



Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:30 WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

"Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. You'll receive the same judgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you."

Matthew 7:1-2

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 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 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

God Is So Good

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2056, vs. 1, 2, 3

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2223, vs. 1, refrain

*Call to Worship

Theresa Sandifer

Jesus reminded the disciples:

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love:

“Love one another as I have loved you.”

Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness,
compassion, and hope.

Let us love one another as Christ loves us.

*Response Song

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2223, refrain

Opening Prayer

Theresa Sandifer

God of grace and mercy,

Let your love shine on us
and through us to others.

Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts.

Give us the joy of knowing and serving you
in all that we say, think, and do.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GROWING IN CHRIST'S LIKENESS

Children's Moment

Pastor Lane

Prayer for Illumination

Theresa 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.

Matthew 7:1-5

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Lane

“Myth: Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin”

RESPONDING WITH GRACE AND THANKS

***Hymn of Faith**

As a Fire Is Meant For Burning
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2222, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

Prayer of Confession

Pastor Lane

**God of pure, unbounded love,
we are a people who long to be loving,
and a people who often fail.
Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others.
Forgive us when we do not chose our words with care,
and when they hurt our families, friends and neighbors.
Forgive us when we judge and condemn.
Come into our hearts.
Give us strength and courage to be less hurtful and
more loving.
Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Words of Grace and Forgiveness

Pastor Lane

Friends, hear the good news:
Jesus came not to condemn us, but to love us and save us
and show us the way.
Know that we are forgiven, and thus freed to love and serve others.
Alleluia! Amen.
May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

***Sharing Signs of Peace and Joy**

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

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

Theresa Sandifer

**Loving Savior,
we thank you once again for this meal,
this day,
this gift of resurrection.**

**Send us out into your world to be the presence of love and hope
to all who despair and fear,
that all may live knowing they are loved. 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

Jesu, Jesu

The United Methodist Hymnal 432, vs. 1, 2, 3

*Blessing and Sending Forth

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

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

Flowers on the Altar

Flowers on the altar are given by Beth Forester in honor of all mothers and in memory of her mother, Eva Forester.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Martha Circle - United Women in Faith

The Mary Martha Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parlor. All women are invited to attend.

Prime Timers Breakfast

Primers Timers invite everyone 60 years and over to a Dutch-treat buffet breakfast on **Saturday, May 14 at 8:30 a.m.** The cost is \$8.99. We meet at the Drury Inn & Suites, 7939 Essen Park Ave., for good food and good fellowship on the second Saturday of every month. Come join us!

Kitchen Celebration

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.

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.

Ushers Needed for Both Worship Services

This month we are returning to having four ushers at both services. We have a wonderful group of ushers now but would like to have more. For those of you who work during the week, this is a great way to get involved in a church ministry. If we get enough volunteers, you will only have to usher once every six weeks. Contact Lynn in the church office (225-766-4594 or office@stjohnsbr.org).

Inside St. John's Newsletter

If you don't receive our Tuesday e-newsletter, *Inside St. John's*, sign up now to get news pertinent to St. John's members. This weekly email includes prayer requests and is the first place from which we make important announcements. Subscribers to *Inside St. John's* also receive notification when someone from the church passes away. Send an email to Lynn (office@stjohnsbr.org) and she will put your name on the mailing list. If you would like us to include your birthday and anniversary in our "Celebrations" column, let her know those dates.

Godspell and Church-wide Potluck

We are pleased to announce on **Saturday June 4** we will be hosting the Youth Choir from First UMC in Allen, Texas, who are on a summer tour with the musical, "Godspell." We will be having a church-wide potluck beginning at 5:45 p.m. with the performance to follow our meal. Bring a dish to share. Invite family and friends! And on Sunday, the choir will be sharing special music at the 8:30 service before leaving to continue their summer tour.