



Wellspring of Life

CELEBRATING THE ABUNDANCE OF
GOD'S LIVING WATER

Sunday, October 9, 2022

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

We dig human wells to draw from for our survival and refreshment. But human wells can exhaust us, and human wells can go dry. And so Jesus offers us something more! In worship we hear about Jesus' Living Water, which flows from the wellspring of life.

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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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

Give Thanks

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2036

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

The United Methodist Hymnal 629, vs. 1, 4

*Call to Worship

Margaret Sprunger

If you're tired and thirsty,
come to the water.

If you're hungry and searching,
come to the table.

If you're lost and looking,
come to the Word.

If you're needing grace,
come to worship. Come to God's life-giving embrace!

*Song of Response

Fill My Cup, Lord

The United Methodist Hymnal 641

Draw From the Well of Faith

Children's Message

Darlene Dickson

Prayer for Illumination

Margaret Sprunger

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

Margaret Sprunger

John 4:3-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“Living Water”

What part of our life together at St. John’s refreshes your faith?

What is life-giving for you at church right now?

Drink Deeply of God’s Promises

*Hymn of Faith

You Who Are Thirsty
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2132

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord,
We confess to a stubborn addiction
to the wells of our own making:
wells full of pride and arrogance,
wells full of hopelessness and cynicism,
wells full of fear and callousness.
Draw us again to your deeper well
brimming with the Living Water,
of your peace, grace, and truth.
Help us rest by your well,
and drink deeply
of all you have to offer. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Hear the good news!
The mercy of God is like cool water on a hot day.
Know that you are fully forgiven, and be at peace.
Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*Sharing the Peace and Love of Christ

Stewardship Moment

Pat Cobb

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 III
The United Methodist Hymnal 15

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.**

**Blest is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*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.**

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread and Cup

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

Chris Spencer

Friends, we have sat an hour by the well,
been offered Living Water,
and the Communion of the Lord.
We have tasted and seen that the Lord 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

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

The United Methodist Hymnal 465, vs. 1, 3, 4

*Benediction

*Postlude

Worship Notes

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's service are Jim and Theresa Sandifer.

Coffee Time

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

Flowers on the Altar

In recognition of Pastor Appreciation Week, the flowers on the altar are given in honor of Pastor Lane with thanks for all she has done for 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/

TODAY - PLANNED GIVING: What Legacy Will You Leave?

Come meet Chris Spencer from the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana **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 BEGIN TODAY!

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. For more information, please contact Rev. Marie Williams at 985-285-6994.

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.

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 will be headed to the 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).

ANNOUNCING THE STEWARDSHIP POTLUCK AND FAMILY FALL FEST!

Mark your calendars now for the Stewardship Potluck and Family Fall Fest, to be held on **Sunday, October 30, at noon**, right after the 11:00 service! We'll start the day by welcoming ALL ages to wear costumes to church! Then we'll gather for our noontime meal together 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!