

The Celebration of the Gospel

May 23, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Day of Pentecost

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.

The Spirit Gathers Us

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

St. John's Memories

Danielle Blackwood

Songs of Praise

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
stay right here with us, filling us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

I'm Goin' Sing

UMH 333, vs. 1, 2

I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,
I'm goin'a sing when the Spirit says sing,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray,
I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray,
I'm goin'a pray when the Spirit says pray,
and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

Call to Worship

Jim Sandifer

We have gathered to worship you, Spirit of God. About us we sense the cloud of witnesses who led the way here, those who were called to form this congregation of St. John's sixty years ago and those who worked tirelessly through the years since to further its growth in service and love.

**We remember our past and
give God the glory.**

We have gathered to worship you, Spirit of God, thankful for opportunities given us here for service and spiritual growth. Here we may heed and answer the call to nourish our neighbor in body and mind.

**We serve our neighbor today and
give God the glory.**

We have gathered to worship you, Spirit of God, looking with confidence to a future built on past foundations, present dedication, and unending faith.

**We step with hope toward our future and
give God the glory.**

May the same Spirit of God that came upon the disciples at Pentecost, forming the Church and our founders sixty years ago, form us and inspire us today.

**We remember our past, serve our neighbor today,
step with hope toward our future, and at all times
give God the glory.**

by Guy Johnson, adapted

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Stretching Our Spirits

Scripture Comes to Life

A Dramatic Reading of Acts 2:1-21

Darlene Dickson, Caleb Doan, Guy Johnson,
Pastor Lane, Pastor Deirdre

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Children's Moment

Pastor Lane, Carrie Poynt

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Called to Respond

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Pentecost Medley

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>

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!

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Sharing in Holy Communion

If you live in the Baton Rouge area and would like someone to bring Communion to your home, please contact us in the church office.

Prayer

Betty Schroeder

God of glory and grace,
we humbly raise our faces to you in gratitude
for our little church,
St. John's United Methodist.
For sixty years with your guidance and
benevolence, and through determined effort
and consistent devotion,
St. John's people of God have created
a sacred space of love and acceptance
and growth.
Leaning on you alone and through our efforts
to follow the loving example of Jesus,
St. John's has become a place of love and
affection, laughter and holy hands
reaching out to our neighbors near and far.
Bless us, dear God,
and help us to continue to be a soothing
melody for the spirit,
a gentle touch for those who grieve,
a teacher for dear children,
a moral compass for adults,
a beacon for the lost and
a light of hope for our community.
In the name of your blessed son,
Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

written by Betty Schroeder

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Sent Out to Serve

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

FWS 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.
We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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Benediction

Pastor Lane

For all who have ever walked through the doors of
St. John's and felt at home:

We Give God the Glory!

For all who have been fed spiritually and physically here:

We Give God the Glory!

For our sixty years, of sharing in worship, witness
and service:

We Give God the Glory!

And for all that is yet to be:

We Give God the Glory!

Alleluia! Amen!

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*Flowers on the altar are from Pat Cobb and dedicated to
St. John's 60 years as we continue to
Give God the Glory.*

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