



Wellspring of Life

CELEBRATING THE ABUNDANCE OF
GOD'S LIVING WATER

Sunday, October 23, 2022

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

In scripture, love stories, like Rachel and Jacob's, often happen around a well. Church is also the site of love stories—not romantically, but the place where we fall in love with ordinary, sainted sinners. Today we will reflect on the love we experience within the church community, and frame giving as an act of love.

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 18 months 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

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

Celebrate Love

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2073, vs. 1 & 2

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2223, vs. 1 - 3

*Call to Worship

Evan Gager

We are drawn to God by love,

**love to search and keep us,
love to save and sanctify us,**

We are drawn to each other by love,

**love to nourish and sustain us,
love to connect and forgive us.**

We are drawn to worship to love,

**love the God who creates us,
love the God who restores us!**

*Song of Response

Make Us One

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2224

Draw From the Well of Faith

Children's Message

Ben Hartman

Prayer for Illumination

Evan Gager

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

Evan Gager, Ben Hartman,
Zach Isenhower

Genesis 29:1-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Pastor Lane

“Tying the Knot at the Well”

Drink Deeply of God's Promises

***Hymn of Faith**

When Love Is Found

The United Methodist Hymnal 643, vs. 1 - 3

Prayer of Confession

Evan Gager

Gracious God,

**We confess to all the sins that tear relationships apart:
pride, arrogance, greed,
gossip, mistrust, jealousy,
assuming the worst of others
and bringing to them the worst of ourselves.**

**Mend the broken places in our families, neighborhoods,
churches, and communities.**

**Bind us together as the one loving and beloved body of Christ,
committed to remembering that we need each other as we
need you. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness and Grace

Hear the good news!

Nothing—not death, nor life, nor angels,
nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation—

is able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Through the power of that love, we are forgiven.
Alleluia! Amen.**

Stewardship Moment

Zach Isenhower

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!**

Celebrating Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Communion Song:
You Who Are Thirsty
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2132
Sung by Pastor Lane

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.

Communion Response

Evan Gager

Friends, we have sat an hour by the well,
and shared in Communion with the Lord.
We have tasted and seen that God is good.
How shall we respond?

**We offer gratitude to the Lord for this bread and this cup,
and for all that Jesus has done for us.**

**Drawn to the well by your love,
we are now sent to pour ourselves out for others.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ,
who is our Wellspring of Life,
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**

Bind Us Together (2x)
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2226

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Worship Notes

Worship Stewards

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

Coffee Time

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

Announcements

ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on **Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m.** St. John's UMC, along with other area churches, will be meeting at First UMC, 930 North Boulevard. All members of St. John's are invited to attend. The St. John's Church Council members represent us as voting members of the Charge Conference.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY, STEWARDSHIP POTLUCK, & FAMILY FALL FEST!

Sunday, October 30 will be a spirited and fun-filled day of fellowship! It's **Commitment Sunday!** We encourage you to consider what you will be able to pledge towards the mission and ministries of St. John's in 2023, as during the services we will be invited to turn in our pledge card. (Pledge cards will be mailed this week.)

Bring a dish to share because following the 11am service, **at noon, we'll gather for our Stewardship Potluck** followed by a rollicking game of church-wide BINGO, with awesome PRIZES to be won! There will also be a photo booth set up and a couple of games for ALL ages to play ... think you can "over and under" a little pumpkin? The newly-formed Food, Fun, and Fellowship team is excited to sponsor this Fall Fest for families and friends of all ages and stages! You won't want to miss it!

We welcome ALL ages to wear costumes to church!

ALL SAINTS' DAY

On **Sunday, November 6**, we will be observing All Saints' Day in worship. During the service, we will remember and give thanks for those who have passed away since the previous November 1, by reading their names and lighting a candle, giving thanks for their lives and good witness. If you have a loved one who has died in the past year that you would like us to name aloud in those services, please email Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org) with their name by November 1.

DAILY WATER INTAKE CHALLENGE CONTINUES!

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

FRIENDSGIVING BRUNCH

All families with Children and Youth (infants through 12th grade) as well as volunteers in these ministries are invited to a Friendsgiving Brunch on **Saturday, November 19 from 10-11:30am** in the FLC. Bring a brunch dish to share for the potluck and enjoy a time of fun and fellowship with your church friends! Connor Dean, our new interim Director of Youth and Children's Ministries is looking forward to being with us for Friendsgiving and is planning some activities and games for all ages! We hope your family can join us. If you are willing to help with set up and/or clean up, please contact Pastor Lane (pastorlane@stjohnsbr.org).

HOLY CARBS WORSHIP SERIES

As we get closer to the holidays, we are reminded how central food is to our lives. During the three Sundays prior to Thanksgiving (**November 6, 13 and 20**), we will revisit some of the grandest food stories found in scripture with our "Holy Carb" worship series. With God, food isn't just important – it is Holy! Through this series, we will get to know more about God and how God wants to be in relationship with us. The series begins on November 6, All Saints Day, when we will gather around Christ's table to remember and honor those who came before us and together, we will be fed spiritually and physically from this time of Holy Communion.