



Sunday, June 18, 2023

8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS

All Are Welcome

Welcome to our “Sermon of the Mount Reading and Hymn Festival.” We will read and sing our way through Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, in the style of a “Lessons and Carols” service. We will hear Jesus’ entire Sermon on the Mount, as written in the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 5-7, we will sing beloved songs of our faith, and we will witness beautiful special music offerings from our congregation. --

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to register your attendance (scan the QR code in the bulletin) 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. If you are feeling cold, shawls are available in a basket in front of the media desk in the back of the sanctuary. 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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WELCOME to the CELEBRATION of the GOSPEL

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.
Please scan the QR Code to register your attendance.*



GATHERING BEFORE GOD

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Opening Prayer

Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven.
Amen.

*Hymn

Thy Word Is a Lamp
The United Methodist Hymnal 601, vs. 1 & 2

Children's Moment

Sarah Prevot

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Introduction

Pastor Lane

First Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

Special Music

The Lord Is My Shepherd
(Passmore/Smart)
Duet: Pat Cobb, soprano and
Jan Hughes, mezzo-soprano

Second Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2190, vs. 1 & 2

Third Reading

Matthew 5:21-37

Hymn

More Like You
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2167

Fourth Reading

Matthew 5:38-48

Hymn

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2171, vs. 1 - 4

Fifth Reading

Matthew 6:1-6

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Lane

Sixth Reading

Matthew 6:7-15

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer
(Malotte)
Steve Rushing

Seventh Reading

Matthew 6:16-24

Special Music

I Surrender
(Hillsong)
Connor Dean and Trevor Dean

Eighth Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory
His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Bryan Adams, soloist

*We appreciate your generosity.
Each gift enables us to be a blessing in our community.
You may give online by scanning the QR Code
or navigate to 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!**

Ninth Reading

Matthew 7:1-12

Hymn

Seek Ye First
The United Methodist Hymnal 405, vs. 1 & 2

Tenth Reading

Matthew 7:13-27

Hymn

My Hope Is Built
The United Methodist Hymnal 368, vs. 1 & 2

Conclusion

Matthew 7:28-29

Pastor Lane

Closing Prayer

Pastor Lane

SENT OUT IN JESUS' NAME

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**

Shine, Jesus, Shine
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2173

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

*The end of worship.
The beginning of service.*

WORSHIP NOTES

LAY READERS

8:30 Worship Service

Beth Forester, Susan Lambert, Maureen Robertson, John Toney, Jane Walker

11:00 Worship Service

Darlene Dickson, Gabe Guillory, Grace Idikwu, Molly Means, Joyce Perry

USHERS

8:30 Worship Service

Beth Forester and Donnie Lambert

11:00 Worship Service

Bill and Jane Metcalf.

COFFEE TIME

After the 8:30 service, everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments. Thank you, Sojourners Sunday School class.

Announcements

PLANNED GIVING TEAM

The Legacy page on our church website is live! You can read about planned giving options by going to stjohnsbr.org/legacy. Planned giving team members are Kathy King, Brian Blackwood, Pat Cobb, Johnny McWilliams, and Mari Walker. They are happy to provide next step information.

FLOWER CHART

Our Flower Chart has some Sundays that just might be the date you want to remember or honor a person or group. Just call the office or come by the bulletin board in the hallway of the Education/Admin Building and add your name to the chart on the date you select. Open dates are:

- July 9 and 30
- September 3, 10, and 24
- October 8, 15, 22, and 29
- November 26
- December 3 and 31

VASES FOR OUR FLOWER MINISTRY

Every Sunday, our Flower Ministry takes the flowers that were on the altar and divides them into smaller vases. These beautiful little arrangements are then brought to those who have been ill, those in assisted living facilities, or those confined to their homes.

The ladies who do the arranging are asking for our help. They need some small to medium vases (**not large**, please) you may have in your home that you no longer want. You may bring them to the Narthex on Sunday or to the church office during the week.

Worship

NEW WORSHIP SERIES - "SUMMER ON THE MOUNT"

We will spend our, "Summer on the Mount," through our worship series. In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gives us a sort of theological pep talk, not only to help us feel better about life, but to offer practical ways to help us live as God would have us live, that we might then help create the world as God envisions it. Join us as we spend the summer with Jesus' most famous sermon.

Servanthood

BOOKS NEEDED FOR THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET LIBRARY

The free "library" in The Shepherd's Market needs donations of gently used and/or new adult and children's books. We have recently had requests for children's games and puzzles so we are now accepting these items as donations.

SAVE THE DATE: ST. MARK'S MISSION DAYS

The St. John's Youth Group will be serving a meal to the unhoused and those experiencing hunger through St. Mark's UMC in New Orleans on **Sunday, June 25**. If you would like to participate in this one-day mission, please contact Connor Dean at connordean@stjohnsbr.org. Anyone is welcome to serve - whether you are Youth or not.

You are also welcome to take part in another mission to St. Mark's on October 8 being led by Rev. Larry Norman.

VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH YOUTH & CHILDREN SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Each Summer, we give our regular and reliable youth and children Sunday School leaders a chance to relax by giving them the summer off. We need your help. In June and July our youth and children Sunday School classes will meet in the Family Life Center for a combined Sunday School experience. Connor will be leading each week's lesson and will provide oversight. She is seeking helpers to guide the activities that accompany each lesson, for each of the three age groups. All materials will be provided.

Please consider the opportunity to create and strengthen intergenerational connections within our church family by volunteering for at least one Sunday in June or July. If you are willing to serve contact Connor Dean at connordean@stjohnsbr.org.

Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

TODAY: CHURCH-WIDE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

This summer we will offer a church-wide Bible Study on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 9:55-10:45 a.m. Many of our adult Sunday School classes will be joining in this 7-week study, which begins today, Sunday, June 18. We invite you to participate in the study, too! We've lined up a great team of facilitators, including Pastor Lane, Rev. Bernie Johnson, Rev. Marie Williams, Rev. Larry Norman, Natalie Cooper, and more.

Together we will examine some of Jesus' most profound and memorable teachings along with a video featuring Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, author of *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*. Taking themes from her book, we'll discuss how Jesus's teachings about forgiveness, kindness, prayer, and salvation are still relevant for us today. (It is not necessary to read or purchase the book, although for those who want to have it as a reference, you can buy the book online.)

COFFEE TIME UPDATE

Special thanks go to those who have answered the call to bring food! So far, we have enjoyed Sunday Coffee Time with delicious snacks!

We have one Sunday (June 25) where we need individuals or a class to sign up to bring food to finish up the month of June. Continuing through the summer up through September we will need individuals or classes to sign up. So far the schedule looks like this:

- June 18 - Thanks, Sojourners class!
- June 25 is open
- July 2 - Thanks, Seekers class!
- July 9 through July 30 are open
- August - Thanks, Genesis class!
- September 3 through September 24 are open



You do not have to sign up for a whole month. To sign up you can click on the QR Code to the right or go to <https://tinyurl.com/CoffeeTimeSignup>. If you have a problem signing up, contact Connor at connordean@stjohnsbr.org.

Children & Youth Ministries

YOUTH & CHILDREN SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Every Sunday in June and July, our children in Kindergarten - 12th grade, have a wonderful opportunity to meet together in a one-room Sunday school for Bible study, singing, activities, and snacks, led by Connor Dean. We will meet in the FLC from 10 - 10:45 a.m. Come early to enjoy some fellowship at Coffee Time. We do hope you will bring your children and youth to this experience.

YOUTH MINISTRIES (6TH - 12TH GRADES)

Summer Tour '23: Wednesdays in June and July, 6 - 8 p.m. This week our youth will travel to First UMC, Gonzales. **Youth Service Week: June 25-20**

- June 25 - St. Mark's Mission: See "Servanthood" in today's bulletin.
- June 26 - The Shepherd's Market Food Pantry
- June 27 - The Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank
- June 28 - Summer Tour Week 4 at University UMC, 6 - 8 p.m.
- June 29 - The Shepherd's Market Food Pantry
- June 30 - Shepherd's Garden

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Family Camp - A VBS Alternative: This summer, we will be hosting an event called "Family Camp." It will take place Thursday - Saturday, July 13 - 15. We will meet in the evenings on Thursday & Friday (July 13 & 14) from 6 - 7:30 p.m. and in the morning on Saturday (July 15) from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. We will gather in the Family Life Center each day for food, games, worship, Bible study, and other activities. Registration will be required for the event, but there is no cost to attend. For more information, please contact Connor Dean at connordean@stjohnsbr.org.

Summer Fellowship for Children & Families: Every other Thursday in June and July, there will be opportunities for fellowship and fun activities. Our next pool party is for children and will be at the Prevot's.

- **June 22 is a Children's Ministry Pool Party at the Prevot's, 5 - 7 p.m.**
- July 6 there will be an Ice Cream Social & Sock Hop at St. John's, 5 - 7 p.m.
- July 20 there will be Children's Ministry Pool Party at the Toney's, 5 - 7 p.m.
- Plus, we will have a Family Movie Night on August 3 at 5 p.m.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, June 18

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Hymn Fest, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC*
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Campus Wide
- 9:55 a.m. Sermon on the Mount Bible Study, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Hymn Fest, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. Bells Practice, Bells' Room

Monday, June 19

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 9:00 a.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Covenant Group, Library
- 3:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Market
- 4:30 p.m. Ladies Covenant Group, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Tuesday, June 20

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Good Grief! St. John's, Parlor
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, June 21

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group, First UMC, Gonzales
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting, FLC-E
- 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice, Choir Room

Thursday, June 22

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Kids' Pool Party, The Prevot's

Friday, June 23

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group, Parlor
- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 8:00 a.m. Food Bank Delivery, FLC

Saturday, June 24

- 12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
- 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center