

The Celebration of the Gospel

May 30, 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.

The Spirit Gathers Us Together

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

Songs of Praise

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise (2x) FWS 2031

We bring the sacrifice of praise
into the house of the Lord.
We bring the sacrifice of praise
into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to you
the sacrifices of thanksgiving;
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

Sanctuary (2x) FWS 2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

Call to Worship

Bobbi Marino

Praise to the Lord, all people, praise to
the Lord for his glory and strength.

Praise to the Almighty for glory is due
His name; we worship God In the splendor
of His holiness.

The voice of the Lord is above the waters.
The God of glory thunders—

the Lord's love is more vast than the waters,
the voice of the Lord is power,
the voice of the Lord is splendor.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
The voice of the Lord flashes flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
In His temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned, King forever.

The Lord gives His people strength;
the Lord blesses His people with peace.

Stretching Our Spirits

Children's Moment

Pastor Deirdré, Bobbi Marino

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

Pastor Deirdré

Are you ready to hear the call God has placed on your heart?

Prayer for Illumination

based on Psalm 19:14

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of
our hearts be acceptable in thy sight, thou who are
our strength and our redeemer. Amen.

Sermon

"Get Ready"

Pastor Deirdré

Called to Respond

Hymn of Faith

UMH 593

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

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Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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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: <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" 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.*
- ♦ *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 After Receiving

Eternal God,

**we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

Sent Out to Serve

UMH 18

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

UMH 398, vs. 1, 4, 5

Jesus Calls Us

**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying, "Christian, follow me!"**

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these!"**

**Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

Benediction

Pastor Deirdré

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

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