



Sunday, May 22, 2022

8:30 WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

Luke 4:18-19

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

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 BEFORE GOD

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
The United Methodist Hymnal 340, vs. 1

We Are Called
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2172, vs. 1

*Call to Worship

Natalie Cooper

Good and gracious God, you have healed our wounds.

You have brought us from paths of hurt and anger.

You have blessed our life that we might be a blessing to others.

Let us worship you in great joy.

Let us remember the ways you have turned our mourning into dancing.

Let us give thanks to you forever. Amen.

*Song of Response

We Are Called
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2172, vs. 2

Anthem

Again I Say Rejoice

Alleluia Ringers

GROWING IN CHRIST'S LIKENESS

Children's Moment

Shawn Walker

Opening Prayer

Evan Gager

Compassionate, glorious God,

You hear our cries and our pleas for help.

We may enter the dark of night with weeping,

**but we wake in the morning with joy, for you hear our petitions
and come in our hour of need.**

**As we gather here together today, remind us of your presence,
and inspire us with your mercy.**

Amen.

*Scripture

Evan Gager

Luke 4:16-21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Lane

**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.**

Message

Pastor Lane

“Myth: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves”

RESPONDING WITH GRACE AND THANKS

***Hymn of Faith**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
The United Methodist Hymnal 57, vs. 1, 4, 5

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Alleluia Ringers

Fantasy on Kingsfold

*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
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.

Prayer after Receiving

Natalie 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 LOVE AND SERVE OTHERS

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**

The Summons

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2130, vs. 1, 5

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Postlude**

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

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

Coffee Time

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Ministry Intern

Today we welcome Evan Gager as our summer ministry intern. Evan will be serving with us full time this summer. He will focus half of his time on youth ministries and his remaining time will be exploring pastoral leadership. Read about Evan in his own words:

Hey y'all! My name is Evan Gager. I am from Gautier, Mississippi, and I am a senior at LSU! I am involved with the LSU Wesley Foundation, REFUGE college ministry, and, currently, I am the President of Brothers Under Christ fraternity on campus. I enjoy doing all things sport related with just about any sport you can imagine. After graduation, I plan on going into full-time ministry and potentially going overseas in the future to bring the Gospel to where it currently does not live. But for now, I am excited to grow my faith and help others in growing theirs!

Our Pictorial Directories Are Here!

Our pictorial church directories are here! Everyone who had their picture taken or who submitted a picture will receive a complimentary copy of the new directory. You can pick up your directory today in the Narthex or during regular church office hours.

DIGITAL DIRECTORY: If you would like a digital PDF of the new directory, email Lynn Cooper (office@stjohnsbr.org) in the church office.

COLOR COPIES AVAILABLE: Printed color copies of the directory are available for \$5 per copy, which includes all the color photos and contact information. We will give you a full color version of the directory pages with holes punched so that you can add them to a binder or folder of your choosing. Color Copies are available in the Narthex.

Cookbook for Bob Lunsford

Instead of a "Thank You" card, we are giving Bob Lunsford, the architect for the kitchen renovation (and The Walk renovations), we are giving him a signed St. John's cookbook. The cookbook is in the Narthex today. Please sign your name and a word of Thanks anywhere inside the cookbook.

Church Council Meeting

The Church Council will be meeting on **Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Library. Please note the change in time. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

Family Night Potluck and Godspell Performance

Come kick off the summer with St. John's Family Night on **Saturday, June 4!** We will gather for a Potluck and Performance of Godspell, The Musical. Bring a dish, side or dessert to share for the potluck dinner starting at 5:45 p.m. Following dinner, the D.A.R.I.N.G. Youth Choir from First UMC, Allen Texas, will present a lively production of "Godspell" starting at 7:00. Invite family and friends!

Summer Sunday School - "Spirited Praise"

Thank you! The response to our request for volunteer groups to lead Summer Sunday School has been wonderful. All of the Sundays in June and July have been taken by some of our adult Sunday School classes! **Natalie Cooper needs helpers on July 3**, so if you want to dance with Natalie and the kids (the lesson is David Dances from 2 Samuel), email her at natalie@piaooflouisiana.com.

The Shepherd's Market Returns to Client-Choice Shopping

The Shepherd's Market is asking for volunteers as they will return to client-choice shopping in June. This will mean three day a week shopping and hot meals: Mondays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 - 10 a.m. We are asking for new and returning kitchen and pantry volunteers to help us resume our pre-covid schedule.