



Sunday, May 29, 2022

8:30 WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Psalm 46:1-3

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 BEFORE GOD

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

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

As the Deer
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2025

My Life Is In You, Lord
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2032

*Call to Worship

Jim Sandifer

Come! Let us worship and praise God.

The Lord is our shepherd, our guardian and our guide.

Celebrate the many ways in which God cares for our lives.

**Green pastures and silent still waters beckon us
and comfort us.**

Even though difficulties happen in our lives, God is with us still.

**Even when it seems that the world has nothing to offer but
suffering and pain, God surrounds us with God's love
and bounty.**

Surely God's mercy accompanies us on our journey.

And we will dwell in God's house forever. Amen.

*Song of Response

Praise the Name of Jesus
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2066

Ministry Moment

The Shepherd's Garden

Renee Rodi

Opening Prayer

Renee Rodi

Great Gardner God,

**Just as your creation sends the rain upon the earth and
the sun to help things grow, you provide for us abundantly.**

**Even when we doubt and fear, even when we turn away,
You are faithful.**

**Open our hearts today, O Lord, to hear your word for us,
so that we may become faithful disciples of yours all our days.
Amen.**

GROWING IN CHRIST'S LIKENESS

Children's Moment

Evan Gager

Prayer for Illumination

Jim Sandifer

**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

Jim Sandifer

Psalm 46:1-3; 1 Corinthians 10:13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Lane

"Myth: God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle"

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Lane

RESPONDING WITH GRACE AND THANKS

*Hymn of Faith

I Need Thee Every Hour

The United Methodist Hymnal 397 vs. 1, 4, 5

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

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

Jim Sandifer

God, we give you thanks!

For this meal that nourishes us in body and spirit.

For the earth that gifts us these resources.

And for these bodies of ours through which you take on flesh.

Empower us to lighten the load for one another,

for together, with you, we will make it through. 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**

O God Our Help In Ages Past
The United Methodist Hymnal 117, vs. 1, 2, 6

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Postlude**

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Joyce Robinson and Paul Ivey.

Coffee Time

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH GROUP TODAY! (6th - 12th grades)

We will be gathering **this afternoon from 3 - 4:30 p.m.** Come join us and meet Evan! Play some games! And, of course, eat some snacks! Oh, yes, bring a friend!

Memorial Day Holiday

The office will be closed tomorrow in celebration of Memorial Day. Office hours will resume on Tuesday at 9 a.m.

NEXT SATURDAY! 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 main dish, side dish, 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!

June Worship Series "Finding God in the Flames: Campfire Stories from Scripture"

Join us for Pentecost Sunday on June 5th as we begin our worship series, "Finding God in the Flames: Campfire Stories from Scripture." We will kick off the summer by looking at some of the great fire stories of the Bible. From the Holy Spirit descending onto the disciples through tongues of flame, to Moses and the burning bush, join us as we explore the life-giving light of God. **In celebration of Pentecost, everyone is encouraged to wear colors that represent fire to worship on June 5.**

NEXT SUNDAY! Summer Sunday School - "Spirited Praise"

Next Sunday we begin "Spirited Praise" our one room Sunday School for K-5th graders. 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.).

Pick Up A Yellow Shopping Bag

Don't forget to pick up a yellow shopping bag and bring it back next **Sunday, June 5** which is Grocery Bag Sunday! Your generous grocery donations to The Shepherd's Market on the first Sunday of the month help keep down the cost of our buying food to supplement what we have on hand. Anything you can bring is a much needed gift to the pantry - thank you.

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.

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. If you would like a digital PDF of the pictorial directory, email Lynn Cooper (office@stjohnsbr.org) in the church office. Printed color copies of the pictorial directory are available in the Narthex for \$5 per copy, which includes all the color photos and contact information.

Shepherd's Garden

The Shepherd's Garden needs volunteers to help the garden grow. Volunteers meet on **Wednesdays at 8 a.m.** and work only for one hour. They plant, they water, they weed, and they harvest in order to bring fresh vegetables to The Shepherd's Market food pantry. If you like to work outside, join them on any Wednesday - no need to sign up. For more information contact Renee Rodi at 225-978-1738. Come on out - the fresh air will do you good and you will be fed spiritually while helping to feed others physically.