



# Wellspring of Life

CELEBRATING THE ABUNDANCE OF  
GOD'S LIVING WATER

Sunday, October 2, 2022

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

All Are Welcome

From Genesis to Revelation, we encounter stories in our holy scriptures with well and water imagery. The Church is like a well, and the water we draw from the St. John's well is Christ's living water, given for us that we may never thirst. In our fall stewardship campaign and worship series, which both begin today, we will dip into the wellspring of life, exploring themes and practices that celebrate the abundance of God's living water in our lives, and consider the ways we are invited to give and receive from the St. John's well.

*All are invited to dig deep, draw often, and drink freely.*

*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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# Come to the Wellspring of Life

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

Prelude

Terry Byars

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

\*Songs of Praise

*Baptized in Water*

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2248, vs. 1

*You Who Are Thirsty*

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2132, second ending

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Bernie Johnson

We gather to worship the Living Water!

**Spring up, Oh Well, within our souls.**

In our dry and arid places, Water of Baptism, refresh us.

**Stir up inside of us, renew us Living Waters.**

Remind us of our connection to Jesus, the early church, and generations long ago, to Christians around the world today, and Your eternal Well that never runs dry.

**Burst forth within us! Overflow!**

**Saturate the stagnant areas of our lives,  
and reconnect us to You, our Wellspring of Life.**

Let us remember our baptism and be thankful!

**Take us to Your well, where we will dig deep,  
draw often, and drink freely from Christ's living waters.**

\*Song of Response

*You Who Are Thirsty*

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2132, first ending

## Draw From the Well of Faith

Children's Message

Evan Gager

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Lane

Holy God,

**You breathed upon the waters of Creation  
and poured forth your grace.**

**Refresh us continually with your living water.**

**As the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed,  
may we draw from the well of faith  
and drink deeply of Christ's promises  
of hope, grace, peace, healing, and encouragement -  
all signs of the abundance of God. Amen.**

**\*Scripture**

Pastor Lane

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

**Message**

Pastor Lane

“Called From the Water”

# Drink Deeply of God's Promises

**\*Hymn of Faith**

*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2120, vs. 1, 4

**Stewardship Moment**

Ben Hartman

**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!**

**\*Reaffirming Our Baptismal Covenant**

**\*Affirming Our Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

The United Methodist Hymnal 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he arose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving Over the Water**

## **Gathering Around Christ's Table**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## **\*Baptismal Renewal and Holy Communion**

*All baptized Christians, young or old, are invited to remember and celebrate your baptisms by coming forward and pulling a stone out of the baptismal waters.*

*You may find it meaningful to say to yourself, "I am a beloved child of God," or "Going forward, I will resist harm. I will do good."*

*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.*

## **Prayer after Renewal and Receiving**

Rev. Bernie

**Almighty God,**

**who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and welcomes us around the table,**

**strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in your eternal care, as we strive to live out our baptismal covenant each day.**

**As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work.**

**We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

*Pour Out Ourselves for Others*

## **Call to Action**

Pastor Lane

*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**

*Go, Make of All Disciples*

The United Methodist Hymnal 571, vs. 1, 2, 4

*During the singing of the hymn, we invite you to bring forward The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.*

## **\*Commissioning and Benediction**

*We offer prayers for Donnie and Susan Lambert  
as they serve on a Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team to Cuba this month.*

## **\*Postlude**

# *Worship Notes*

### **Worship Stewards**

Ushers in today's service are Susan Johnston and Bobbi Marino.

### **Coffee Time**

Everyone is invited to the Family Life Center following the service for coffee and snacks.

### **Flowers on the Altar**

The flowers on the altar are given by Boy Scout Troop 505 with warmest regards, sincere thanks, and a heartfelt goodbye to St. John's.

# Announcements

## **DAILY WATER INTAKE CHALLENGE**

Health experts recommend we drink eight 8-ounce glasses of water a day for our physical health. What if we took that same concept and applied it to our spiritual health? This month, embark on the Daily Water Intake Challenge with us! This play on words is an invitation for you to dip into water-inspired verses from scripture throughout October. How might Christ's Living Waters move and inspire us individually and collectively if we spend just 8 minutes each day pondering and praying over these passages? Printed calendars can be found in the Narthex as well as online: [stjohnsbr.org/wellspring-of-life/](http://stjohnsbr.org/wellspring-of-life/)

## **COFFEE AND CONVERSATION**

We invite you to join us for a new ministry called "Coffee and Conversation," which will gather each **Monday morning from 10-11 am** in the Library. The group reflects on the scripture used in worship the previous day and applies it to our lives. You can participate in this weekly opportunity as your schedule allows - no need to sign up. With fresh coffee and friendly fellowship, there's space for everyone!

## **PLANNED GIVING: What Legacy Will You Leave?**

Come meet Chris Spencer from the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana on **Sunday, October 9 during the Sunday School hour**, where he will explain how Planned Giving can benefit you, your loved ones, and your church or favorite ministry. Everything from wills and bequests to donor advised funds and endowments will be discussed. Join us in the FLC and find out how easy it is to make a planned gift and start reaping the benefits immediately. Breakfast items will be served.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES COMING SOON!**

Confirmation is an important time for young people to grow and learn about the Christian faith, what uniquely shapes the faith of United Methodists, and how it all fits into their own story of faith. Confirmation is made up of 6 sessions, held monthly during the school year, service hours, enrichment experiences (field trips) and a special worship service in the spring. At the conclusion of the confirmation process, students can choose if they would like to profess their faith in Jesus Christ and become full, baptized and professing members of St. John's United Methodist Church.

We encourage all youth, 6th-12th grades, who have not yet been confirmed, to commit to the confirmation process. Classes will meet once a month from October-April. Confirmation Orientation for Youth and Parents/Caregivers will be on **Sunday, October 9 at 2:30 p.m.**, followed by the first Confirmation class from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Rev. Marie Williams, a retired ordained elder here at St. John's will lead the sessions, with support from Evan Gager, Natalie Cooper and Pastor Lane.

A detailed schedule will be provided at orientation. For more information, please contact Rev. Marie Williams at 985-285-6994 or [msds2@juno.com](mailto:msds2@juno.com).

## **PICNIC AND PLAYDATE WITH CONNOR**

Pack a Picnic and join your St. John's friends at Highland Road Park on **Saturday, October 15 (11:30 am-1 pm)** for a picnic playdate. Connor Dean, our new interim Director of Youth and Children's Ministries will be there and is excited to start getting to know you! Bring your own lunch, meet us at the playground and pavilion, and come enjoy this time outside with your church family. Children of all ages are invited. (In case there is inclement weather, we will move the picnic to the Family Life Center.)

## **YOUTH ATTENDING YES FEST**

The St. John's Youth are headed to YES FEST on Saturday afternoon/evening, October 15. This free event held at the BR Fair Grounds is a Christian music festival with live music, carnival rides, food, and more. Before departing for the festival, the Youth will have a chance to hang out with Connor Dean, our new interim Director of Youth and Children's Ministries for some fun and games at the church. Specific timing and detailed information coming soon. Let Evan Gager know if you are interested in attending.

## **"MUSIC MAKERS" FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

**SUNDAYS from 4:30-5:30pm** - We invite all Children and Youth in 1st - 12th grades to join us for "Music Makers" on Sunday afternoons. Drop off/Pick up in the Choir Room. For more information, please contact Steve Rushing ([stevenrushing@stjohnsbr.org](mailto:stevenrushing@stjohnsbr.org)).