

# The Celebration of the Gospel

June 6, 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.

## The Spirit Gathers Us Together

### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

### Songs of Praise

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.

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

FWS 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";  
let the poor say, "I am rich  
because of what the Lord has done for us."

REPEAT VERSES, THEN

Give thanks!

### Call to Worship

Pastor Lane

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

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton,  
ShiRae Transou

### Special Music

Pastor Deirdré, Johnny McWilliams

### Scripture

Pastor Deirdré

Psalm 138

God emboldens and equips those that he calls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### 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

Pastor Deirdré

"Get Set"

## Called to Respond

### 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.

### Invitation to the Table

Pastor Deirdré

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,  
who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in  
peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our  
sin before God and one another.

### Prayer of Confession

We confess that we have not loved you  
with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,  
we have broken your law,  
we have rebelled against your love,  
we have not loved our neighbors, and  
we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Free us for joyful obedience,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Words of Assurance and Pardon

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 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

UMH 18

*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 pastor 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.
- ♦ If you live in the Baton Rouge area and would like to partake in Holy Communion, you are invited to our drive-thru from 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. to receive the elements that were consecrated during worship.

#### Prayer After Receiving Eternal God,

Pastor Lane

**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

#### Call to Action

#### Hymn of Discipleship

UMH 419, vs. 1, 2, 3

*I Am Thine, O Lord*

**I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith  
and be closer drawn to thee.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

**Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

**O the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

#### Benediction

Pastor Deirdré

#### Postlude

*Thank you for worshipping with us!*

*Permission to stream music covered by  
OneLicense A-732159 and CCLI 20233858.*