

Youth Sunday

And Graduation Celebration



Sunday, May 1, 2022

8:30 & 11 A.M. WORSHIP CELEBRATION

All Are Welcome

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9

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.

OUR CONTACT INFO

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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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GATHERING

**Please stand as you are comfortable.
Bold indicates congregational response.*

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

*Songs of Praise

Devin Dickson, Cadee Murray, acolytes

Awesome God (2x)

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2040

Shine, Jesus, Shine

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2173

*Call to Worship

Faith Robertson

Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice!

Today we choose to rejoice.

Today we choose to worship and give thanks.

Seek the peace of God that will guard your hearts and minds
in Christ Jesus.

Today we choose God's peace.

Today we place our trust in God.

Turn your hearts away from the distractions and disappointments
of life that will always flow in and flow out like the tide.

Today we choose to focus on Jesus.

Today we recommit to living like Him.

Set your hearts on things above, and worship the Lord who loves you
and cares for you.

We come to worship Jesus, who is worthy of our praise!

In Christ, we can do all things.

*Prayer Song

Thy Word Is a Lamp

The United Methodist Hymnal 601, vs. 1

Prayer

Seth Robertson

Gracious God,

**who values the wisdom of age, the energy of youth, and the
steadiness in between, make Your presence known to us in our
worship today.**

**Make plain to us the gifts you've planted in the lives of our sisters
and brothers of different generations.**

**May your Holy Spirit move among us, so that we draw closer to
each other and closer to you.**

**Thank you for your invitation to gather as a community of
disciples. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

Scripture

Tel Cahow, Grace Idikwu
Cadee Murray, Carissa Murray

Philippians 4:4-9, 13

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message

Ana de la Fuente

RESPONSE

Senior Recognition and Blessing

Beth Forester,
UMW President

*Hymn of Faith

The Servant Song

The Faith We Sing Songbook 2222, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4

Generations of Faith Litany

Naysia Mallard

From those older than us, we learn many things –
how to pray,
how to love Jesus,
how to serve and love our neighbors, and
how to take care of one another.

**Teaching God, generation after generation
stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories
of your mighty acts.**

From those younger than us, we are reminded of many things –
the need for laughter,
the importance of play, curiosity, and boundless energy.

**Creating God, generation after generation
stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories
of your mighty acts.**

From those who are wise beyond their years and younger than they
seem, we begin to understand more about faith -
theirs and our own.

**Ever-present God, generation after generation
stands in awe of your work; each one tells stories
of your mighty acts.**

Ministry Moment - LSU Wesley Foundation

Zac Henderson,
Connection and Development Student Worker

Fairest Lord Jesus / Holy Ground
featuring Evie Durham on violin

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
The United Methodist Hymnal 15

Our sung communion responses are from The Faith We Sing Songbook 2257

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.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation.

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, 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.

Prayer after Receiving

Faith Robertson

**O God,
by the bread of heaven and the cup of life,
you make us one body.
Bind us together by your spirit
that we might live into your hopes for us,
a community centered in Christ
and rich in compassion, commitment,
courage, and care.
May it be so. Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

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

Devin Dickson, Bishop Idikwu, acolytes

Here I Am, Lord

The United Methodist Hymnal 593, vs. 1, 3

*During the hymn, we invite you to bring forward
The Shepherd's Market grocery bags.*

*Blessing and Sending Forth

Ana de la Fuente

United Methodist Youth Fellowship Benediction

**May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face shine upon you and
be gracious unto you.
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and
give you peace, both now and forever more.**

*Postlude

WORSHIP NOTES

Worship Stewards

Ushers in today's services are St. John's Youth: Devin Dickson, Bishop Idikwu, Cadee Murray along with some wonderful adult stewards.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ruth Circle - United Women in Faith

The Ruth Circle will meet **Tuesday, May 3 at 9:30 a.m.** in the parlor. Claudia Fowler will present the program "Celebrating the Little Stuff." All women are invited to attend.

Trustees Meeting

Trustees will meet **Wednesday, May 4 at 5 p.m.** at the Parsonage, 11924 N. Oak Hills Parkway.

Park Playdate

Join your friends at Highland Road Park on **Saturday, May 14, 10 - 11:30 a.m.**, for play time, a snack, and fellowship! PLUS - you'll get to meet Gabe Cintron our new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. Gabe will present a Kids Devo at 10:45 a.m.

Kitchen Celebration

Mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 15.** This is the day our Kitchen Renovation Team is planning for us to celebrate the official re-opening of our newly renovated kitchen! A reception will take place between services, with a dedication and blessing from 9:50 - 10 a.m.

Children and Families Lunch

Sunday, May 22, after the 11:00 service. join Gabe Cintron, our new Director of Youth and Children's Ministries, for a Welcome Lunch with families and children (infants thru 5th grade). This will be a great casual setting for everyone to talk with Gabe. After lunch there will be activities for the children while Gabe visits with the grownups. Children's ministry volunteers are also encouraged to attend. A nursery will be provided.

Upcoming Sermon Series - MythBusters: Separating the Christian from the Cliché

In our MythBusters worship series, which begins May 8, we will take a look at some common sayings that have become cliché and try to determine if they have any biblical basis and if so, what that is. Most of these sayings will be ones you have heard a million times. You may even use them regularly yourself! We'll focus on four well-known phrases, including "Everything happens for a reason," and "God won't give you more than you can handle." Often we say these clichés, thinking that we're being helpful, without having thought out the entire implication of what we're saying and whether it is really based in scripture and theologically grounded. Join us for this new worship series starting next Sunday!

The Shepherd's Market Returns to Client-Choice Shopping

The Shepherd's Market is asking for volunteers as they will return to client-choice shopping in June. This will mean three day a week shopping and hot meals: Mondays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 - 10 a.m. We are asking for new and returning kitchen and pantry volunteers to help us resume our pre-covid schedule.

Ushers Needed for Both Worship Services

This month we are returning to having four ushers at both services. We have a wonderful group of ushers now but would like to have more. For those of you who work during the week, this is a great way to get involved in a church ministry. If we get enough volunteers, you will only have to usher once every six weeks. Contact Lynn in the church office (225-766-4594 or office@stjohnsbr.org).