



Sunday, August 14, 2022

**8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

All Are Welcome

While living the faithful life has always been a challenge, God's people can trust in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Faith allows people to see beyond what is right in front of them, their daily problems, to see what God is doing in their midst, to see what God has done throughout the ages, and to see the future joy God has in store for us. So in this race of life – in this life of faith, let us have the courage to run, the compassion to lend a helping hand, and the strength to persevere.

*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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**ST. JOHN'S**  
United Methodist Church

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*Glorifying God. Feeding People. Making Disciples.*

# GUEST INFORMATION

Welcome to worship! We are glad you've joined us and hope you feel at home here. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your faith journey, you are welcome. Our ushers are happy to assist you in anyway. Restrooms are in the Narthex.

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love.

*Thank you for being here.*

## 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 Playground** 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. More details about the Playground may be found 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 in 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.*

## ST JOHN'S CLERGY AND STAFF

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# GATHERING

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

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

## \*Songs of Praise

*May You Run and Not Be Weary (2X)*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2281

*Guide My Feet*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2208, vs. 1, 3

## \*Call to Worship

Lynn Cooper

God has called us like Moses in the wilderness,  
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

**They shared their experiences  
so that we might know God's presence, too.**

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith,  
the One who is with us always and is with us now.**

## \*Song of Response

*Emmanuel, Emmanuel*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 204

# GROWING

## Children's Message

Steve Rushing

## Prayer for Illumination

Lynn Cooper

**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

Lynn Cooper

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Message

Pastor Lane

"Courage, Compassion, and Strength"

# RESPONDING

## \*Hymn of Faith

*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 206, vs. 1, 2

## \*Affirming Our Faith

*The Apostles' Creed*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 881

Pastor Lane

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he arose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## \*Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lane

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.

**Merciful God,**  
**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 Grace and Forgiveness

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 Peace and Love of Christ with Others

Ministry Moment

Beth Forester

Associ-Eights

### 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](http://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

*A Service of Word and Table III  
The United Methodist Hymnal 15*

*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.**

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. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and concludes:*

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen. Amen. Amen.**  
**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **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**

Lynn Cooper

**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.**

# DEPARTING TO SERVE

## **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**

*How Firm a Foundation*

The United Methodist Hymnal 529, vs. 1, 2, 5

## **\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

## **\*Postlude**

Terry Byars

# WORSHIP NOTES

## **Worship Stewards**

Ushers in today's service are Emeric Csaszar, Beth Forester, and Rhonda Tucker.

## **Coffee Time**

Everyone is invited to the Family Life Center following the service for coffee and snacks.

## **Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the altar are in honor of Daphne Davis Boatwright Dutch Grady's birthdate by Daphne G. Grady and J. R. Madden.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **No Youth Today**

We will not have Youth Group this afternoon. We are so excited that Evan will return as our Fall Youth Assistant after Labor Day. Be watching for more news and information in our newsletters.

## **Writers' Group**

Do you enjoy writing? Are you interested in taking up writing and/or journaling as a spiritual practice? If so, we encourage you to attend St. John's Writer's Group on Zoom **today at 4 p.m.** Email Mari Walker (silvermari@gmail.com) for the Zoom meeting information. All are welcome!

## **Associ-Eights is Back!**

Associ-Eights, a short-term fellowship opportunity, is coming back this fall. Everyone is invited to participate! You will be assigned to a group of eight persons and might be with others you may not know well. Your group decides when and where to meet and what to do for at least four times between September and December. This is a great way to get to know others in the St. John's church family. Forms are in the Narthex or you may sign up online at [stjohnsbr.org/associ-eights](http://stjohnsbr.org/associ-eights) by the [deadline August 31](#).

## **Supplies Needed for Days for Girls**

Our Fall work sessions for Days for Girls will be **September 10, 17, and 24, 9 a.m. to noon** in the FLC. Before we meet we need help with the following: colored wash cloths, girls colorful panties/briefs size 10, 12, and 14 (no animals or characters please), monetary donations for other supplies (you may write a check to St. John's UMC with Days for Girls in the memo line). Look for the blue tubs in the Narthex or hallway of Admin/Education Building to drop your donations.

## **Coffee Time Snacks Needed**

We need to replenish our snacks for Coffee Time! If you are willing, you may bring individually wrapped snacks (sweet or salty) to the office during the week or on Sunday to the kitchen. You may also bring bought or homemade snacks that can be separated and served on a plate or tray.

## **Our Thanks and Gratitude**

The children's Sunday School teachers would like to offer a word of great thanks to the volunteers from our adult Sunday School classes who taught children's Sunday school in June and July. Thanks to our time off we are back in class with a renewed enthusiasm to make sure our children learn about God, Jesus, and the Bible.

Opening Doors would like to thank those who donated to the 2022 School Supply Drive. We were able to give generous school supply donations to Charlie Thomas Head Start Center, Gardere Christian School, and Wildwood Elementary.

Thanks and appreciation goes to our St. John's family for their continued support of our ministries by giving of their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

Mid-year statements of giving were mailed out last week. If you did not receive yours, please contact LeAnn Davis (225-766-4594 or [leandavis@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:leandavis@stjohnsbr.org)).

## **Mark Your Calendar - Fall St. Mark's Ministry**

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 11**. St. John's will be going to St. Mark's UMC in New Orleans to participate in the mission to feed the homeless. All ages are welcome to participate in this ministry. For more information contact Rev. Larry Norman (225-933-1881 or [lducknataol@gmail.com](mailto:lducknataol@gmail.com)).

## **Flowers on the Altar**

Do you know of a birthday or anniversary on or around September 4, 11, 18 or any Sunday in October? If you want to remember or honor someone in your life, call Lynn in the office (225-766-4594) and she will put your name on the Flower Chart.