

# Finding **God** in the Flames



CAMPFIRE STORIES FROM SCRIPTURE

Sunday, June 12, 2022

**11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

All Are Welcome

The Lord's messenger appeared to him in a flame of fire in the middle of a bush. Moses saw that the bush was in flames, but it didn't burn up. Then Moses said to himself, Let me check out this amazing sight and find out why the bush isn't burning up. When the Lord saw that he was coming to look, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" Moses said, "I'm here."

Exodus 3:2-4

*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.

## OUR CONTACT INFO

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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

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*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.*

## ST JOHN'S CLERGY AND STAFF

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# GATHERING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

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

Prelude

Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

*Holy Ground*

Steve Rushing

**\*Call to Worship**

Zach Isenhower

God declares, "I AM WHO I AM."

**The God of our ancestors is with us today.**

God calls us from a burning bush.

**We are standing on holy ground!**

Jesus calls out to us, "Come and follow me."

**We are standing on holy ground!**

The Spirit calls us to share God's love to all generations.

**We are standing on holy ground!**

God is our God, from generation to generation.

**Let us worship God on this holy ground!**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*We Will Glorify the King of Kings*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2087, vs. 1 - 4

**\*Psalter**

Psalm 8  
The United Methodist Hymnal 743

SUNG RESPONSE

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation.**

O Lord, our Lord,

**How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Your glory is chanted above the heavens

By the mouth of babes and infants:

**You have set up a defense against your foes,**

**To still the enemy and the avenger.**

SUNG RESPONSE

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

**The moon and the stars which you have established;**

What are human beings that you are mindful of them,

**And mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than God,

**And crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
**You have put all things under their feet,**  
All sheep and oxen,  
**And also the beasts of the field,**  
The birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
**Whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**  
O Lord, our Lord,  
**How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SUNG RESPONSE

## FANNING THE FLAMES

Children's Moment

Rhonda Tucker

Prayer for Illumination

Zach Isenhower

O Great "I Am,"

**We are grateful that you have called us together this day,  
drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light.**

**Just as you appeared to Moses in the burning bush,  
may we discover your holiness in our lives, as well.**

**We stand amazed at the mystery of who you are,  
and we give you endless thanks and praise. Amen.**

Scripture

Zach Isenhower

Exodus 3:1-15

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Chancel Choir

*The Whole Bright World Rejoices*  
arranged by Eugene Hill

Message

Pastor Lane

Our Campfire Story:  
"The Burning Bush"

## FEEDING THE FIRE

\*Hymn of Faith

*Walk With Me*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2242, vs. 1, 4

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

## Ministry Moment

Pam Toney

Congregational Care  
Bereavement Food Ministry

## Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Steve Rushing

*God of the Sparrow  
God of the Whale*

*We appreciate your generosity.  
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.  
You may give online at [stjohnsbr.org/give](http://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!**

# SHARING THE LIGHT

## Call to Action

*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

*Majesty*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 176

## \*Blessing and Sending Forth

## \*Postlude

Terry Byars

# WORSHIP NOTES

## Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Zach and Kristine Isenhower.

## Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are in celebration of Parker and Rhonda Tucker's 33rd wedding anniversary and in memory of Tom and Martha Burch.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Youth News

- There will be **NO** Youth Group this afternoon as the St. John's Youth contingent is still at BigStuf. They will be back home on Monday.
- **Wednesday, June 15** there will be a Youth Pool Party at the home of Pam and John Toney, 4-6 p.m.
- Typical Summer Youth Schedule: Sundays, 3-4:30 p.m.; Mondays, Shepherd's Market 3 - 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

**Additionally, Evan needs volunteers to help him on Sundays.**

**Please reach out and volunteer to serve! His email is [evangager@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:evangager@stjohnsbr.org).**

## Writers' Group

St. John's Writers' Group will meet on Zoom **this afternoon at 4 p.m.** Newcomers are welcome and can contact Mari Walker at [silvermari@gmail.com](mailto:silvermari@gmail.com) for more information.

## Mary Martha Circle

The Mary Martha Circle of United Women in Faith will meet on **Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Parlor. All women are invited.

## Summer Sunday School - "Spirited Praise"

"Spirited Praise" our one room Sunday School for K-5th graders continues for the months of June and July. Kids will start with music led by Dr. Steve Rushing and then will enjoy a lesson and activities led by volunteers from our adult Sunday School classes. Parents: please drop off and pick up your children in the FLC (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.).

## June Worship Series "Finding God in the Flames: Campfire Stories from Scripture"

During the month of June we will be looking at some of the great fire stories from the Bible in our new worship series, "Finding God in the Flames: Campfire Stories from Scripture." From the Holy Spirit descending onto the disciples through tongues of flame on Pentecost, to a burning bush, join us as we explore the life-giving light of God.

## The Shepherd's Market Returns to Client-Choice Shopping

The Shepherd's Market food pantry has returned to client-choice shopping. We are having an exciting and joy-filled time as we welcome our neighbors back inside for a hot meal, fellowship, and pantry shopping. Volunteers are always welcome Mondays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 - 10 a.m.

## Louisiana Annual Conference

For the first time in many years, the Louisiana Annual Conference will be held in Baton Rouge! St. John's will be well represented with our delegates: Rev. Lane Cotton Winn and Pat Cobb. Additionally, Grace Idikwu was selected to serve as a Youth At-Large Delegate and Natalie Cooper will serve as a Baton Rouge District At-Large Delegate. Guests are welcome to all sessions and worship experiences. Read your St. John's newsletters to find the schedule as well as more information about the conference. The worship services are always such a highlight! In fact, Pastor Deirdre, our former Associate Pastor and longtime church member, will be Ordained during Annual Conference. The Celebration of Ministry (Ordination) Service will be held at First UMC, Baton Rouge on Thursday, June 16 at 7 p.m. (Pre-Service music begins at 6:30 pm) so be sure to arrive early.

## GriefShare

We are beginning a new session of GriefShare **Thursday, June 30 at 6 p.m.** in the Parlor. This is a 13-week grief recovery program that will help you on your journey through the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is not only for St. John's congregation, it is open to everyone and is non-denominational. If you know of someone who might benefit from this program, please let them know. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Roark (601-209-5102 or [dianer14@gmail.com](mailto:dianer14@gmail.com)).