

# The CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

June 7, 2020

*Welcome to All*

*Thank you for joining us!*



**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 in Relationship*

Prelude Terry Byars

Pastoral Reflection About Racial Justice Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Words of Grace and Welcome Pastor Lane

### Call to Worship

Here in this place, there are no foreigners,  
**for all are welcome in God's house.**

Here in this worship, there is only acceptance,  
**for love is the language of faith.**

Here in our lives, there are no divisions,  
**for God dwells in each of us.**

Come, let us worship in unity and love.

### Hymn of Praise

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning**

**our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,**

**casting down their golden crowns**

**around the glassy sea;**

**cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,**

**through the eye of sinful man**

**thy glory may not see,**

**only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

**All thy works shall praise thy name,  
in earth and sky and sea.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

## *Sharing the Word*

Psalter Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

*Psalms 8*

SUNG RESPONSE

**Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation.**

O Lord, our Lord,  
**How majestic is your name in all the earth!**

Your glory is chanted above the heavens  
By the mouth of babes and infants:  
**You have set up a defense against your foes,  
To still the enemy and the avenger.**

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When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars  
which you have established;**

what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
**and mortals that you care for them?**

Yet you have made them little less than God,  
**and crowned them with glory and honor.**

You have given them dominion over the works  
of your hands;

**you have put all things under their feet,**

all sheep and oxen,

**and also the beasts of the field,**

the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,

**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

O Lord, our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

SUNG RESPONSE

Children's Moment

Rev. Ash Welch

Hymn

*My Tribute*

**To God be the glory, to God be the glory,  
to God be the glory for the things he has done.  
With his blood he has saved me;  
with his power he has raised me;  
to God be the glory for the things he has done.**

Scripture Reading

*Ruth 1:16-17*

Sermon

*"Love in the Time of Corona"*

*A dialogue sermon by Rev. Peg Welch  
and Deaconess Saroj Welch)*

## *Responding With Love*

Hymn of Faith

*Would I Have Answered When You Called*  
**Would I have answered when you called,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"?  
Would I at once have left behind  
both work and family?**

Or would the old, familiar round  
have held me by its claim  
and kept the spark within my heart  
from bursting into flame?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart  
through all its tangled ways,  
nor can I with a certain mind  
my steadfastness appraise.  
I only pray that when you call,  
"Come, follow, follow me!"  
you'll give me strength beyond my own  
to follow faithfully.

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Peg Welch

The Lord's Prayer

Offering Our Tithes *and Gifts to God*

*O Perfect Love*

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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!

## *DePARTing to Serve*

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

Hymn of Discipleship

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:  
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Benediction

*based on 2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

*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](http://www.stjohnsbr.org/guest)  
so we can be in touch with you this week.*

*Today's worship stewards:  
Carrie Poynot, Terry Byars,  
Betty Schroeder, John Toney, and Mari Walker*

*Our worship guests:  
Rev. Ash Welch, Rev. Peg Welch, Saroj Welch*

*St. John's Pastors:  
Rev. Lane Cotton Winn, Rev. Deirdre Halliburton,*

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