



Sunday, August 21, 2022

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

All Are Welcome

There is a season for everything, and a time for every event under heaven ... I have observed the burdens placed by God on human beings in order to perfect them. He made everything appropriate in its time. He also placed eternity within them—yet, no person can fully comprehend what God is doing from beginning to end.

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 10-11

*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.*

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# GATHERING

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

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Larry Norman

## \*Songs of Praise

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 420, vs. 1, 3

*Change My Heart, O God*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2152

## \*Call to Worship

Beth Forester

God of the open road,  
God of the twisting path,  
God of the narrow and upward way,  
your people are gathered for worship!

**We come seeking the presence of the living God.**

We are on a journey of faith.

**We come seeking the meaning of life  
and our call as Christians.**

Companioning Christ,  
guide our lives and our steps  
as we walk in your ways and place time in your hands.

**In faith, in trust, with hope,  
let us worship our God. Amen.**

## \*Song of Response

*In His Time*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2203, vs. 1

# GROWING

## Children's Message

Jennifer Curry Csaszar

## Prayer for Illumination

Beth Forester

**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

Beth Forester

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

“The Carpenter and the Unbuilder”

## RESPONDING

### \*Hymn of Faith

*Hymn of Promise*

The United Methodist Hymnal 707, vs. 1, 2, 3

### \*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Larry

We have come this morning with full hearts – hearts that carry sorrow, and worry, and guilt. In this time we offer our hearts to God, remembering Christ’s invitation that all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens may come to him. Trusting in that love, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Holy God, we offer you our life:

**That the good we have done will build up your children,  
and not our own ego;**

That the harm we have caused will lead us to confession and atonement;

**That the anxiety that eats at us will dissipate into trust;**

That the hope we hold will multiply and leaven the world like yeast.

**Hear us, forgive us, reshape us, and love us, we pray. Amen.**

### \*Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Rev. Larry

Friends, this is the Good News:

In Christ, God rebuilt our lives  
and brought us back to our true home,  
to hope, to love, and to life.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

### \*Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ with Others

#### Ministry Moment

Donnie & Susan Lambert

Volunteers in Mission Team to Cuba

#### 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**

Beth Forester

**We praise you, O God of abundance, for these gifts which we take into our bodies so that we may be made new. May coming to your table of abundance change us. Help us to change the way we dream, the ways we interact, what we take and what we leave. Heal us and through us, bring healing to your hurting world. Amen.**

## DEPARTING TO SERVE

**Call to Action**

Rev. Larry

*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**

*Trust and Obey*

The United Methodist Hymnal 467, vs. 1, 3

**\*Blessing and Sending Forth**

Rev. Larry

**\*Postlude**

Terry Byars

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Worship Stewards**

Ushers in today's service are Jackie Creed and Maureen Robertson.

**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 celebration of the 6th wedding anniversary of Rev. Marie Williams and Richard Hoibraten.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **POTLUCK AND MOVIE NIGHT - "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood"**

Join us for a Potluck and Movie Night on **Sunday, September 4** in the Family Life Center. The Potluck Dinner will begin at 5 p.m., followed by the film "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" (Rated PG). The movie is based on the true story of a real-life friendship between Fred Rogers, played by Tom Hanks, and a cynical journalist sent to interview him for a profile. It is a timely story of overcoming skepticism with kindness, love, and forgiveness from America's most beloved neighbor.

We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to join us! Please bring a dish to share for the potluck and come spend Labor Day weekend with your St. John's church family as we share a meal and enjoy a movie about one of the most influential Christians of the 20th century - Mr. Rogers! *A nursery and childcare will be provided along with an alternative movie (TBD) for children who may not be ready for this drama.*

The movie, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood" is a great companion to our September worship series by the same title, which will explore faith lessons from Mr. Rogers and the life of Fred Rogers. A five session, faith-based discussion guide for the movie is available for small groups and Sunday School classes who would like to follow the movie up with further Bible study and conversation. Contact Pastor Lane ([pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org)) to receive the materials or for more information.

## **SIGN UP FOR ASSOCI-EIGHTS!**

Associ-Eights is a short-term fellowship opportunity for members and friends of St. John's to gather in small groups for meals, movies, or whatever the group decides. It doesn't matter if you've been around St. John's for 30 years or 30 days - come be a part and have fun while getting to know some new people! 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.

## **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)).

## **DISCIPLE I FAST TRACK BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning **Monday September 12 at 6 p.m.** in the Library, we will be offering the 13-week Disciple 1 Fast Track: The Old Testament. This study offers a meaningful experience for you to go deeper into the study of the Old Testament alongside others in a small group setting; the New Testament study will be offered in the spring. Participants read a manageable 3-5 chapters of the Bible daily in preparation for the weekly sessions, which last approximately 75 minutes. The study book costs \$18 and can be paid online. You may register by filling out a registration form or register online at [stjohnsbr.org/disciple-2022](http://stjohnsbr.org/disciple-2022).

## **NEW MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT: MUSIC MAKERS**

Beginning Sunday, **September 11 from 4:30 to 5:30**, Mr. Steve will begin our "Music Makers" program for children and youth in grades K - 12. This is an exciting opportunity to discover how music plays a vital role in the life of our church through singing and playing instruments. Our discovery will focus on participation in music for worship as we gather together to worthily magnify our Lord with violin, timbrel, drum, chime, song, and any other musical modes that God provides. Children of school age are invited to participate. We all look forward to the blessings that music-making can bring.

## **MEET THE CANDIDATE - CHILDREN AND YOUTH EVENTS**

We are in the process of interviewing for our Director of Youth and Children's Ministries and are hosting a candidate on **Saturday, August 27**. During Connor's day with us, she will lead a Children's Ministry activity for K-5th grades from 10am-11:15am and a Youth program for 6th-12th graders from 1:30pm-2:45pm. We encourage all families with school-aged children (K-12th grades) to join us during their age-specific time. Whether you have children or youth in our programs or not, please be in prayer for our candidates and search team.