



Sunday, July 16, 2023

11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Today we focus on what are probably the most familiar words from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount – the ones we know as The Lord's Prayer. As we enter into worship, may we open ourselves up to the way the Spirit of God will use these words to reveal something new and something fresh to us this day.

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the bulletin) 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. If you are feeling cold, shawls are available in a basket in front of the media desk in the back of the sanctuary. 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 18 months through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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WELCOME to the CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

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



CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

***Call to Worship**

Pat Cobb

Holy God, as we gather today,
we lift up who you are and what you represent,

hallowed be your name.

We seek your ways, and not our own.

Your Kingdom come; your will be done.

We say sorry to you and one another.

Forgive us and teach us to forgive.

As we gather today, we know we need you.

**Lead us away from temptation and
deliver us from evil.**

As we worship today, we pray and praise your name.

Glory forever! Amen.

***Hymns of Praise**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (2x)

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2193

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

The United Methodist Hymnal 334

***Responsive Lord's Prayer**

Pat Cobb

O God, through Jesus' sacrifice
you have restored us as your forgiven children.

In his name we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Help us to know you through your inspired Word
and to live by it as children in your family.

Hallowed be thy name.

Give us your Holy Spirit to rule in our hearts,
and use us to extend your kingdom of grace to others.

Thy kingdom come.

Make us zealous to carry out your will as gladly as the angels do,
and to conform our will to yours.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Merciful Lord, since you are the provider
of all things necessary for our bodies; fill us with trust.

Give us this day our daily bread.

Continue to erase our sins,
and help us gladly to forgive
and to do good to those who wrong us.

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

We know that evil seeks to destroy our lives.
Guard us from the challenges created by sins the sins of others
and sins of our own.

**And lead us not into temptation.
Deliver us from evil.**

Keep us safe and may the Holy Spirit preserve our faith in Christ,
who leads to life everlasting.

For all these petitions, we look to you, our Creator, Redeemer
and Sustainer.

For thine is the kingdom,

You alone hold the power to grant our requests.
and the power,

We worship you, from whom all blessings flow.
and the glory forever and ever.

We pray with confidence:
Amen. It shall be so.

***Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ**

LISTENING TO JESUS

Children's Moment

Connor Dean

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Lane

Holy God,

**Jesus taught us to pray to you with openness,
expectation, and love.**

**Lead us by your Spirit always to trust your
faithfulness to us.**

**As we worship you and study your Word,
may we grow in hope and peace.**

**Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you.
We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

*Scripture Reading

Pastor Lane

Matthew 6:9-15

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.

The Message

Pastor Lane

“Pray in This Way”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn of Faith

Sweet Hour of Prayer
The United Methodist Hymnal 496, vs. 1 & 3

Prayer Time

Pastor Lane

Lord...

**We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word, that
challenges us to do more than sing and pray, but go out and
work as though the very answer to our prayers depended on
us and not upon you.**

**Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine like the
stars and live on through all eternity.**

Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.

**Help us to walk together,
pray together,**

**sing together,
and live together**

**until that day when all God’s children will rejoice in one
common band of humanity
in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray.**

In the time of silence, lift your heart and prayers to God.

The Lord’s Prayer

Ministry Moment

Beth Forester & Sandra Kuykendall

Opening Doors Non-profit
School Supplies Drive

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 by scanning the QR Code
or navigate to 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!

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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**

'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus
The United Methodist Hymnal 462, vs. 1 & 3

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*The end of worship.
The beginning of service.*

WORSHIP NOTES

USHERS

Ushers for today's service are Richard and Marilyn Damberg.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are in honor of members of the Opening Doors Board and those who lead the programs - FIT, The Shepherd's Market and Gardere Projects. Their tireless commitment to Opening Doors is sincerely appreciated.

PRAYER TIME

The prayer recited during Prayer Time is adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Worship

OUR CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES - "SUMMER ON THE MOUNT"

We are spending our, "Summer on the Mount," through our worship series based on Matthew 5-7. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us a sort of theological pep talk, not only to help us feel better about life, but to offer practical ways to help us live as God would have us live, that we might then help create the world as God envisions it. Join us as we spend the summer with Jesus' most famous sermon.

Servanthood

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Opening Doors is collecting school supplies for 3 schools in our area: Charlie Thomas Memorial Head Start Center, Gardere Community Christian School, and Wildwood Elementary School. There will be blue tubs in the Narthex and the hallway of the Education/Admin Building Sunday, July 16 through Sunday, August 6. A list of suggested supplies is available in the Narthex or in the Friday newsletter.

FAMILY CAMP THANK YOU

Thank you for all your support of Family Camp. We had a tremendous time learning, growing, and playing together around the theme "Every Living Thing." We could not have done it without your prayers, donations, and time.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH YOUTH & CHILDREN SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each summer, we give our regular and reliable youth and children Sunday School leaders a chance to relax by giving them the summer off. We need your help. In June and July our youth and children Sunday School classes are meeting in the Family Life Center for a combined Sunday School experience. Connor is leading each week's lesson and provides oversight. She is seeking helpers to guide the activities that accompany each lesson for each of the three age groups. All materials are provided.

Please consider the opportunity to create and strengthen intergenerational connections within our church family by volunteering for at least one Sunday in June or July. If you are willing to serve contact Connor Dean at connordean@stjohnsbr.org.

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

CHURCH-WIDE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

All of our adult Sunday School classes are combining for a study on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" and you are invited, too! You do not need to be a part of a regular Sunday School class to participate. We understand that summers are busy, so come when you can. There is no homework or prep work.

Each week will be led by a different facilitator. Natalie Cooper will lead us today and Rev. Bernie Johnson will facilitate next week. We are recording the sessions so if you happen to miss the class, you can watch it online. We will send a link to each week's session through the *Inside St. John's* newsletter.

Join us on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 9:55-10:45 a.m. as the study continues.

COFFEE TIME UPDATE

Special thanks go to those who have answered the call! So far, we have enjoyed Sunday Coffee Time with delicious snacks! Continuing through the summer up through September we will need individuals or classes to sign up. So far the schedule looks like this:

- **July 23 and 30 are open.**
- August - Thanks Genesis class!
- **All Sundays in September are open.**

We have changed the signup format so that you can sign up as an individual or a family and still just bring a couple of things. You don't have to be in Sunday School class to sign up. Members of the congregation can sign up! The Chancel Choir can sign up! The Alleluia Ringers can sign up! Covenant Groups can sign up! Anyone can offer to bring something. To sign up you can go to <https://tinyurl.com/CoffeeTimeSignup> or use the QR code shown at right.



Children & Youth Ministries

BIBLE PRESENTATION

In honor of those heading back to school, on Sunday, August 6, students going into Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th and 9th grades will be presented Bibles. If your student is moving up into one of those grades, please email Connor Dean (connordean@stjohnsbr.org) by July 30 so we can have an age-appropriate Bible ready.

YOUTH & CHILDREN SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday in June and July, our children in Kindergarten - 12th grade, have a wonderful opportunity to meet together in a one-room Sunday school for Bible study, singing, activities, and snacks, led by Connor Dean. We will meet in the FLC from 10 - 10:45 a.m. Come early to enjoy some fellowship at Coffee Time. We do hope you will bring your children and youth to this experience.

Summer Tour '23: Wednesdays in June and July, 6 - 8 p.m. Our collaborative youth ministry program is in full swing. Each week a different United Methodist Church will host youth from the Baton Rouge area. Next week St. John's Youth will be joining other Baton Rouge area Youth Groups near the USS Kidd on July 19, 6 - 8 p.m.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Summer Fellowship for Children & Families: Our next gathering will be a pool party on **July 20 at the home of John and Pam Toney from 5 - 7 p.m.**

- The main dish and drinks will be provided.
- Students with last names starting with A-H, please bring a salty snack to share.
- Students with last names starting with I-Z, please bring a sweet snack to share.
- Don't forget to bring a towel!

Family Movie Night

Bring the whole family to watch a movie with us in the FLC on **Thursday, August 3 at 5:00 p.m.** We will provide popcorn and drinks. You are welcome to bring your favorite movie snacks with you!

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, July 16

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC*
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, FLC
- 9:55 a.m. Sermon on the Mount, Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E
- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Good Grief, St. John's!, George's
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, July 19

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Summer Tour, USS Kidd
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting, FLC-E

Thursday, July 20

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library
- 5:00 p.m. Children's Pool Party, the Toney's

Friday, July 21

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

Saturday, July 22

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center