

The Celebration of the Gospel

July 25, 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 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

He Is Exalted

FWS 2070

**He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;
I will praise him.**

**He is exalted, forever exalted
and I will praise his name!**

**He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign;
heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.**

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

REPEAT

Jesus, Name Above All Names

FWS 2071

**Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us
blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

REPEAT

Call to Worship

Natalie Cooper

Each time we gather for worship, we recall how God has journeyed with God's people for thousands of years.

We recall God's yearning for a creation that would live justly and love mercifully.

Today, we recall the wilderness story of God's people, as they journeyed for 40 years in search of the Promised Land.

We recall how God gave them manna from heaven and provided all that they needed.

The trials of the desert brought God's people closer to the Lord. Let us worship the Lord, our God, who makes a way for us in those wilderness times of life.

We come, bringing all that we are.

We are open to being the individuals God will make us. In this spirit of giving and openness, we worship the Lord, our God.

Journeying

Scripture

Psalm 48:1-3, 12-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Natalie Cooper

Road Trip Notes - Zion National Park

Video

Children's Moment

Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:1-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Pastor Lane

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

"Lessons from the Desert"

Pastor Lane

Communing

Hymn of Faith

UMH 733, vs. 1, 4

Marching to Zion

**Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.**

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**We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.**

**Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.**

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Ministry Moment

Handbell Choir

Gay Grimes

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*

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

Natalie Cooper

Gracious God,

**we thank you for inviting us
to share the hospitality of your table and for
feeding us spiritually and physically throughout
our lives. 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 724, vs. 1, 2, 4

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand
**On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.**

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**I am bound for the promised land,
I am bound for the promised land;
oh, who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the promised land.**

**O'er all those wide extended plains
shines one eternal day;
there God the Son forever reigns,
and scatters night away.**

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**When I shall reach that happy place,
I'll be forever blest,
for I shall see my Father's face,
and in his bosom rest.**

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Benediction

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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