

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

October 11, 2020

## 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](http://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.*

## Together for Joy

### Prelude

*Shout to the Lord*

Terry Byars

### Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

### Call to Worship

Phil Slicker

Come and worship!  
Everyone on earth,  
whether in-person or in our homes,  
**Let us praise God and sing together for joy.**

Sing to God a new song, for God  
has done marvelous things!  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord!  
The oceans roar and the floods clap their hands!  
The wind sings over the hills!  
**Let us join creation in rejoicing!**

For listening when we call,  
answering our prayers,  
forgiving our mistakes,  
and providing hope in our times of need:  
**We praise God together for joy.**

### Song of Praise

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
**Now thank we all our God,  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills,  
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns  
with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.**

### Affirming Our Faith

Phil Slicker

*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.**

## Together We Grow

### Scripture

Psalm 65

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

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

### Children's Moment

Pastor Deirdré

### 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 art  
our strength and our redeemer. Amen.**

### Sermon

"Opportunities for Joy & Togetherness"

Pastor Lane

### Song of Joy

*Trees of the Field*

## Together We Share

### Stewardship Prayer

Pastor Lane

**Holy God, for you the floods clap,  
for you the hills sing.  
You know my situation better than anyone.**

Take my credits and my debits,  
my ins and my outs,  
my pluses and minuses,  
my surpluses and my deficits,  
and show me how to use them  
to join the great chorus of creation  
singing together for joy. Amen.

#### Offering Our Tithes *and* Gifts to God

*Mountains Are All Aglow*

*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 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!

#### Prayers of the People

Pastor Deirdré

As the prayers are offered, the response will be:

Lord in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.

## *Together In Service We Go*

#### Invitation to Christian Discipleship

#### Hymn of Discipleship

*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.

O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of thy salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound;  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to the truth may we be found.

Benediction

Pastor Lane

Postlude

*Trees of the Field*

***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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