

# The Celebration of the Gospel

July 18, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

## All Are Welcome

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.



**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*

### Songs of Praise

*Halle, Halle, Halleluja*

FWS 2026

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

*REPEAT*

*Praise the Name of Jesus*

FWS 2066

**Praise the name of Jesus.  
Praise the name of Jesus.  
He's my Rock, he's my Fortress,  
he's my deliverer, in him will I trust.  
Praise the name of Jesus.**

*REPEAT*

### Call to Worship

*Theresa Sandifer*

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
**let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
**and extol him with music and song.**

For the Lord is the great God,  
**the great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
**and the mountain peaks belong to him.**

The sea is his, for he made it,  
**and his hands formed the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down in worship,  
**let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**

for he is our God  
**and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.**

*From Psalm 95:1-7*

## Journeying

Road Trip Notes - Sequoia National Park

*Video*

Children's Moment

*ShiRae Transou*

### Scripture

Matthew 7:24-29

*Pastor Lane*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, at the beginning of time your Spirit moved over the waters. So now, send your Spirit to stir our hearts and inspire us to receive the re-creating power of your Word. Grant us wisdom and courage as we seek to learn from you. We pray through Christ, your incarnate Word. Amen.

### Sermon

"Foundations of Our Faith"

*Pastor Lane*

## Communing

### Hymn of Faith

UMH 368, vs. 1, 2, 4

*My Hope Is Built*

**My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone,  
faultless to stand before the throne!  
On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

### Prayer of Confession

God, our rock and refuge,  
there are plenty of things that we allow  
to erode our faith in you.  
When life gets stormy, we let our uncertainty cloud  
our trust in you.

**We think we know better and start relying on ourselves to be able to weather the rain.  
Forgive our lack of hope and the disbelief that drowns us.  
Allow us to hold on to you, our rock, and to build our lives on the foundation of your love.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, our stalwart and our shelter. Amen.**

#### **Words of Assurance and Pardon**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.  
The old life has gone; a new life has begun.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### **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: [www.stjohnsbr.org/give](http://www.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**

*Our sung communion responses are from  
The Faith We Sing Hymnal #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.**

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 institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled.*

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 and concludes:*

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 the Bread and Cup**

- ♦ *All are welcome to partake in Holy Communion.*
- ♦ *Communion will be served using the ancient means of "intinction" with only the server touching the elements, or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements.*
- ♦ *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 the pastor will bring communion elements to you.*

#### **Prayer After Receiving**

*Theresa Sandifer*

**Gracious God,  
we thank you for inviting us  
to share the hospitality of your table,  
where we find grounding and connection  
with you.  
Call forth in us the same generosity  
that we find in you.  
In the power of your Spirit,  
raise up in us a hunger for justice,  
a commitment to kindness  
and a passion for service,  
that we may be a blessing in the world,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## *On the Road Again...*

#### **Call to Action**

#### **Hymn of Discipleship**

UMH 405

*Seek Ye First*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things  
shall be added unto you.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock, and the door  
shall be opened unto you.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

#### **Benediction**

#### **Postlude**

*The Trees of the Field*

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

*The flowers on the altar are given by Pat Cobb  
in memory of her husband, Earl.*

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