



Sunday, August 28, 2022

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

“...all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Luke 14:11

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.

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ST. JOHN'S
United Methodist Church

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

Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

***Songs of Praise**

Jesu, Jesu

The United Methodist Hymnal 432, vs. 1, 3, 5

***Call to Worship**

Sandra Kuykendall

Creator God, you call us to hospitality –

To give as generously to others as you have given to us.

Loving God, you call us to humility –

To give up the seat of honor and invite all to the table.

Almighty God, you call us to worship,

So we gather as one Body, thankful for the feast.

***Song of Response**

Make Me a Servant

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2176

GROWING

Children's Message

Steve Rushing

Prayer for Illumination

Sandra Kuykendall

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**

Sandra Kuykendall

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Lane

"Humble Pie"

RESPONDING

*Hymn of Faith

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service
The United Methodist Hymnal 581, vs. 1, 4

*Call to Reconciliation

Pastor Lane

Despite all the ways we speak of sin –
failures, mistakes, intended acts,
Scripture tells us that we are stubborn-hearted,
wanting only our way.
But if we pause to listen to God,
if we open our mouths (and our hearts) to confess our sin,
God will fill our emptiness with forgiveness and hope.

Let us pray together, as we say:

**We are always uncomfortable, Watching God,
when you notice how we want to sit in the seats of honor.
We can be so proper, so good, so well-off,
that it is easy to imagine we are superior to the poor.
We are so busy completing our 'To Do' list each day,
that we forget to do good when we have the chance.
Forgive us, Welcoming God.
Fill our emptiness with your grace and humility
that we would spend our lives alongside Jesus,
our Lord and Savior,
throwing a party for the poor, the damaged,
the prisoner, the lost, the oppressed.**

(A time for silent prayer and reflection.)

*Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Rejoice! God claims us and welcomes us at Christ's table.
We are new people, graced by our loving God.
**Forgiven, embraced, and welcomed by our God,
we offer open hearts and serving hands
to everyone we meet.**

*Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ with Others

Ministry Moment

Music Ministries

Steve Rushing

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**

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

Sandra Kuykendall

Welcoming Savior,

We give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace.

As we go out into the world, may we live our lives not to receive honor and blessing, but that others might be blessed. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

Call to Action

Pastor Lane

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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2241, vs. 1, 2, 4

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Postlude

Terry Byars

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Phil and Jill Slicker.

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 Barbara and Allen Lively's wedding 40 years ago today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us for a Potluck and Movie Night on **Saturday, September 3** 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 (My Neighbor Totoro, an animated, G Rated film) for children who may not be ready for this drama.*

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERIES

Our September worship series, "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," turns to childhood icon, Mr. Rogers, for inspiration. Fred Rogers was not only a children's television host, but was also an ordained Presbyterian minister. He brought many Christian values into his program and into the lives of those who grew up watching him. Throughout the month of September, join us as we learn from Mr. Rogers about how to be a good neighbor in today's ever changing and chaotic world. We'll touch on topics like inclusion, self-worth, how we process our feelings, and salvation as we visit with everyone's favorite neighbor, Mr. Rogers through the lens of scripture.

SIGN UP FOR ASSOCI-EIGHTS!

Associ-Eights is a short-term fellowship opportunity that everyone is invited to take part in! Those who sign up will be assigned to a group totalling 8 people. Together with your Associ-Eights group, you will decide when to get together for a meal, coffee or some other outing. Groups are encouraged to meet once a month this fall. 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 by the August 31 deadline.

FALL ST. MARK'S MISSION TO NEW ORLEANS

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 those experiencing homelessness. All ages are welcome to participate in this mission opportunity. For more information contact Rev. Larry Norman (225-933-1881 or 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. 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.

MUSIC MAKERS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Beginning Sunday, **September 11 from 4:30 to 5:30**, Mr. Steve will begin our "Music Makers" program for children and youth in 1st - 12th grades. This is an exciting opportunity to discover how music plays a vital role in the life of our church through singing and playing instruments. Children of school age are invited to participate. We all look forward to the blessings that music-making can bring.

DAYS FOR GIRLS IN SEPTEMBER

Fall work days for Days for Girls will be **Saturdays, September 10, 17, and 24 from 9 - 11:30 a.m.** in the Family Life Center. This is a wonderful mission for everyone to participate. You don't have to know how to sew! Contact Joyce Perry (225-763-6613 or joyce.perry@cox.net) for more information.