

The Celebration of the Gospel

March 7, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Third Sunday in Lent

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.

Again We Gather

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Songs of Praise

Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will, he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Call to Worship

Rev. Deirdré Halliburton

Again and again,
We come to this space.
Again and again,
We gather as a community.
Again and again,
We move closer to God.
And again and again,
God is here.
We are met.
We are heard.
We are shown the way.
So again and again,
let us worship our God. Amen.

Prayer Response

Lord, Be Glorified
In your church, Lord,
be glorified, be glorified.
In your church, Lord,
be glorified today.

Again We Proclaim

Children's Moment

Ben Hartman

Scripture

John 2:13-22

Pastor Lane

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Lane

Creator God,
We don't just want to listen, we want to hear you.
So turn our hearts toward you,
just as you turned strangers into disciples.
Turn our ears toward you,
just as you turned tables in the temple.
We are present.
We are listening.
This space is holy.
Amen.

Sermon

Pastor Lane

"Again & Again, We Are Shown the Way"

Again We Respond

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lane

God of Justice,
we are guilty of building tables.
We have built tables that oppression dines on,
sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.
God of Justice,
we are guilty of forgetting where we are,
of turning faith into a negotiation tool
and the church into a place for insiders.
God of Justice,
we are guilty of ignoring the point;
for you taught that the temple was for worship
and your message was for all.
God of our hearts,
be in our decision making.
Draw near to our choices.
Forgive our mistakes.
And as you do,
flip every table, habit, belief,
or point of view that needs adjusting.
With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness

Family of Faith
The good news is that God took on flesh
and walked this earth to show us the way.
God took on flesh so that we could see
what it looks like to disrupt and overturn
systems of corruption.

God took on flesh to teach us another way.
God took on flesh to point us to restoration.
God took on flesh so that we might be forgiven.
Friends, we are held, loved, and forgiven by a just
and merciful God.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.

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 him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Sharing Holy Communion

Pastors

*If you would like to partake of Holy Communion you may
do so during our drive-thru 9:45 - 10:45 a.m. with elements
consecrated during our worship service.*

Blessed are you, O Holy God -
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
You are the Life and Light of all.
Again & again you meet us where we are.
Again & again, you show us the path of life.
And again & again we remember the story of Jesus,
your Son,
who on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and gave
thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
And again, we remember that after supper, he took the
cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for
you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do
this for the remembrance of me."
Remembering, therefore, his calling, his healing his
dying and rising again & again, we share this holy meal,
and experience your salvation.
Let us pray.
By your Spirit bless us and this meal,
that, once again, we may be refreshed by
the love of your Son.
Make this bread and this cup sustenance
for our Lenten journey.
By your grace, may we experience anew
the call you place on our lives
to serve one another.
In feasting at your table, may our hearts
be filled with courage once again
to follow the way of Christ,
come what may. Amen.

Again We Are Sent Out

Closing Prayer

Pastor Deirdré

**Again and again,
we are fed by your love, grace, and forgiveness.
Let us follow your way to the cross, to be for others a
sign of your compassion and life.
As you have fed us, let us go out to be part of feeding
the world.
Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

Call to Action

Hymn of Discipleship

Are Ye Able

"Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?"
"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."

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**Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.**

**Are ye able to remember, when a thief lifts up his eyes,
that his pardoned soul is worthy of a place in paradise?**

REFRAIN

**Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.**

REFRAIN

Benediction

Young People of St. John's

*Betsy Adams, Jane Walker, Bishop Idikwu, Eric Threadgill,
Julian Hartman, Anna Durham, Seth Robertson, Evie Durham,
Cadee Gauthier, Faith Robertson, Carissa Gauthier, Liv Walker*

As you leave this space,
may your mouth speak of God's goodness.
May your arms hold those in need.
May your feet walk toward justice.
May your heart trust its worth.
May your soul dance in God's grace.
And may this be your rhythm—
again and again and again,
until God's promised day.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved,
and Love itself, go with courage, go with heart,
go in peace.
Amen.

Postlude

Thank you for worshipping with us!

*We thank all our worship stewards, musicians,
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