



Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

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

The women were frightened and bowed their faces toward the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He isn't here, but has been raised. Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words. When they returned from the tomb, they reported all these things to the eleven and all the others.

~ Luke 12:5-9

*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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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. - noon

# 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 Prayground** 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 Prayground 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 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.*

# The Celebration of the Gospel

## WELCOME TO ALL

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

## We Gather to Worship

Prelude

Dr. Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

**\*Flower Procession and Praise**

*Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (2x)*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2026

*Alleluia, Alleluia*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 162, vs. 1, 2, 4

**Raising Our Alleluias!**

Pastor Lane

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 302, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

**\*Call to Worship**

Rev. Bernadine Johnson

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed!**

God is alive!

**New birth is given.**

Hope is alive!

**A new age is dawning.**

Joy is alive!

**Redemption is here.**

Love is alive!

**Death cannot harm us.**

We are alive!

**New life is within us.**

The church is alive!

**God's Spirit is within us.**

God of life, we worship you.

**God of creation, we praise you.**

God of revelation, we learn from you.

**God of resurrection, we celebrate you!**

**Alleluia! Christ is alive!**

**\*Sharing Signs of Peace and Joy**

*Share a joyful sign of Christ's peace  
with those near you or near to your heart.*

## We Hear God's Word

**Prayer for Illumination**

Rev. Bernie

**O Risen Christ,  
open us to the power of your resurrection  
as we hear it proclaimed anew this day,  
that we too might rise to new life in you.  
Amen.**

**\*Scripture**

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Bernie

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Moment**

Pastor Lane

**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!**

**Message**

"Resurrecticity"

Pastor Lane

**\*Hymn of Faith**

*Christ Is Risen*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 307, vs. 1, 2, 3

## We Respond To God's Love

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

*Our sung communion responses are from The Faith We Sing Songbook 2257.*

God 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.**

Blessed are you who so wondrously created heaven and earth, hovering over all in gracious and tender care. You formed us in your image of love for the world. Yet, even more wondrously, when we distorted that image, you called us back again and again, forgiving us, feeding and healing us, and setting before us the Way that leads to life. Therefore, with your people in all ages, we join in this glad song of unceasing praise:

**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.*

Holy are you, and blessed by your name, Eternal One, for you gave us Jesus, who came to show us your heart of love. He fed the hungry, healed the afflicted, and befriended the scorned and forgotten of this world. How can we not love him who first loved us with such unfailing faithfulness?

*At the altar the pastor will break the bread and pour the cup.*

Therefore, when we remember him, his love for us, his suffering for our sake, his death destroying death, his life which is true life, our hearts overflow with grace as we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Pour out your spirit upon us gathered here out of love for you and for one another. Bless this bread which reminds us that there is no life so broken that it cannot be made whole again. Bless this cup which reminds us that there is no life so empty that it cannot be made full again. May we rest in your calm assurance that, come what may, *“All shall be well, all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.”*

**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 of Thanksgiving

Paul Ivey

**Risen Savior,**  
thank you for this holy mystery of faith,  
shared in broken bread and your cup of new beginnings.  
Together, at this table, you have offered us life.  
Together, by your grace, we accept the life you offer.  
May we live as those who believe that “In our end  
is our beginning.”  
**Amen.**

# We Take Our Worship Into the World

## 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

*At the Font We Start Our Journey*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 571, vs. 1, 2, 4

## \*Benediction

Pastor Lane

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen, indeed!**  
Go forth in the name of the risen Christ,  
rejoicing in the new life open before us this Easter Day.  
And may the blessing of God –  
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all life –  
be with us now and always.  
**Alleluia! Amen.**

## \*Postlude

Terry Byars

# Worship Notes

## Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Paul Ivey, Sandra Kuykendall, Daniel Csaszar,  
Emeric Csaszar.

## Coffee Time

Everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments after worship.



*The Easter Lilies gracing  
our sanctuary are  
in memory of ...*

*Herman, Fern, and Natalie Hoover*

by Bob Hoover

*Our parents: Ed and Toni Stickles,*

by Ted and Lenni Stickles

*Lew and Harriette Long*

by John and Pam Toney

*Judy Barbay*

by Jane and Bill Metcalf

*Liz Wyatt, Hans Metcalf*

by Beth Forester

*My Aunt Helen*

*Our Parents: Kent and Lillian Sprunger,*

by Phil and Margaret Sprunger

*Miriam Liechty*

by Anne and Michael Nolan

*Miriam Jones, Miriam Young*

by Cindy Carter

*Freddie Carter*

*Janice's parents: Lorene and Claude K. Elkins, Jr.*

by Tom and Janice Elkins Keene

*Janice's nephew: Claude K. Elkins, IV*

by Tom and Janice Elkins Keene

*My husband, Carl Renfroe*

by Kris Renfroe

*In loving memory of Sadie Bodden DeLee*

by Rob and Lisa Westfall

*In loving memory of Sara Louise McCoy DeLee*

by Rob and Lisa Westfall

*and Willie DeLee*

by his family

*Gilbert McMurry*

by Mike and Jackie Creed

*Betty Byrd, Eddie Byrd, Jack Byrd*

by Mike and Jackie Creed

*Dorothy Worthy, Gerald Creed*

by Betty Schroeder

*Christopher Schroeder*

by Jami Prince

*James M. Prince*

*Jake, Mary, and Tony Marino, Papa and Alline Webb*

by Bobbi and Frank Marino

*and Karen Cochran*

by Susan Johnston

*Jere Johnston*

by Norma and Jim Thomason

*James and Hilda Thomason, Sr.*

by Norma and Jim Thomason

*George and Frances Lindsley*

by Tommie Reinhardt

*My husband of 60 years, Morris Reinhardt*

by Mary Wilder

*My parents: Guy and Gina Denicola*

by Barbara Benton

*Ronnie Benton*

by Suzanne and Gray Sexton

*Pearl and Walter Fournet*

by Suzanne and Gray Sexton

*Valentine and Jessie Sexton*

by Richard and Marilyn Damberg

*Dorothy and Thomas Damberg*

by Richard and Marilyn Damberg

*Olivia Williams and Virginia Damberg*



*The Easter Lilies gracing  
our sanctuary are  
in honor of ...*

*Our St. John's church family*

by Rev. Lane Cotton Winn, Ben Hartman,  
and Julian

*My son, Luke Schroeder*

by Betty Schroeder

*Our four great grandchildren: Weston, Wrenley,*

*Hensley, and Emmylou*

by Phil and Jill Slicker

*Our children: Mitchel and Theresa,*

*Kyle and Ali, and Tori*

by Donnie and Susan Lambert

*Our daughters: Jane and Livia*

by Shawn and Mari Walker

*My children and grandchildren*

by Susan Johnston

*Pastor Lane, who teaches me from the pulpit and*

*Bill Perry, who teaches me in Sunday School*

by Lynn Cooper

*My daughter: Brooke Hoover*

by Bob Hoover

*Bevelyn Yonts*

by John and Pam Toney

*My Aunt Pauline*

by Beth Forester

*Our father: Robert Liechty*

by Phil and Margaret Sprunger

*Bonnie Byland, Jan Hughes, Bobbi Marino, Amy Richardson,*

*Joyce Robinson, Lynn Cooper, William Putzig*

by a St. John's member

*Many thanks to everyone who placed lilies  
in the sanctuary to beautify  
St. John's for Easter Sunday.*

*If you would like to take your lily home,  
you may do so after the 11 o'clock service.*

# Announcements

## New Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

We are pleased to announce the hiring of Gabe Cintron as our new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries! His first official day is Sunday, May 1. If you had the opportunity to meet Gabe when he was here for his interview a few weeks ago, you know how engaging he is to be around. Gabe has a clear calling to youth and children's ministries as well as experience in both full time and part time ministries to youth, children and their families. Additionally, he has so many wonderful gifts to share and will breathe creativity, joy, and energy into our ministries.

Gabe's Bio: Gabriel Cintron comes to us from Fort Myers, Florida where he attended Florida Southwestern College and attained his Associates degree in Vocal Performance. As a teenager, Gabe felt an overwhelming call to ministry and his faith journey led him to become heavily involved in the children's and youth ministry at his local church. Over the past decade he has worked with youth and children in various ministries. He brings his musical background, videography skills, and joy for serving the Church. While he isn't working, Gabe enjoys hiking and being active or painting and remodeling his home.

## Mission to St. Mark's UMC

Our bi-annual mission to St. Mark's UMC in New Orleans to provide a meal to those experiencing hunger and homelessness in and around the French Quarter is set for **Sunday, April 24**. St. Mark's has returned to serving meals so St. John's will be providing a meal that will be prepped on **Saturday, April 23**. We will be leaving for New Orleans on April 24 at 7 a.m. You may contact Rev. Larry Norman for more information at [lducknataol@gmail.com](mailto:lducknataol@gmail.com) or 225-933-1881. There is no cost to participate in this mission and all ages and abilities are welcome to serve. Volunteers are needed both days.

## Resurrection Stories and Songs

On **Sunday, April 24**, we will share in a Service of Resurrection Stories and Songs at both 8:30 and 11 a.m. It will be in the style of "Lessons and Carols," which is popular around Advent and Christmas. We will read together the varied post-Easter resurrection stories of Jesus visiting his disciples and sing some of the most beloved Easter hymns of our faith. These stories in scripture will continue to inspire, as will the joyful music and the other aspects of our worship.

## St. John's Writer's Group

Because of Holy Week services, St. John's Writer's Group will meet on **Sunday, April 24** at 4 p.m. on Zoom. Contact Mari Walker ([silvermari@gmail.com](mailto:silvermari@gmail.com)) for information about the group.

## Youth Sunday

**Sunday, May 1** is Youth Sunday and Senior Recognition Day. We hope you join us as members of our youth group lead both 8:30 and 11:00 worship. Ana de la Fuente, one of our graduating seniors will deliver the message. Youth graduating from high school will also be recognized during the services, with a luncheon in their honor, and for all youth, following the 11 a.m. service.

## Kitchen Dedication

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 15**. This is the day our Kitchen Renovation Team is planning for us to celebrate the official re-opening of our newly renovated kitchen! A reception will take place between services, with a dedication and blessing from 9:50 - 10 a.m.

## Upcoming Sermon Series - MythBusters: Separating the Christian from the Cliché

In our MythBusters worship series, which begins May 8, we will take a look at some common sayings that have become cliché and try to determine if they have any biblical basis and if so, what that is. Most of these sayings will be ones you have heard a million times. You may even use them regularly yourself! We'll focus on four well-known phrases, including "Everything happens for a reason," and "God won't give you more than you can handle." Often we say these clichés, thinking that we're being helpful, without having thought out the entire implication of what we're saying and whether it is really based in scripture and theologically grounded. Join us for this new worship series coming in May!

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