



SPENDING THE SUMMER WITH JESUS' MOST FAMOUS SERMON.

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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

All Are Welcome

Today we focus on what are probably the most familiar words from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount – the ones we know as The Lord's Prayer. As we enter into worship, may we open ourselves up to the way the Spirit of God will use these words to reveal something new and something fresh to us this day.

*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.

## 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. 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 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 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.*



## CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

\*Songs of Praise

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (2x)*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2193

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 334

\*Call to Worship

Gabe Guillory

Holy God, as we gather today,  
we lift up who you are and what you represent,

**hallowed be your name.**

We seek your ways, and not our own.

**Your Kingdom come; your will be done.**

We say sorry to you and one another.

**Forgive us and teach us to forgive.**

As we gather today, we know we need you.

**Lead us away from temptation and  
deliver us from evil.**

As we worship today, we pray and praise your name.

**Glory forever! Amen.**

\*Song of Response

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*  
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2129, vs. 1

## LISTENING TO JESUS

Children's Moment

Connor Dean

Prayer for Illumination

Pastor Lane

Holy God,

**Jesus taught us to pray to you with openness,  
expectation, and love.**

**Lead us by your Spirit always to trust your  
faithfulness to us.**

**As we worship you and study your Word,  
may we grow in hope and peace.  
Teach us how to be compassionate disciples for you.  
We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**

**\*Scripture Reading**

Matthew 6:9-15

Pastor Lane

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**The Message**

"Pray in This Way"

Pastor Lane

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*Hymn of Faith**

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*  
The United Methodist Hymnal 496, vs. 1 & 3

**\*Prayer of Confession**

Pastor Lane

Let us come before God with the whole of our lives, the good,  
the bad, and the holy. Let us pray together:

**Merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you in  
thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us,  
renew us, and  
lead us,**

**so that we may delight in Your will  
and walk in Your ways that lead to glory. Amen.**

**\*Words of Grace and Forgiveness**

*From Psalm 145:13-14*

The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious  
in all his deeds.

The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises  
up all who are bowed down.

Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ**

## Ministry Moment

Beth Forester & Sandra Kuykendall

Opening Doors Non-profit  
School Supplies Drive

## Offering Our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory  
*Holy, Holy, Holy*  
Connor Dean, 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](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!**

## \*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. (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. The bread will be dipped in the grape juice and handed to you. Or, if you prefer, you may receive pre-packaged elements.*

*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 a person with limited mobility, please let an usher know and someone will gladly bring communion to you.*

## **Closing Prayer**

Gabe Guillory

**Lord...**

**We thank you for your church, founded upon your Word,  
that challenges us to do more than sing and pray,  
but go out and work as though the very answer to our  
prayers depended on us and not upon you.**

**Help us to realize that humanity was created to shine  
like the stars and live on through all eternity.**

**Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.**

**Help us to walk together,**

**pray together,**

**sing together,**

**and live together**

**until that day when all God's children**

**will rejoice in one common band of humanity**

**in the reign of our Lord and of our God, we pray.**

**Amen.**

# **BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

## **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**

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust In Jesus*

The United Methodist Hymnal 462, vs. 1 & 3

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

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

## **WORSHIP NOTES**

**USHERS** for today's service are Donnie and Susan Lambert.

### **FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR**

The flowers on the altar are in honor of members of the Opening Doors Board and those who lead the programs - FIT, The Shepherd's Market, and Gardere Projects. Their tireless commitment to Opening Doors is sincerely appreciated.

### **COFFEE TIME**

After the 8:30 service, everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for coffee and refreshments.

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Our closing prayer is adapted from a prayer by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



# Worship

## **OUR CURRENT WORSHIP SERIES - "SUMMER ON THE MOUNT"**

We are spending our, "Summer on the Mount," through our worship series based on Matthew 5-7. 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

## **SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE**

Opening Doors is collecting school supplies for 3 schools in our area: Charlie Thomas Memorial Head Start Center, Gardere Community Christian School, and Wildwood Elementary School. There will be blue tubs in the Narthex and the hallway of the Education/Admin Building Sunday, July 16 through Sunday, August 6. A list of suggested supplies is available in the Narthex or in the Friday newsletter.

## **FAMILY CAMP THANK YOU**

Thank you for all your support of Family Camp. We had a tremendous time learning, growing, and playing together around the theme "Every Living Thing." We could not have done it without your prayers, donations, and time.

## **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 are meeting in the Family Life Center for a combined Sunday School experience. Connor is leading each week's lesson and provides oversight. She is seeking helpers to guide the activities that accompany each lesson for each of the three age groups. All materials are 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](mailto:connordean@stjohnsbr.org).

# Fellowship & Spiritual Growth

## CHURCH-WIDE SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

All of our adult Sunday School classes are combining for a study on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" and you are invited, too! You do not need to be a part of a regular Sunday School class to participate. We understand that summers are busy, so come when you can. There is no homework or prep work.

Each week will be led by a different facilitator. Natalie Cooper will lead us today and Rev. Bernie Johnson will facilitate next week. We are recording the sessions so if you happen to miss the class, you can watch it online. We will send a link to each week's session through the *Inside St. John's* newsletter.

Join us on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary from 9:55-10:45 a.m. as the study continues.

## COFFEE TIME UPDATE

Special thanks go to those who have answered the call! So far, we have enjoyed Sunday Coffee Time with delicious snacks! Continuing through the summer up through September we will need individuals or classes to sign up. So far the schedule looks like this:

- **July 23 and 30 are open.**
- August - Thanks Genesis class!
- **All Sundays in September are open.**

We have changed the signup format so that you can sign up as an individual or a family and still just bring a couple of things. You don't have to be in Sunday School class to sign up. Members of the congregation can sign up! The Chancel Choir can sign up! The Alleluia Ringers can sign up! Covenant Groups can sign up! Anyone can offer to bring something. To sign up you can go to <https://tinyurl.com/CoffeeTimeSignup> or use the QR code shown at right.



# Children & Youth Ministries

## **BIBLE PRESENTATION**

In honor of those heading back to school, on Sunday, August 6, students going into Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th and 9th grades will be presented Bibles. If your student is moving up into one of those grades, please email Connor Dean (connordean@stjohnsbr.org) by July 30 so we can have an age-appropriate Bible ready.

## **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.

**Summer Tour '23: Wednesdays in June and July, 6 - 8 p.m.** Our collaborative youth ministry program is in full swing. Each week a different United Methodist Church will host youth from the Baton Rouge area. Next week St. John's Youth will be joining other Baton Rouge area Youth Groups near the USS Kidd on July 19, 6 - 8 p.m.

## **CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES**

**Summer Fellowship for Children & Families:** Our next gathering will be a pool party on **July 20 at the home of John and Pam Toney from 5 - 7 p.m.**

- The main dish and drinks will be provided.
- Students with last names starting with A-H, please bring a salty snack to share.
- Students with last names starting with I-Z, please bring a sweet snack to share.
- Don't forget to bring a towel!

### **Family Movie Night**

Bring the whole family to watch a movie with us in the FLC on **Thursday, August 3 at 5:00 p.m.** We will provide popcorn and drinks. You are welcome to bring your favorite movie snacks with you!

# This Week at St. John's

## **Sunday, July 16**

- 8:00 a.m. Praise Team Warm Up, Sanctuary
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Coffee Time, FLC\*
- 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School, FLC
- 9:55 a.m. Sermon on the Mount, Adult Bible Study, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary

## **Monday, July 17**

- 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, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Tuesday, July 18**

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E
- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Good Grief, St. John's!, George's
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Wednesday, July 19**

- 7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Summer Tour, USS Kidd
- 6:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting, FLC-E

## **Thursday, July 20**

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

## **Friday, July 21**

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

## **Saturday, July 22**

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

\*Family Life Center