

World Communion

SUNDAY



Sunday October 3, 2021

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Jesus sat down to eat at Levi's house. Many tax collectors and sinners were eating with Jesus and his disciples. Indeed, many of them had become his followers. When some of the legal experts from among the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, "Why is he eating with sinners and tax collectors?"

- Mark 2:15-16

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.

OUR CONTACT INFO

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - noon

60TH ANNIVERSARY

St. John's was founded in 1961 by 60 charter members. Ground was broken for the present sanctuary in August 1962, and it was dedicated Easter Sunday 1963. We are celebrating our 60th anniversary throughout 2021. Give God the Glory!

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

Do No Harm, our first Wesleyan rule continues to be our benchmark for all recommendations. In light of the Governor's statewide mask mandate, St. John's has returned to requiring all persons, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks while in worship and in small group gatherings.

We look forward to the day when we can return to maskless gatherings, 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 needs a mask, some are available in the Prayground. More details about the Prayground may be found in the pew insert and 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.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

Taste and See (2x)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2267

Fill My Cup, Lord
The United Methodist Hymnal 641

*Call to Worship

Rev. Larry Norman

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

**We are called to be light for the world,
to have a seat around God's table of grace.**

Sent out from the table, we are called to act with justice.

We are called to love tenderly.

We are called to serve one another.

We are called to walk humbly with God.

Let us walk united in love.

Today, let us be of one accord.

GROWING

Children's Moment

Pastor Lane

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 art our strength and our
redeemer. Amen.**

*Scripture

Mark 2:13-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"God's Table"

Pastor Lane

UNITING

*Hymn of Faith

Let Us Break Bread Together
The United Methodist Hymnal 618

*Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lane

God of mercy,
we confess that we have not loved you with all our being.
We have done things which we ought not to have done,
and we have left undone things which we ought to have done.
We have built walls between neighbors and between countries,
and we have ignored the cries of those in need.
Forgive us and set us free,
that we may live into the hope of your calling,
that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Words of Assurance and Pardon

Pastor Lane

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

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

Our sung communion responses are from The Faith We Sing Songbook 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.

*The invitation continues as the pastors give thanks,
remembering God's acts of salvation.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with those from every time and place, to proclaim with them your glory, in the unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)
Blessed 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.*

In breaking bread and sharing wine with your people here and in all places we recall the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

The pastors invoke the present work of the Holy Spirit and conclude:

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator and sustainer of all; glory to you forever and ever. And now we pray the family prayer which Jesus taught;

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

Rev. Larry Norman

Christ,

**You have nourished us in this meal and
fed our bodies and souls.**

We have heard your love, send us out to speak it.

We have seen your love, send us out to show it.

We have been fed by your love; send us out to share it.

And let all things be done for your glory. Amen.

SENDING

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**

One Bread, One Body

The United Methodist Hymnal 620, vs. 1, 2

***Benediction**

Pastor Lane

***Postlude**

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

To join a livestream of worship, share today's service or watch previous worship services, visit <http://facebook.com/stjohnsbr/live>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

60th Anniversary Pictorial Directory

All slots for photo sittings on Tuesday, October 12, and Wednesday, October 13 have been filled. We are starting a waiting list and need 20 names in order to add another day of photography sessions. Contact Rhonda Tucker at 225-270-2193 to have your name put on the waiting list.

New Sermon Series

"A Future With Hope," our stewardship sermon series, begins **Sunday, October 10**. Join us for the Sundays in October as we discover that God's vision for our future is one of great hope.

Ruth Circle UMW

The Ruth Circle UMW will meet on **Tuesday, October 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

Writers' Group

The St. John's Writers' Group will meet on Zoom on **Sunday, October 10** at 4 p.m. If you are interested in joining the group, email Mari Walker at media@stjohnsbr.org.

Grocery Bag Sunday

Today is Grocery Bag Sunday. If you were unable to bring groceries today, we accept donations all week. Help us fill the shelves! Some needed items are peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned meat, canned fruit, canned beans, dried beans, and cereal. Of course, anything you can donate is very much appreciated.

Lagniappe Kitchen Renovation Fund

Our fundraising efforts for the kitchen renovation are underway and we have already raised \$71,618! Our goal is \$200,000, which will enable us to make much-needed upgrades to the church's kitchen and food pantry space. The scope of the renovation includes new cabinets, stainless steel countertops, flooring, ceiling, and a new dishwasher, ice maker, and warmer. Check out the MENU for more details, which can be picked up in the Narthex and church office or found in the newsletter and on our website at stjohnsbr.org/kitchen-renovation. Thanks for helping fill the pot!

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\$200,000 Goal

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As of September 30, 2021



WAYS TO GIVE*

TO GIVE ONLINE:

- Go to: stjohnsbr.org/give
- Under Fund, select "Kitchen Renovation"

TO GIVE BY CHECK:

- Make check to St. John's UMC
- Write "Kitchen Renovation" on memo line
- Checks can be placed in the offering during worship or mailed to the church at:
230 Renee Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70810

* Gift may be a one-time donation or can be fulfilled by August 2022.



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Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.