



SPENDING THE SUMMER WITH JESUS' MOST FAMOUS SERMON.

Sunday, July 9, 2023

8:30 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

"You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid....Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ~ from Matthew 5:13-16

As we continue with our "Summer on the Mount" series, today we get down to the nuts and bolts, as Jesus broaches topics like giving, living in community, and prayer in his Sermon on the Mount. He instructs us to orient our lives outward, so that the glory of God can be revealed through us.

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 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

We Are Marching
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2235-b

More Like You
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2167

*Call to Worship

Goldie Files

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

Come, let us be the salt of the earth,
the light of the world!

Come, let us love one another
with the love of God.

**Let us join together in our love of God
to worship and follow Jesus.**

*Song of Response

Holy, Holy, Holy
The Faith We Sing Songbook 2007

LISTENING TO JESUS

Children's Moment

Marilyn Damberg

Prayer for Illumination

Goldie Files

Holy God,

You graciously shine your goodness on the world.

May your Spirit guide us in this time together

toward greater understanding of how

what we believe

must shape what we do,

so that we may increasingly glorify you before others,

in the name of our Teacher and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

***Scripture Reading**

Goldie Files

Matthew 5:13-16, 48; 6:1-8

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

Pastor Lane

“Practicing Piety”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Hymn of Faith**

Come and Find the Quiet Center

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2128, vs. 1 & 3

***Prayer of Confession**

God of glory,

you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,

to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness

of your light.

We turn away from the poor;

we ignore cries for justice;

we do not strive for peace.

Forgive us for not following the ways of Jesus,

who commanded us to love one another.

Call us to be light-bearers of love, compassion,

and justice, in which the Mystery of Your Love

is revealed.

And as forgiven and renewed people, may we reflect

the love and life of Jesus Christ into the world.

In his name, we pray. 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

Let us be salt and light to each other,
giving and receiving forgiveness in the name of Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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 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!

*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

Goldie Files

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

This Little Light of Mine
The United Methodist Hymnal 585, Vs. 1 & 2

*Benediction

*Postlude

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

WORSHIP NOTES

USHERS for today's service are Sandra Kuykendall and Bobbi Marino.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

The flowers on the altar are given by Rev. Marie Williams in memory of her brother, Roland C. Palmer (Rollie, R.C., and Grandpa Big).

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.

FLOWER CHART

Our Flower Chart has some Sundays that just might be the date you want to remember or honor a person or group. Call the office or stop 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:

- September 3 and 10
- October 8
- November 26
- December 3 and 31

CHANCEL CHOIR AND ALLELUIA BELLS

Our Chancel Choir and Alleluia Bells are taking some summer time off. They will be off for the month of July with rehearsals resuming in August.

Servanthood

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.

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. Clara Maynard will lead us today and Natalie Cooper 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 16, 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.



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH MEETING

The UWF Ruth Circle will meet on Tuesday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Claudia Flower will present the program. All women are invited to attend.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRIES (6TH - 12TH GRADES)

TODAY: Youth Pool Party, July 9, 5 - 7 p.m.

Youth, meet us at the Adams' house, 6875 S. Fieldgate Ct., for a Pool Party! The main dish will be provided but youth with last names beginning with A - H, bring snacks; youth with last names beginning with I - Z bring drinks. And everybody bring a towel!

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. Our Youth's next stop on the Summer Tour '23 will be on **Wednesday, July 12**, at First UMC in Denham Springs.

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.

There is no cost to attend, but we do ask that you register so we can ensure we have adequate supplies and food. This is an event for the entire family. We'd love for you to participate in all three sessions, but we understand if you cannot. Don't let that stop you from participating in some of Family Camp. For more information, please contact Connor Dean at connordean@stjohnsbr.org. Registration forms are in the Narthex and there is a link included in the newsletters.

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 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.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, July 9

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Writers' Group, Zoom
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Pool Party, Adams' Pool

Monday, July 10

- 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 11

- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E
- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market
- 9:30 a.m. UWF Ruth Circle, Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Gardere Youth, FLC
- 6:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, July 12

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

Thursday, July 13

- 8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market, FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Opening Doors, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Family Camp, FLC

Friday, July 14

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

Saturday, July 15

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

*Family Life Center