

The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

November 22, 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

Margaret Sprunger

We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called Faith:
**where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water,
and we are fed spiritually and physically.**

We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called Grace:
**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope,
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost
prodigal, and we are cradled in God's peace.**

We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called Love:
**where we are entrusted to care for each other
and called to service and love in the world.
We come, glorifying God. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Open My Eyes, That I May See
**Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.**
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

**Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.**
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayer

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

**Heavenly Savior,
Open my eyes to see as you see and
weep as you weep.
Open my heart to love the broken
and care for those without hope.
Open my hands to hold what I have lightly
and to share cheerfully.
Open my mouth to speak for the voiceless
and to shout for justice.
Open my ears to the gentle whispers of your
Spirit and to obey what you say.
Open up my life to the call of your voice
and the cries of those in need. Amen.**

Prayer Response Song

Open My Eyes, That I May See
**Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.**
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Listening

Children's Moment

Pastor Lane, Natalie Cooper

Scripture Reading

Pastor Deirdré

Matthew 25:31-46

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

"Entrusted to Love and Live"

Pastor Deirdré

Responding

Hymn of Faith

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning
**As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.**
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.
**We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.**
By our gentle, loving actions
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit
we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud is the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

Prayers of the People

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.

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

*The Lord's Prayer
Carrie Poynot, Terry Byars*

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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!

Departing to Serve

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Discipleship

*Now Thank We All Our God
Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.*

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Pastor Lane

Blessing and Sending Forth

Pastor Deirdré

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*We thank all our worship stewards, musicians,
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