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KINDNESS.

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patience.

Colossians 3:12

Sunday, January 22, 2022

11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:10-13

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

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

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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GATHERING

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Introit

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Call to Worship

Kristine Isenhower

God of love and light, we are living in a tumultuous time.
All around us we witness hurt and distress and bald need.
We covet your divine guidance.

Rain down on us, God of justice, with your insight.

Our neighbors are hungry, precious children are neglected,
families are suffering, the world is torn by war.

Shine down on us, God of mercy, with your healing grace.

Our prayer to you this day is for compassionate discernment.
Help us, enable us, empower us to meet the needs of those who suffer.

Breathe down on us, God of grace, with your loving spirit.

**Refresh our senses, revive our passion, renew our commitment
to our neighbors, near and far. Amen.**

written by Betty Schroeder

*Hymn of Praise

The Servant Song

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2222, vs. 1, 2, 4, & 6

*Affirming Our Faith

Kristine Isenhower

The Apostles' Creed

The United Methodist Hymnal 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he arose from the dead;**

**he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;**

**from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. 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.

LISTENING

Children's Moment

Pam Toney

UWF Special Mission Recognition

Pat Cobb, Beth Forester

Each year the UWF recognizes members of St. John's who exemplify our motto of "Compassionate Commitment" with a Special Mission Recognition which honors the recipient with a monetary gift to mission in her name.

UWF Purpose and Highlights

Joyce Robinson, Beth Forester

To be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

Introduction of Guest Preacher

Joyce Robinson

Anthem

Chancel Choir

Be Kind to One Another
lyrics by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette
music by Samuel S. Wesley

Prayer for Illumination

Kathleen Adams

**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

Kathleen Adams

Colossians 3:10-13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Sandra Jones

"Compassionate Commitment:
Explore, Experience, Engage"

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Faith

Here I Am, Lord
The United Methodist Hymnal 593, vs. 1 - 3

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Joyce Perry, prayer

Loving God of all peoples, we humbly offer ourselves to you through caring service. Grant us wisdom to discern appropriate priorities, energy and enthusiasm to pursue our compassionate goals, and loving hearts to offer to all your children. Bless these gifts we offer now toward the mission and ministry of your church. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

by Betty Schroeder

Chancel Choir Anthem
Be Thou My Vision
Arranged by Carlton Young

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

*Doxology

The United Methodist Hymnal 94

DEPARTING TO SERVE

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

Take My Life, and Let It Be
The United Methodist Hymnal 399, vs. 1 - 3

*Benediction

Beth Forester

Gracious God,
Our hearts are filled with gratitude for Your grace and compassion.
Send us out to show compassion for our neighbors and those in need.

Send us out to work for what is right and to forgive as You forgive.
**Send us out to be Your kindness,
with humility and gentleness, and Your patience,
as we bear with one another in love.**

Siblings in Christ, put on the new self,
and clothed in Christ, go in peace.
**Renewed by the Spirit, may we have courage to explore,
experience, and engage in compassionate commitment, and
so find greater kinship with the Lord, who is our guide and
our path, now and forever. Amen.**

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to all members of United Women in Faith and the predecessor organizations.

Worship Stewards

Greeters for today's service are Kathleen Adams and Diane Roark, ushers are Tommie Reinhardt and Marie Varnes.

Bulletin Cover

The cover for this Sunday's Bulletin was designed by Grace Idikwu.



United
Women
in Faith

2023 Officers

Beth Forester - President
Joyce Robinson - Vice President
Liz McDonald - Secretary
Marie Varnes - Treasurer
Kathleen Adams - Immediate Past President
Diane Roark - Ruth Circle Leader
Lenni Stickles - Mary Martha Circle Leader

St. John's has two "circles" of United Methodist Women and these groups gather monthly in the church parlor. The Ruth Circle meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. The Mary Martha Circle meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Our mission is to support local, state, national, and world-wide projects with women and children as our focus. We are always looking for women to join our efforts by contributing your time, talents, and financial support.

You may join one of the Circles or be a Friend of the UMW if attending meetings does not work into your schedule at this time.

Important Dates This Spring

February 18, 25, March 4

Days for Girls Mission
Work Days
9 a.m. in the FLC

March 19, September 17

General Meeting
3 p.m. in the Parlor

April 2

Easter Craft & Bake Sale
8 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. in the FLC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCIPLE FAST TRACK NEW TESTAMENT

Disciple Fast Track will begin **Monday, January 23 from 6 - 7:15 p.m.** in the Library. This 12-week study covers the entire New Testament. The class will be facilitated by Guy Johnson, Rhonda Tucker, and Danielle Blackwood. You may register with the form in the Narthex or online at stjohnsbr.org/disciple-jan-23. Student books cost \$18; there are scholarships available.

PLEASE NOTE: participants should pick up their student book from the church office prior to the first session in order to be ready to discuss the first lesson.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The Finance Committee will hold its first meeting of 2023 on **Thursday, January 26 at 6 p.m.** in the Library.

The Church Council will hold its first meeting of 2023 on **Tuesday, January 31 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library.

NEW WORSHIP SERIES, JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 19

Our lives are made up of a string of ordinary moments, and sometimes the ordinary begins to feel mundane or monotonous. But in these ordinary moments we can find God. In fact, each is a gift from God, an opportunity to be formed in God's grace and love. In our series "**Holy in the Everyday**" we will explore ordinary tasks like checking our email, eating leftovers, texting a friend, and drinking coffee to help us remember that we can meet God in every moment.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 22

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, *Sanctuary*
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
- 9:30 a.m. United Women in Faith Reception, *FLC*
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, *Campus Wide*
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, *Sanctuary*
- 3:00 p.m. Youth Group, *Youth Room*
- 4:30 p.m. Music Makers, *Choir Room*
- 6:00 p.m. Alleluia Ringers, *Bells' Room*

Monday, January 23

- 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*
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, *Parlor*
- 6:00 p.m. Disciple Fast Track, *Library*
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Tuesday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-E*

Wednesday, January 25

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, *FLC*
- 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir, *Choir Room*

Thursday, January 26

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, *FLC*
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee, *Library*

Friday, January 27

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, *Parlor*
- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, *FLC*
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, *FLC*

Saturday, January 28

- 8:30 a.m. Watercolor Class, *FLC-E*
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC-C*
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, *FLC*