The CELEBRATION *of the* GOSPEL

August 2, 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.

Threadbare before God

Prelude — Terry Byars

Words *of* Welcome — Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Call *to* Worship — Pastor Lane

When you dream, what do you dream of?
We dream of children who know love and churches with open doors.
We dream of rest and sunny days.
When you dream, what do you dream of?
We dream of peace without walls, and equality for all people.
When you dream, what do you dream of?
We dream of milk and honey, food on tables, and an end to suffering.
We dream of the Church of Jesus Christ serving all God's people.
Family of God, this morning, we dream together.
This morning, we worship together, for there is nothing on heaven or on earth strong enough to unravel God's dreams for us.
Let us worship our Holy God.
Amen.

Hymns *of* Praise

Lead Me, Guide Me

Lead me, guide me, along, the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
no turning back, no turning back.

Woven by the Word

Prayer *for* Illumination — Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

God of unending surprises,
this life is a tapestry of moments woven together, and we long to be weavers of love.
Today we gather and pray that you would unravel our bias.
Unravel our assumptions.
Unravel whatever it is that keeps us from you.
And as you do, clear space in our hearts for your Word.
We are listening. We are praying. Amen.

Scripture Reading — Pastor Deirdré

Genesis 22:1-14

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Pastor Deirdré

"Unraveled Journey"

Hemming Our Lives to God

Prayer *of* Confession — Pastor Deirdré

Gracious God,
We do not know the plans you have for us.
We do not know, so we place our children into "good schools."
We set aside money for days to come.
We keep our fingers crossed and try to control the world around us.
Having faith in the midst of uncertainty has never been easy for us.
Forgive us for the moments when we refuse to trust you.
Strengthen us so that when life unravels, we are strong enough to turn to you.
This is our prayer of faith.
Amen.

Words *of* Assurance *and* Pardon

God is slow to anger and full of compassion.
He forgives all who humbly repent and trust in his Son as Savior and Lord.
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

Prayer Response

Halle, Halle,Halleluja

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halle, Halle, Halleluja !
Halle, Halle, Halleluja!
Halleluja! Halleluja!

Offering Our Tithes *and* Gifts *to* God

We appreciate your generosity.
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.
You may give online here:
http://www.stjohnsbr.org/give

The Great Thanksgiving

We are experiencing Holy Communion in a new way today. We have prepared individual Communion elements, which will be consecrated during worship. If you would like to partake in the sacrament of Holy Communion, we invite you to pick up a Communion Kit after the service today, during our Drive-By Offering, anytime from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Prayer of Consecration

During the Epiclesis, which is the prayer asking the Holy Spirit upon us and upon the communion elements, the individual Communion Kits will be consecrated.

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking *of the* **Bread** *and* **Pouring of** *the* **Cup**

Communion Hymn

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Bound by the Trinity for Service

Invitation *to* **Christian Discipleship** *and*
Back *to* **School Blessing**

Each time Haleigh says a line of the blessing, we invite you to respond with "We thank God for the gift of learning."

Hymn *of* **Discipleship**

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let his praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my Savior;
standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Benediction Pastor Deirdré

May God the Father
prepare your journey,
Jesus the Son
guide your footsteps,
The Spirit of Life
strengthen your body,
The Three in One
watch over you,
on every road
that you may follow.
Go in peace. **Amen.**

Postlude Terry Byars

Thank you for worshipping with us!

Today's worship stewards:
Carrie Poynot, Terry Byars,
Bryan Adams, Natalie Cooper, Heath Remedies,
Haleigh Schwartz, John Toney, Mari Walker,
and St. John's Pastors:
Rev. Lane Cotton Winn, Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

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