



Sunday, July 2, 2023

11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Today we are continuing our worship series about Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, tackling what are often called the "extensions," which is a series of Jesus' instructions in which he takes foundational teachings from the Torah and extends them, giving his disciples - both then and now - practical ways to live them out. The extensions invite us to challenge our assumptions and to step more fully into living as Jesus would have us live.

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. 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**

Bill Perry

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.
**The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

Come, let us love one another with the love of God.
Let us worship and follow Jesus.

***Hymn of Praise**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The United Methodist Hymnal 139, vs. 1, 2, & 5

LISTENING TO JESUS

Children's Moment

Pastor Lane

Prayer for Illumination

Most Holy God,
**At Mount Sinai you graciously entrusted your chosen
people, Israel, with the gift of your law;
and on a hill in Galilee, your Son reaffirmed its gravity and
its goodness.**

**As we worship today, may your Spirit once again write your
law on our hearts that we may live more faithfully as the
holy community you call us to be.**

Amen.

Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:17-48

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

“But I say to you...”

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Hymn of Faith

This Is My Song

The United Methodist Hymnal 437, vs. 1 & 3

Ministry Moment

Report about the Louisiana United Methodist
Annual Conference

Pat Cobb

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory

Ev'ry Time I Feel De Spirit

by Harry T. Burleigh

Steven Rushing, Baritone; Henry Jones, Piano

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*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!

*The Great Thanksgiving

A Service of Word and Table III

The United Methodist Hymnal 15

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The congregation is seated and the institution
of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction" with only the pastor and servers touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice.

A gluten-free option is also available.

You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

If you are a person with limited mobility, please let the usher know and someone will bring communion to you.

Closing Prayer

Connor Dean

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.**

Amen.

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**

Open My Eyes, That I May See

The United Methodist Hymnal 454, vs. 1 - 3

During the singing of the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Postlude**

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

WORSHIP NOTES

GUEST ACCOMPANIST

Today we welcome Henry Jones as our guest accompanist. Dr. Terry Byars returns next Sunday.

USHERS for today's service are Richard Damberg and Dianne Stillely.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Lynn Cooper in memory of her husband, Paul, on this day, their wedding anniversary.

The rose on the altar is in celebration of the birth of Magnolia Corinne Adams on June 9, daughter of Betsy and Brandon Adams and baby sister of Maxwell.

CLOSING PRAYER

Our closing prayer 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.

FLOWER CHART

Our Flower Chart has some Sundays that just might be the date you want to remember or honor a person or group. Call the office or stop by the bulletin board in the hallway of the Education/Admin Building and add your name to the chart on the date you select. Open dates are:

- September 3, 10, and 24
- October 8, 15, 22, and 29
- November 26
- December 3 and 31

CHANCEL CHOIR AND ALLELUIA BELLS

Our Chancel Choir and Alleluia Bells are taking some summer time off. They will be off for the month of July with rehearsals resuming in August.

CHURCH OFFICE

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5 at 9 a.m.

Servanthood

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.

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET FOOD PANTRY

Today is Grocery Bag Sunday. Thanks to St. John's UMC for all you do for The Shepherd's Market. The food pantry will be closed on Monday and Tuesday in observance of the 4th of July.

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. Dr. Steve Rushing will lead us today and Clara Maynard 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 2 - Thanks Seekers class!
- **July 9, 16, 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.



PRIME TIMERS SECOND SATURDAY BREAKFAST

It's time for the Prime Timers Second Saturday Dutch-Treat Buffet Breakfast. Join this stalwart group that meets at 8:30 a.m. at the Drury Inn & Suites, 7939 Essen Park Ave. The cost is still \$8.99 for a good breakfast and the good conversation is still free!

Children & Youth Ministries

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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES (6TH - 12TH GRADES)

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. Our Youth's next stop on the Summer Tour '23 will be on **Wednesday, July 12**, at First UMC in Denham Springs.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Camp - A VBS Alternative: This summer, we will be hosting an event called "Family Camp." It will take place Thursday - Saturday, July 13 - 15. We will meet in the evenings on Thursday & Friday (July 13 & 14) from 6 - 7:30 p.m. and in the morning on Saturday (July 15) from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. We will gather in the Family Life Center each day for food, games, worship, Bible study, and other activities.

There is no cost to attend, but we do ask that you register so we can ensure we have adequate supplies and food. This is an event for the entire family. We'd love for you to participate in all three sessions, but we understand if you cannot. Don't let that stop you from participating in some of Family Camp. For more information, please contact Connor Dean at connordean@stjohnsbr.org. Registration forms are in the Narthex and there is a link included in the newsletters.

Summer Fellowship for Children & Families: Every other Thursday in June and July, there will be opportunities for fellowship and fun activities.

- **July 6 Ice Cream Social & Sock Hop in St. John's FLC, 5 - 7 p.m.** Everyone bring your favorite ice cream topping and come dressed in '50s- & '60s-inspired clothes. Fun socks are strongly encouraged, too! Invite your friends and neighbors!
- July 20 there will be Children's Ministry Pool Party at the Toneys, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Plus, we will have a Family Movie Night on August 3 at 5 p.m.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, July 2

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

- 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 3

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED

- 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
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, July 4

THE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, July 5

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

Thursday, July 6

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social and Sock Hop, FLC

Friday, July 7

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

Saturday, July 8

- 8:30 a.m. Prime Timers Breakfast, Drury Inn
- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center