



# Uniquely UMC

OUR CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES

*Sunday, May 12, 2024  
11 a.m. Worship Celebration*

All Are Welcome

When a flight crew hears the “All Call,” they know they’re about to get further instructions and need to be ready to answer the call. In today’s scripture passage, the Apostle Paul gives the “All Call” to the church. As United Methodists, we believe that ministry is the work of all Christians. You represent Christ and God’s love to this world. You are vital to God’s mission and to this body of Christ. Welcome to Worship! Stand by for the “All Call.”

***Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to scan the QR code to register your attendance 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

## GUEST INFORMATION

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, located in the back of the Sanctuary.

Please take home a copy of our Welcome Brochure located in the Narthex or view it online at: [stjohnsbr.org/welcome-brochure](http://stjohnsbr.org/welcome-brochure).

## 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 Prayground** 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 Prayground 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 18 months through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

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# The Celebration of the Gospel

*\*Please stand as you are comfortable.  
**Bold** indicates congregational response.  
Please scan the QR Code to register your attendance.*



## Prelude

*Welcome Song*  
By Toni Sullivan

Music Makers

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

## Introit

*Here I Am, Lord*

## \*Call to Worship

Richard Damberg

We gather as people brought together by grace and bound together in the family of God.

**May God draw us together in love.**

We are part of the people called *United Methodists*, a movement dedicated to prayer, worship, study, and service.

**May we never stop seeking the heartwarming Spirit of God.**

We are part of the people called *United Methodists*, Yes!  
But more than that, we are God's people, connected to every Jesus-follower through the body of Christ.

**May the love of Christ unite us this day and always. Amen.**

## \*Hymn

*We Are Called*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2172, vs. 1 & 2

## \*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

## Children's Message

Gabe Guillory

## Special Music

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
Arranged by Martin Shaw

Music Makers

## Prayer

O God,  
we invite you into our fellowship,  
into our minds, and into our hearts.  
Deepen our questions, guide our answers,  
and let us gather in your name. Amen.

**Scripture**

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-16

For the Word of God in scripture,  
for the Word of God among us,  
for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Witness to the Word**

“The All Call”

Pastor Lane

**\*Hymn**

*A Charge to Keep I Have*  
Written by Charles Wesley, 1762  
The United Methodist Hymnal 413, vs. 1, 2, & 4

**\*Affirming Our Faith**

A Statement of Faith  
of the United Church of Canada  
The United Methodist Hymnal 883

Richard Damberg

**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.**

**Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit**

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer

Pastor Lane

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**  
**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.**  
**Put me to doing, put me to suffering.**

Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

## The Lord's Prayer

## Ministry Moment

Connor Dean

Vacation Bible School

## Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory: *I Go In Your Name*

Words by Charles Wesley; Music by William B. Bradbury  
Chancel Choir

*We appreciate your generosity.*

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

*You may give online by scanning the QR Code  
or navigate to [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!**

## 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

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord*

Written by Charles Wesley, 1749

The United Methodist Hymnal 438, vs 1 & 3

## \*Blessing and Sending Forth

## \*Postlude

# *Worship Notes*

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Cameron Dean Klaser on May 5. Proud grandparents are Jim and Theresa Sandifer; Cameron's parents are Morgan and Matt Klaser.

Ushers for the 11:00 service are Scott Durham and Renee Rodi.

We encourage you to wear red and other fiery colors to worship on **Sunday, May 19** in celebration of Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples like fire!

Call to Worship adapted from prayer by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, March 2024.

Wesleyan Covenant Prayer by John Wesley, first used in worship on August 11, 1755, in London.

## *Connect with Us*

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love. Sign up for text/email notifications by texting the word "Connect" to 225-230-1017.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

We believe that prayer is a powerful way to connect us to one another and to God. If you have a prayer or joy you want lifted up, please email [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org). Pastor Lane and Lynn Cooper, our Administrative Assistant, will receive your request and pass it along to the Prayer Team, unless you request it only be shared with Pastor Lane. A group of dedicated volunteers receive prayer requests weekly and then focus on praying for these requests immediately and throughout the week. Prayer Requests are also included in the Inside St. John's newsletter, sent on Tuesdays. All of the Prayer Team Members are deeply committed to keeping prayer requests confidential as requested.

We are grateful for the individuals on our Prayer Team who commit to pray for the concerns and joys that are shared. Would you like to be a part of this team that commits to praying daily/weekly? Send a request to join the Prayer Team to [prayers@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:prayers@stjohnsbr.org).

# Announcements

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 17 - 21, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

We are seeking willing servants for Vacation Bible School. There are plenty of ways to help out. The best part is – everything is already planned, and all the materials will be provided. We are just asking for your time. If you do not have other commitments during that week or have a flexible work schedule that allows you to volunteer for a day or two, please consider volunteering.

Some slots only require 30 minutes of your time, some require 2 hours, and some require 4 hours. For many of the spots, you can choose if you volunteer for a single day or multiple days. All of that to say, there are many ways to get involved, and we have tried to make this as flexible and volunteer-friendly as possible. **You can visit [stjohnsbr.org/vbs-volunteers](https://stjohnsbr.org/vbs-volunteers) to get more information and sign up.** If you have any questions, please contact Connor ([connordean@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org)).

Children who have completed fifth grade and younger are invited to join us for VBS! You can register online at [stjohnsbr.org/vbs-2024](https://stjohnsbr.org/vbs-2024).

## **LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT ONE-DAY WORKSHOP**

Join with other United Methodist laity in a one-day workshop about Lay Servant Ministries on **May 18 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.** at First United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge. This course is recommended for every person involved in any lay ministry or holding a leadership position. Participants will use scripture and engage in exercises designed to help better understand and employ your gifts, learn about servant leadership and developing future leaders, and discuss spiritual practices to keep you grounded in your faith.

Registration for the course is \$25, which includes lunch and refreshments. Participants are responsible for acquiring course materials, completing the reading, and completing an assignment based on the materials prior to the course date. Natalie Cooper, who is on the leadership team, is happy to assist you in getting prepared. Register online here: <https://www.la-umc.org/lsm>. For more information, please contact Natalie at [natalie@piaoflouisiana.com](mailto:natalie@piaoflouisiana.com).

## **YOUTH AND SENIOR SUNDAY MAY 19**

During our Youth & Senior Sunday worship services on **Sunday, May 19**, we will celebrate and recognize the youth and 2024 graduates. The St. John's youth will lead various parts of each worship service that morning, and we will have a celebratory luncheon for the seniors in the FLC immediately following the 11 AM service. If you would like to help with the luncheon, please contact Connor ([connordean@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org)).

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN PANTRY**

Some of you may not know, but The Shepherd's Market is an all-volunteer mission. During the month of May a lot of our volunteers will be going on vacation and we need your help! If you can help for any length of time on Mondays (3:30 - 5:30 p.m.) or Tuesdays and Thursdays (8 - 10 a.m.), please come by the FLC.

## **YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP - WEEKEND OF THE CROSS**

This summer our Youth will be staying in the Alexandria area for Weekend of the Cross, July 17-20. Youth must be registered, including the \$50 registration fee (St. John's will cover the remaining \$100 participant fee), by May 19. Contact Connor Dean ([connordean@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org)) for more information or if you have any questions.

## **SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers to serve as "table leaders" to help lead each age group within our one-room Sunday School class for our children & youth during the summer. Please carefully review the available slots at [stjohnsbr.org/summer-ss](https://stjohnsbr.org/summer-ss) or contact Connor if you have any issues or questions.

## **CHILDREN'S POOL PARTY**

Our first pool party of the summer will be on **Friday, May 24, 6-8 p.m.** Mark your calendar now! Bring the kids and their friends. Location information will be available soon.

# *This Week at St. John's*

## **Sunday, May 12**

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC\*
- 9:30 a.m. Upstairs Cafe, Rm 202
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Bells Practice, Bells Room

## **Monday, May 13**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Founders' Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
- 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies' Covenant Group, Founders' Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Tuesday, May 14**

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry, FLC
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Wednesday, May 15**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Ladies' AA Meeting, FLC-C

## **Thursday, May 16**

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client-Choice Food Pantry, FLC

## **Friday, May 17**

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Founders' Parlor
- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

## **Saturday, May 18**

- 8:30 a.m. Lay Leadership Training, First UMC, Baton Rouge
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

\*Family Life Center



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