

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

May 17, 2020

Welcome to All



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.*

Thank you for joining us! Please register your attendance at:

<https://www.stjohnsbr.org/attendance>

## Spending Time Together

Prelude

Terry Byars

Words of Grace and Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

In the Bible, the early church was described in this way:

*"Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people."*

*(Acts 2: 46-47a)*

Centering Our Hearts as One

*We invite you to place your hand on your heart. Feel your breath and the beat of your heart as we pray.*

Hear this assurance from God:

*(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)*

**Be still, O heart, you're not alone,  
your beat is shared with me.  
Come now, and calm, and center here,  
you're mine, secure and free.**

*Let us pick up our heart stone, sometimes called a "worry stone," and let our touch on its surface remind us that God's touch is within us, between us, and around us.*

We offer a prayer song of letting go.

Sing along, if you're comfortable:

*(sung to the tune of Amazing Grace)*

**Into your care, we offer now,  
our worries, fears and strife.  
We turn to you and know you're near—  
Your light, our love and life.**

*Let's light our candles now  
and set our heart worry stones next to it.*

Call to Worship

We know Jesus is present among us... [repeat]  
even in this very home... [repeat]

We will not let fear be louder than love... [repeat]  
but with glad hearts and rejoicing souls... [repeat]  
we will sing God's praise... [repeat]  
for we are Easter People...! [repeat]  
Alleluia! Amen. [repeat]

Hymns of Praise

*There's a Song*

**There's a song of love in my heart;  
love is a gift from Jesus.**

**There's a song of love in my heart;  
love is a gift from God.**

**Alleluia! Love in my heart is singing praises.  
Alleluia! Love is a gift from God.**

**There's a song hope in my heart;  
hope is a gift from Jesus.  
There's a song of hope in my heart;  
hope is a gift from God.  
Alleluia! Hope in my heart is singing praises.  
Alleluia! Hope is a gift from God.**

*Cry of My Heart*

**Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,  
so I can walk in your truth.  
Teach me your holy ways, O Lord,  
and make me wholly devoted to you.**

**It is the cry of my heart to follow you.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow  
all of the days of my life.**

## Breaking Open the Word

A Reading from the Epistles

1 Peter 3:13-16a

Pastor Lane

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Visual Gospel

*The Advocate*

A Reading from the Gospels

John 14:6-7, 15-21

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

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 art  
our strength and our redeemer. Amen.**

The Message

"Kept in Our Hearts"

Pastor Deirdré

## Breaking Open our Hearts and Lives

Hymn of Faith

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy*

**Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
full of pity, love, and power.**

REFRAIN:

I will arise and go to Jesus;  
he will embrace me with his arms;  
in the arms of my dear Savior,  
O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
true belief and true repentance,  
every grace that brings you nigh.

REFRAIN

Let not conscience make you linger,  
nor of fitness fondly dream;  
all the fitness he requireth  
is to feel your need of him.

REFRAIN

Sharing in Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

## *Praising God!*

Visual Prayer of Praise

*Praise Song for the Pandemic*

Prayer of Dedication

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*The Prayer*

*We appreciate your generosity.*

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

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Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**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!**

## *Practicing Goodwill*

Faith in Action

*From children to octogenarians this is a time for everyone to  
put their faith into action.*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Discipleship

*I Love to Tell the Story*

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.**

REFRAIN:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

REFRAIN

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

REFRAIN

Benediction

*based on Psalm 16*

Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

*Today's worship stewards are:*

*Carrie Poynot, Terry Byars,  
Barbara Benton, Lynn and Natalie Cooper,  
Richard and Marilyn Damberg, Carrie, Andre', and  
Ana de la Fuente, Darlene and Devin Dickson,  
Zach, Kristine, and Walter Isenhower, Paul Ivey,  
Troy Prevot, John Toney, Mari Walker, and our pastors.*

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