



Sunday, May 29, 2022

**11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

All Are Welcome

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Psalm 46:1-3

*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 BEFORE GOD

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

**\*Call to Worship**

Penny Kemler

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

**The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.**

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

**Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us  
and comfort us.**

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, God is with us still.

**Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but  
suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love  
and bounty.**

Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

**And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 110, vs. 1, 2

## GROWING IN CHRIST'S LIKENESS

**\*Psalter**

Penny Kemler

Psalm 46  
The United Methodist Hymnal 780

SUNG RESPONSE  
**"Be still, and know that I am God."  
The Lord of Hosts is with us.**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth  
should change, though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea;**

though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved;  
God will help it at the dawn of the day.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
God's voice resounds, the earth melts.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;  
**the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

Come, behold the works of the Lord,  
who has wrought desolations in the earth;  
**who makes wars cease to the end of the earth,  
breaks the bow, shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire!**

"Be still, and know that I am God.  
I am exalted among the nations,  
I am exalted in the earth!"  
**The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**SUNG RESPONSE**

**Children's Moment**

Evan Gager

**Anthem**

*Joyful Psalm of Praise*  
by Joseph M. Martin

Chancel Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

Pastor Lane

**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**

1 Corinthians 10:13

Pastor Lane

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

**Message**

Pastor Lane

"Myth: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

# **RESPONDING WITH GRACE AND THANKS**

**\*Hymn of Faith**

*I Need Thee Every Hour*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 397, vs. 1, 4, 5

**Prayers of the People**

Pastor Lane

## The Lord's Prayer

### Ministry Moment

The Shepherd's Garden

Renee Rodi

### Prayer

Renee Rodi

**Great Gardner God,  
Just as your creation sends the rain upon the earth and  
the sun to help things grow, you provide for us abundantly.  
Even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away,  
You are faithful.  
Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us,  
so that we may become faithful disciples of yours all our days.  
Amen.**

### 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 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!**

## DEPARTING TO LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

### 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

*O God Our Help In Ages Past*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 117, vs. 1, 2, 6

### \*Blessing and Sending Forth

### \*Postlude

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Tommie Reinhardt and Renee Rodi

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **YOUTH GROUP TODAY! (6th - 12th grades)**

We will be gathering **this afternoon from 3 - 4:30 p.m.** Come join us and meet Evan! Play some games! And, of course, eat some snacks! Oh, yes, bring a friend!

## **Memorial Day Holiday**

The office will be closed tomorrow in celebration of Memorial Day. Office hours will resume on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

## **NEXT SATURDAY! Family Night Potluck and Godspell Performance**

Come kick off the summer with St. John's Family Night on **Saturday, June 4!** We will gather for a Potluck and Performance of Godspell, The Musical. Bring a main dish, side dish, or dessert to share for the potluck dinner starting at 5:45 p.m. Following dinner, the D.A.R.I.N.G. Youth Choir from First UMC, Allen Texas, will present a lively production of "Godspell" starting at 7:00. Invite family and friends!

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

Join us for Pentecost Sunday on June 5th as we begin our worship series, "Finding God in the Flames: Campfire Stories from Scripture." We will kick off the summer by looking at some of the great fire stories of the Bible. From the Holy Spirit descending onto the disciples through tongues of flame, to Moses and the burning bush, join us as we explore the life-giving light of God. **In celebration of Pentecost, everyone is encouraged to wear colors that represent fire to worship on June 5.**

## **NEXT SUNDAY! Summer Sunday School - "Spirited Praise"**

Next Sunday we begin "Spirited Praise" our one room Sunday School for K-5th graders. 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.).

## **Pick Up A Yellow Shopping Bag**

Don't forget to pick up a yellow shopping bag and bring it back next **Sunday, June 5** which is Grocery Bag Sunday! Your generous grocery donations to The Shepherd's Market on the first Sunday of the month help keep down the cost of our buying food to supplement what we have on hand. Anything you can bring is a much needed gift to the pantry - thank you.

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

The Shepherd's Market is asking for volunteers as they will return to client-choice shopping in June. This will mean three day a week shopping and hot meals: Mondays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 - 10 a.m. We are asking for new and returning kitchen and pantry volunteers to help us resume our pre-covid schedule.

## **Our Pictorial Directories Are Here!**

Our pictorial church directories are here! Everyone who had their picture taken or who submitted a picture will receive a complimentary copy of the new directory. You can pick up your directory today in the Narthex or during regular church office hours. If you would like a digital PDF of the pictorial directory, email Lynn Cooper (office@stjohnsbr.org) in the church office. Printed color copies of the pictorial directory are available in the Narthex for \$5 per copy, which includes all the color photos and contact information.

## **Shepherd's Garden**

The Shepherd's Garden needs volunteers to help the garden grow. Volunteers meet on **Wednesdays at 8 a.m.** and work only for one hour. They plant, they water, they weed, and they harvest in order to bring fresh vegetables to The Shepherd's Market food pantry. If you like to work outside, join them on any Wednesday - no need to sign up. For more information contact Renee Rodi at 225-978-1738. Come on out - the fresh air will do you good and you will be fed spiritually while helping to feed others physically.