

# Finding **God** in the Flames



CAMPFIRE STORIES FROM SCRIPTURE

Sunday, June 19, 2022

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

All Are Welcome

*“A perpetual fire shall be kept burning on the altar; it shall not go out.”*

Leviticus 6:13

*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 AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

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

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

## \*Song of Praise

*Near to the Heart of God*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 472, vs. 1

*All I Need Is You*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2080, vs. 1, 2

## \*Call to Worship

Kathy King

Lord, stoke the embers of our hearts;  
**Stir our souls to burning.**  
Clear away the weariness of the week,  
**And turn our focus fully to you.**  
Warm us by your steady presence,  
**And restore us to your glory!**

## \*Song of Response

*All I Need Is You*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2080, vs. 3

# FANNING THE FLAMES

## Children's Moment

Heather Durham

## Prayer for Illumination

Kathy King

Holy One,  
We come before you today  
full of hope,  
full of desire,  
full of promise.

Connect our hearts to the eternal flame of your Spirit  
and open our lives to what you have for us today.  
Grant us a spirit of calm and compassion and give us the  
confidence and strength needed to face the future unafraid.  
Amen.

## Scripture

Kathy King

Leviticus 6:8-13

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

Our Campfire Story:  
"The Eternal Flame"

## FEEDING THE FIRE

### \*Hymn of Faith

*Come and Find the Quiet Center*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2181, vs. 1, 3

### \*Prayer of Confession

Holy God,  
we confess to faith that wavers in its dedication.  
We try to be your followers,  
yet we are distracted and waylaid.  
We do not do what we commit to doing.  
We do not love who we commit to loving.  
We do not believe in what we commit to believing.  
Restore in us the steady flame of faith,  
to a spirit that does not falter day in and day out.  
By your saving grace, we pray this in your saving name.  
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 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 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. (3x)**

**Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. (3x)**

*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. (3x)**

*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. (3x)**

## 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.*

**Eternal God,**

**We give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Stoke within us the flames of your mercy and grace, that we might be Christ's sparklers in our community.**

**And now, send us out to do the work you have called us to do, of loving and serving others in the name of Jesus, our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## SHARING THE LIGHT

### 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

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

The United Methodist Hymnal 420, vs. 1, 3, 4

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

Terry Byars

## WORSHIP NOTES

### Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Donnie and Susan Lambert.

### Coffee Time

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

### Flowers on the Altar

The flowers on the altar are in thanksgiving for this day the Lord had made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Next Week in Worship

Next Sunday, June 26, Rev. Callie Winn Crawford, will conclude our June worship series, "Finding God in the Flames: Campfire Stories from Scripture." Throughout the month, we are reading stories and passages in scripture that reference fire and flame. Her message will be inspired by Luke 9:49-56, a time when the disciples wanted to rebuke and rain fire down on those who are not "one of us." Join us in worship next Sunday as we find out what Jesus has to say in response. Rev. Callie is Pastor Lane's "elder older sister," and is retired from full-time pastoral ministry. Her most recent ministry setting was as the Senior Pastor of Rayne Memorial United Methodist Church in New Orleans.

## New Series for July: "Upside Down Living"

In our July worship series, "Upside Down Living: Parables with a Punch," we will take a look at several of the parables that Jesus told. Stories open our minds to new ideas and different perspectives with power to spark emotions and inspire change. For centuries, stories and parables have challenged us, helping us make sense of our lives. In just three years, Jesus Christ, one history's greatest storytellers, captivated crowds and answered questions with stories. In this new series, we explore some of the parables of Jesus that literally turned ideas about life, love, and faith upside down and continue to forever change the world. *Rev. Marie Williams will get the series started on July 3 with Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37.*

## Summer Sunday School - "Spirited Praise"

"Spirited Praise" our one room Sunday School for K-5th graders continues for the months of June and July. Kids will start with music led by Dr. Steve Rushing and then will enjoy a lesson and activities led by volunteers from our adult Sunday School classes. Parents: please drop off and pick up your children in the FLC (9:45 - 10:45 a.m.)

## The Shepherd's Market Returns to Client-Choice Shopping

The Shepherd's Market food pantry has returned to client-choice shopping. We are having an exciting and joy-filled time as we welcome our neighbors back inside for a hot meal, fellowship, and pantry shopping. Volunteers are always welcome Mondays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 - 10 a.m.

## Youth Summer Schedule

Typical Summer Youth Schedule: Sundays, 3-4:30 p.m.; Mondays, The Shepherd's Market 3 - 5:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 4-6 p.m.

**Additionally, Evan needs volunteers to help him on Sundays.**

**Please reach out and volunteer to serve! His email is [evangager@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:evangager@stjohnsbr.org).**

## GriefShare

We are beginning a new session of GriefShare **Thursday, June 30 at 6 p.m.** in the Parlor. This is a 13-week grief recovery program that will help you on your journey through the loss of a loved one. GriefShare is not only for St. John's congregation, it is open to everyone and is non-denominational. If you know of someone who might benefit from this program, please let them know. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Roark (601-209-5102 or [dianer14@gmail.com](mailto:dianer14@gmail.com)).

## Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's 9-week Financial Peace University (FPU) is being offered on **Tuesdays from 6 – 8 p.m. beginning August 23** in the Library. The cost of the course is \$60; checks should be made out to St. John's UMC with FPU in the memo line. If you have any questions contact Jill Brant, Class Coordinator, at [jbrant96518@gmail.com](mailto:jbrant96518@gmail.com) or (985) 503-4246. Class size is limited to 15. You may register using the registration form in the Narthex. Registration deadline is August 1.