, Mr. Steve will begin our "Music Makers" program for children and youth in grades K - 12. This is an exciting opportunity to discover how music plays a vital role in the life of our church through singing and playing instruments. Our discovery will focus on participation in music for worship as we gather together to worthily magnify our Lord with violin, timbrel, drum, chime, song, and any other musical modes that God provides. Children of school age are invited to participate. We all look forward to the blessings that music-making can bring.

MEET THE CANDIDATE - CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVENTS

We are in the process of interviewing for our Director of Youth and Children's Ministries and are hosting a candidate on **Saturday, August 27**. During Connor's day with us, she will lead a Children's Ministry activity for K-5th grades from 10am-11:15am and a Youth program for 6th-12th graders from 1:30pm-2:45pm. We encourage all families with school-aged children (K-12th grades) to join us during their age-specific time. Whether you have children or youth in our programs or not, please be in prayer for our candidates and search team.