

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

November 15, 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 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Call to Worship

Barbara Benton

Come! Share the joy of the Lord!

Delight in God's goodness!

Praise God, who gives each of us a special gift to be nurtured and shared.

We celebrate and give thanks for these gifts with holy boldness!

Come, let us worship God, who entrusts us with so much.

Lord, make us worthy of your love and trust in us. Amen.

Hymns of Praise

Seek Ye First

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Walk With Me

REFRAIN (2x)

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Listening

Children's Moment

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton,
Barbara Benton

Scripture Reading

Pastor Lane

Matthew 25:14-30

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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 are our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Sermon

"Holy Boldness"

Pastor Lane

Responding

Hymn of Faith

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

**Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating
to your purpose every gift that you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving
your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know, and live.**

Stewardship Witness

Rhonda Tucker

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*We appreciate your generosity.
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.*

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<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

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.

Departing to Serve

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Discipleship

Living for Jesus

Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please him in all that I do,
yielding allegiance, glad-hearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

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O Jesus, Lord and Savior, I give myself to thee;
for thou, in thy atonement, didst give thyself for me;
I own no other master, my heart shall be thy throne,
my life I give, henceforth to live,
O Christ, for thee alone.

Living for Jesus who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,
such love constrains me to answer his call,
follow his leading and give him my all.

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Living for Jesus wherever I am,
doing each duty in his holy name,
willing to suffer affliction or loss,
deeming each trial a part of my cross.

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Living for Jesus through earth's little while,
my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,
seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,
bringing the weary to find rest in him.

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Blessing and Sending Forth

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*The flowers on the altar are given by
Pastor Deirdré Halliburton in celebration of
André Halliburton's birthday.*

*We thank all our worship stewards, musicians,
tech team, ushers, and hosts for assisting in today's service.*

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