



Sunday, April 10, 2022

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

Luke 19:37-38

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the pew) so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.

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WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION

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.

OUR VISION

Our church will be known as a center for feeding people spiritually and physically in our community.

OUR CORE VALUES

We believe the following guiding principles make us a fruitful and spiritually intentional church:

- Fellowship: A sense of family, hospitality, and belonging to an open, accepting, and nurturing community.
- Caring: Loving response to needs of all people through empathy and compassion.
- Mission: giving of ourselves to meet and serve the needs of all others by faithful witness through our actions, servanthood and way of living.
- Spiritual Growth: Studying, understanding and growing in the word of God by Christ-centered prayer, worship and service through discipleship in action.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We fully welcome and love engaging children in worship! We include a special Children's Moment each Sunday.

- **The St. John's Prayground** is located in the front of the sanctuary. This is a place for children and their families to worship together, allowing children to more fully participate in the service. More details about the Prayground may be found on our website.
- A staffed **nursery** for infants through preschool is open every Sunday morning and is located next door in our Education/Administration building.
- **Changing tables** are located in the restrooms in the back of the sanctuary and our nursery.
- Children are welcome to receive **Holy Communion**, which is served weekly at 8:30 a.m. and on the first Sunday of the month at 11 a.m. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free elements are also available.
- **Sunday School** is offered for children starting at age 3 through 12th grade from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Any questions? Ushers are glad to assist you.

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JOURNEYING INWARD

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Palm Processional

*Everyone is invited to join in the Processional.
The children will lead us. If you wish, please join the procession
as it passes your pew.*

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

The United Methodist Hymnal 278, vs. 1, 2, 3

Christ For the World We Sing

The United Methodist Hymnal 568, vs. 1, 3, 4

*Call to Worship

Julian Hartman

The journey has been long and sometimes very difficult.

**During this Lenten journey we have seen miracles
and mysteries.**

Now the Lord comes to us in victory.

Jesus rides into Jerusalem and into our hearts.

Blessed is the One who comes in the Lord's Name!

Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

*Song of Response

Shine, Jesus, Shine

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2173, Refrain only

REFLECTIONS ALONG THE WAY

Children's Moment

Jennifer Curry Csaszar

Prayer for Illumination

Betty Schroeder

Your word, O Lord, is a light in this journey of faith.

Open our eyes that we may see your way.

Open our ears, that we may hear your truth.

Open our hearts that we may know your presence.

In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

*Scripture

Luke 19:28-40

Betty Schroeder

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PATH TO HONESTY AND GRATITUDE

***Hymn of Faith**

Pass It On

The United Methodist Hymnal 572, vs. 1, 3

***Call to Confession**

Pastor Lane

In the season of Lent, as we prepare to receive the Easter gift of resurrection, we are invited on a journey. We are invited to walk a path of introspection and reflection, acknowledging both the shadows and light of our lives. Trusting in the grace of God, and before one another, let us admit the shadows and light, first in silent prayer.

***Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lane

**Holy Christ,
this is the week we
cheer you on a Sunday,
fail you on a Thursday,
betray you on a Friday, and
creep away on a Saturday.**

**Yet this is the week you
ride into danger for us,
establish a new covenant of grace for us,
pray for us, and
die for us.**

**As we walk through your redemption story this week,
send your spirit on us, so that we may know
how we have failed, but also know how much more
we are forgiven.**

**In the name of the One who stopped at nothing
to save us from sin, we offer our prayers. Amen.**

***Words of Grace and Forgiveness**

Pastor Lane

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

***Passing on Christ’s Peace**

*Please share a joyful sign of Christ’s peace
with those near you or near to your heart.*

Crown Him With Many Crowns

We appreciate your generosity.

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

You may give online at stjohnsbr.org/give.

***Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

COMMUNING WITH GOD

***The Great Thanksgiving**

A Service of Word and Table III

The United Methodist Hymnal 15

Our sung communion responses are from The Faith We Sing Songbook 2257.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

**Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*The congregation is seated and the pastor recalls
the institution of the Lord's Supper.*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit,
praises the Trinity, and concludes:*

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing in Holy Communion

Everyone is welcome to share in Holy Communion.

Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction" with only the pastor and servers touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements. Our communion elements are bread and grape juice.

A gluten-free option is also available.

You are invited to stay at the chancel for prayer as long as you desire.

If you are mobility challenged, please let the usher know and someone will bring communion elements to you.

Prayer after Receiving

Betty Schroeder

God, Your bread and your cup renew our spirits. No matter the times we have failed to show up to your call, or to our own needs, or to the cries of our neighbors, you receive us again. May your unending grace be our foundation as we journey onward with Jesus. Amen.

JOURNEYING OUTWARD

Call to Action

We joyfully welcome all those who wish to become members of St. John's and invite you to come forward during the singing of the closing hymn.

*Hymn of Discipleship

Go, Make of All Disciples

The United Methodist Hymnal 571, vs. 1, 2, 4

Benediction

Pastor Lane

When the journey is long and winding,
Guide us, Lord.

When there are dangers along the way,
Guard us, Lord.

When we are tempted to lose faith,
Give us strength, Lord.

Let the Holy Spirit guide you on the journey ahead.

We go forth knowing that the Spirit of God goes with us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Postlude

Alleluia Ringers

Ode to Joy

Please remain in an attitude of worship during the Postlude.

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Sandra Kuykendall, Amy Richardson, Susan Johnston.

Coffee Time

Everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments after worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW Craft & Bake Sale

The UMW is holding a Craft & Bake Sale **today, 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**, in the FLC. Proceeds from the sale will go to Louisiana UMW missions as well as National and International UMW missions.

Easter Lilies

Lilies will adorn the sanctuary on Easter. If you would like to dedicate a lily in honor of or in memory of a loved one, call the office (225-766-4594), send an email (office@stjohnsbr.org), or pick up a form in the narthex to place your order. Lilies are \$15. You may pay by check or online at stjohnsbr.org/give, under Fund>Other>Sub Fund. **Deadline is Mon., April 11.**

Mary Martha Circle UMW

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 a.m.** in the parlor. Before the meeting, members may make a sacrifice by denying themselves a meal or denying themselves something of value and bring this as an offering for the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program emphasis. The Passion of Jesus with Resurrection Eggs will also be part of the program. All women are invited to attend.

Mission to St. Mark's UMC

Our bi-annual mission to St. Mark's UMC in New Orleans to provide a meal to those experiencing hunger and homelessness in and around the French Quarter is set for **Sunday, April 24**. St. Mark's has returned to serving meals so St. John's will be providing a meal that will be prepped on **Saturday, April 23**. We will be leaving for New Orleans on April 24 at 7 a.m. You may contact Rev. Larry Norman for more information at lducknataol@gmail.com or 225-933-1881. There is no cost to participate in this mission and all ages and abilities are welcome to serve. Volunteers are needed both days.

Resurrection Stories and Songs

On **Sunday, April 24**, we will share in a Service of Resurrection Stories and Songs at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. It will be in the style of "Lessons and Carols," which is popular around Advent and Christmas. We will read together the varied post-Easter resurrection stories of Jesus visiting his disciples and sing some of the most beloved Easter hymns of our faith. These stories in scripture will continue to inspire, as will the joyful music and the other aspects of our worship.

Holy Week at St. John's (in person and online)

Maundy Thursday Worship, 6 p.m. - Remembering Jesus' last supper with his disciples, the evening before his crucifixion. We will partake in a night of blessing and Holy Communion. Join us for this engaging worship service at 6 p.m. in our sanctuary and online.

Voices of Ukraine Prayer Service, Friday, April 15 at 12 p.m.

At noon on Good Friday we will gather in prayer for the war and humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. As a form of solidarity, we will hear first-person accounts of people suffering from the violence in Ukraine coupled with the "Stations of the Cross" readings, which chronicle Jesus' final hours from his arrest to his violent death. Ukraine is "being crucified before the eyes of the world," said the Archbishop of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Philadelphia, Borys Gudziak. On the day of Christ's crucifixion, we will journey with Jesus and the people of Ukraine through testimony, prayer, scripture and song. A special offering will be taken for the humanitarian efforts in Ukraine.

Good Friday Worship, 6 p.m. - "The Long and Winding Road to the Cross" will weave together the traditional Good Friday readings about Jesus' final hours, his crucifixion, and his death, along with time for reflection and prayer. Join us for this solemn worship service at 6 p.m. in our sanctuary and online.

Easter Sunday, 8:30 and 11 a.m. - Celebrate the glory of Christ's resurrection on Easter at our regular worship times in the sanctuary and online. Children will process with flowers to pin on the cross. Families with children: please plan to arrive early in order that we may have all the children in line and with a flower.