



#Relationship goals

ESTABLISHING BOUNDARIES

Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Siblings. Parents. Grandparents. Children.
Best Friends. Partners. Neighbors. Coworkers...

No matter who you are, how old you are, or what kind of personality you have, relationships create the fabric of our lives. We all want relationships that are healthy and life-giving, but that's not always easy. Today we begin a new worship series called #RelationshipGoals, as we look to scripture for ways we can make our relationships healthier and more meaningful in 2022. Drawing from a healing story of Jesus, our relationship goal today is Establishing Boundaries.

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.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Do No Harm, our first Wesleyan rule continues to be our benchmark for all recommendations. Following guidance from the Louisiana Department of Health regarding indoor activities and the virulence of the Omicron variant, we recommend wearing a high quality mask during our worship services.

We look forward to the day when COVID will no longer be a part of our daily lives, until then, let us pray for our world, country, state, parish, and each other.

Grace & Peace

The Covid -19 Task Force

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. As a safety precaution, masks are required in the Prayground for everyone ages 2 and older. If you or your child need a mask, some are available in the Prayground. 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.

LET US BE CONNECTED

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Be a precious
donor of compassion,
kindness, calmness
and hope.
Give peace to
all you meet,
including yourself.
Be present with all
you encounter.
So many in this world are
anxious, afraid, torn apart by forces
deeper, larger, more vast
than they or I can imagine.
One act of calm kindness
genuinely given from the human heart
is bread for thousands.

by Rev. Dr. W. Craig Gilliam, 2018

*Song of Praise

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2171

*Call to Worship

Sandra Kuykendall

As we gather to give thanks,
to pray and sing,
to be with others and to be with God,
let us pray.

**God of Relationships and
God in Relationships,**

Lead us now to let loose your grace in all our relationships.

Cultivate within us a bent towards kindness and empathy.

**Open our hearts to those with whom we disagree
or where the fabric of community is troubled.**

Cover us with your peace that our wounds might heal.

Free us from burnout and help us realize our worth.

May we know our limits and live within them.

Feed us by your Spirit, and

move us into action towards those most in need.

**In the name of the One who embodied love in all his
relationships.**

Amen.

LET US CHOOSE TO GROW

Children's Moment

Ben Hartman

Prayer for Illumination

Sandra Kuykendall

**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.**

based on Psalm 19:14

*Scripture

Sandra Kuykendall

Luke 5:12-16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Lane

#RelationshipGoals:
"Establishing Boundaries"

*Hymn of Faith

Jesus, United by Thy Grace
The United Methodist Hymnal 561, vs. 1, 2, 6

LET US BE HONEST

Invitation to Reflection

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us be honest with ourselves and remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love.

Let us pray, first in silence.

Prayer of Honesty and Confession

Let us pray together, aloud:

Holy God,

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys
that separate us from one another and from You.
We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow,
for fear of admitting our part in the separation,
for fear of being rejected when we reach out.**

**You call us to a reconciled life,
to healed relationships
with each other and with You.**

**Mend us, we pray, and bring wholeness to our lives
through the power and love of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Promise of God's Grace

Siblings in Christ, hear the Good News!

God's grace knows no bounds!

We are forgiven!

We are called back into relationship with God and one another.

With God's help, we will practice forgiveness toward others.

We are set back on the path that leads towards wholeness.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Extending Peace to Others

From where you are, offer signs of peace to those around you.

LET US GIVE THANKS

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 at stjohnsbr.org/give.

***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!

The Great Thanksgiving

The Holy One be with you.

And also with you.

Open your hearts to the One who is Love.

We open our hearts to you, Jesus Christ.

Let us give thanks to the One who gathers us together.

We give thanks to the One who welcomes us here.

The pastor tells of God's acts of love and grace.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, proclaiming, with voices lifted:

Holy, Holy, Holy One

God of relationships,

God in relationship,

Heaven and earth are full of your wonder!

Hosanna, among us!

*The congregation is seated
and the institution of the Last Supper is recalled.*

In remembrance of all you have done to save us,
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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

Sandra Kuykendall

O God,

**By the bread of heaven and the cup of life,
you make us one body.**

**Bind us together by your Spirit that we might live
into your hopes for us, a community centered in Christ
and rich in compassion, kindness, courage, and care.**

In all our relationships, may it be so. Amen.

LET US DEPART IN LOVE

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

Lord, Speak to Me

The United Methodist Hymnal 463, vs. 1, 4, 5

*Benediction

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Beth Forester, Emeric Csaszar.

Coffee Time

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Sunday School Classes Move to Zoom

Out of an abundance of caution, our Children's Sunday School classes (K-5th grades) are going virtual starting today. The Zoom link and information was sent directly to families on Friday. Please contact our teachers directly for additional information or if you did not receive the link.

K-2nd Grade Sunday School - Zoom on Sundays at 1pm. Contact Marilyn Damberg for Zoom information: MarilynDamberg@mac.com; 225-335-3321 (Cell)

3rd-5th Grade Sunday School - Zoom on Sundays at 10am. Contact Natalie Cooper for Zoom information: natalie@piaoflouisiana.com; 225-241-1605 (Cell)

Church Office Closed Monday

The church office will be closed Monday in observation of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We will reopen Tuesday, January 18 at 9 a.m.

Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, January 18 at 5pm in the Library

The 2022 Board of Trustees will be electing their officers and getting organized for the new year. They will also hear updates about the kitchen renovation.

Finance Committee Meeting - Thursday, January 20 at 6pm

This first meeting of the Finance Committee will be a combined meeting of the 2021 and 2022 committees with the goal of adopting the 2022 budget. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary, and as always, everyone is welcome to attend.

UMW Sunday, January 23

Next Sunday is St. John's United Methodist Women Sunday and they are planning a wonderful service for us. Our guest preacher will be Mrs. Brenda Thomas-Nero. The service will include the annual presentation of the Special Mission Recognition Pins; this recognition also includes a donation to missions in honor of each recipient. Members of both the Mary Martha and Ruth Circles will take part in the program.

New Adult Sunday School

Due to the current COVID-19 surge, we are postponing the start of the new Sunday School class to the first Sunday in February. It will begin on **February 6 at 9:45 a.m.** and is open to adults of all ages. If you want to know more about this exciting new opportunity or want to get on the email list for the class, please contact Jami Prince (thecastle2018@gmail.com) or Bobbi Marino (bobbimarino@hotmail.com).

Star Words

Everyone has been offered a special word for the year printed on a star. These words are a symbol of the star the magi followed on their way to baby Jesus. Following in the footsteps of the magi, we are invited to follow our individual star and open our hearts and minds to see where it takes us in 2022. Pick up one today or contact the church office to make arrangements.

Snacks for Coffee Time

We continue to offer Coffee Time following the 8:30 a.m. In order for Coffee Time to include snacks, we are in need of food donations! In an effort to make this easy for everyone, you do not need to sign up for a specific date. You may drop off individually-wrapped snacks (sweet or salty) in the blue tub in the Narthex on Sundays or bring them to the church office Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Our staff will set out the snacks you provide on Sunday morning. We are hoping this will make it easier for folks to participate. Don't forget we encourage you to bring your own coffee mug to limit the use of disposable cups.

2022 Church Leaders and Officers Installation and Blessing

On Sunday, January 30 we will offer a blessing to those who have been chosen to serve in leadership and as members of our boards and committees of the church for 2022.

"Faith Friends" Zoom Check-In (for Grown-Ups)

We invite all who are raising children to join Pastor Lane for a time of fellowship and check in on Zoom, this Saturday, January 22 at 8:00 p.m. Contact Pastor Lane for the Zoom information or find it in Tuesday's Inside St. John's newsletter.