

LOVE FEAST

...in the Wesleyan tradition



Sunday, June 30, 2024
All Are Welcome

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 13:34-35

Today we gather for a Love Feast in the Wesleyan tradition recalling the meals Jesus shared with others during his ministry and celebrating with gratitude the spirit of God's love expressed through us, the family of Christ. We will read scripture, sing, pray, eat and hear testimonials of how God's love is at work in one another's lives. Make yourself at home here, for you are among family who love and accept you.

Whether you are a guest or member, we invite you to scan the QR code to register your attendance so we know you're here and we can get to know you better.



Love Feast

June 30, 2024

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



Gathering & Fellowship

*Songs of Praise

Do Lord

African-American Spiritual

REFRAIN

Do Lord, oh do Lord, oh do remember me, (3x)
way beyond the blue

I've got a home in Gloryland
that outshines the sun, (3x)
way beyond the blue.

REFRAIN

I took Jesus as my Savior,
you take Him too, (3x)
way beyond the blue.

REFRAIN

I'll Fly Away

Words & music by Albert Brumley

Some glad morning, when this life is o'er,
I'll fly a-way.

To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly a-way.

REFRAIN

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly a-way,
When I die, hallelujah, by-and-by,
I'll fly a-way.

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly a-way.

Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly a-way.

REFRAIN

Will the Circle Be Unbroken

Words by Ada Habershon, music by Charles Gabriel

REFRAIN

Will the circle be unbroken – By and by, Lord, by and by?
There's a better home a-waiting – In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

There are loved ones in the Glory, whose sweet forms you often miss.
When you close your earthly story, will you join them in their bliss?

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In the joyous days of childhood, oft they told of wondrous love,
Pointed to the dying Savior – Now they dwell with Him above.

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Welcome & Prayer

Rev. Lane Cotton Winn

Prayer Response

Taste and See

Words & music by James E. Moore

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.

O taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Feasting on God's Word

Jane Walker

John 13:34-35

Selected verses from 1 John, chapter 4

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.

Children's Message

Connor Dean

Setting the Table

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

God, we welcome your presence with us.
May the food and companionship we share
nourish our bodies, hearts, and minds, and
may our spirits be refreshed as we live
in the light of your presence that is with us now,
and at all times and places. Amen.

Sharing at the Table

*As you pass bread and grapes to the person seated to your right, say to them:
“God loves you and there’s nothing you can do about it!”*

*If you are worshipping online, speak these words to yourself: “I am a beloved child of God’s,” and then send a text or email to someone, telling them:
“God loves you and there’s nothing you can do about it!”*

Prayer

Song

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Words & music by Lauren Daigle, Dwan Hill, Paul Mabury

Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior
And life more abundant and free

Through death into life everlasting
He passed and we follow Him there
O'er us sin no more hath dominion
For more than conquerors we are

Oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth
will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

His word shall not fail you,
He promised
Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying
His perfect salvation to tell

Oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
Oh, and the things of earth will grow
strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace

Oh, turn your, oh, turn your
Oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus
Oh, turn your, oh, turn your
Oh, turn your eyes upon Jesus

Testimonial

Donnie Lambert

Song

When the Spirit of the Lord

Author unknown

Vs. 1 - When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my heart,
I will sing (vs. 2-laugh, vs. 3-dance) like David sang (vs. 2-laughed, vs. 3-danced).
When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my heart,
I will sing (laugh, dance) like David sang (laughed, danced).
I will sing (laugh, dance) I will sing (laugh, dance)
I will sing (laugh, dance) like David sang(laughed, danced).
I will sing (laugh, dance), I will sing (laugh, dance),
I will sing (laugh, dance) like David sang (laughed, danced).

Vs.4 - When the Spirit of the Lord
moves in my heart,
I will love like Jesus loved.
When the Spirit of the Lord moves
in my heart,
I will love like Jesus loved.
I will love, I will love,
I will love like Jesus loved.
I will love, I will love,
I will love like Jesus loved.

Vs. 5 - When the Spirit of the Lord
moves in my heart,
I will pray (vs. 6-sing) like David prayed
(vs. 6-sang).
When the Spirit of the Lord moves in
my heart,
I will pray (sing) like David prayed
(sang).
I will pray (sing), I will pray (sing),
I will pray (sing) like David prayed
(sang).
I will pray (sing), I will pray (sing),
I will pray (sing) like David prayed
(sang).

Testimonial

Lauren White

Song

Promises

By Bowe, Moses, Barnes, Alvarado, Marin & Gaines

God of Abraham
You're the God of covenant
And of faithful promises
Time and time again
You have proven
You'll do just what You said

Though the storms may come and
the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn, when You
speak a word
It will come to pass

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

God from age to age
Though the earth may pass away
Your word remains the same, yeah
Your history can prove
There's nothing You can't do
You're faithful and true

Though the storms may come and
the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn, when You
speak a word
It will come to pass

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down, no
I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
He's my hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down.

Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

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.



Kingdom

By Moore, Poole, Franklin, & Jay

My heart has always longed for
something more
I searched the stars to knock on
Heaven's door
Creation groans for God to be revealed
And every wound we carry will be healed

My eyes on the Son
Lord, Your will be done

Thine is the Kingdom
The power, the glory
Forever and ever
He finished my story
We're singing freedom
Our testimony
We'll be singing forever, amen
We'll be singing forever and ever,
amen

Beautiful, each color that He made, yeah
Your love's the only remedy for hate
You'll return to set the prisoners free
Till then Your will on Earth be done in me

My eyes on the Son
Lord, Your will be done

Thine is the Kingdom
The power, the glory
Forever and ever
He finished my story
We're singing freedom
Our testimony
We'll be singing forever, amen

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Our testimony

We'll be singing forever, amen
We'll be singing forever and ever, amen

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Blessing the Meal

*Sharing the Love and Peace of Christ

Potluck & Fellowship

If you have a prayer request or joy you would like shared aloud during our prayer time following the meal, please write it down on the paper at your table and place it in the bowl on the altar.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

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

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words & music by Peter Scholtes

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

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And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

REFRAIN

We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

REFRAIN

All praise to the Father from whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

REFRAIN

***Blessing and Sending Forth**

***Postlude**

*Thank you to those who shared testimonials and music today.
We also thank our Food, Fun, & Fellowship Team and all of the friends
of Food, Fun, & Fellowship who helped host our Love Feast.*

Worship Notes

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Lynn Evans and Jerry Boardman.
Ushers for the worship service are Susan Johnston, Bobbi Marino, Scott Durham, and Renee Rodi.

Connect with Us

You are invited to participate in any of our activities, and to become a part of this community of faith and love. Sign up for text/email notifications by texting the word "Connect" to 225-230-1017.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We believe that prayer is a powerful way to connect us to one another and to God. If you have a prayer or joy you want lifted up, please email prayers@stjohnsbr.org. Pastor Lane and Lynn Cooper, our Administrative Assistant, will receive your request and pass it along to the Prayer Team, unless you request it only be shared with Pastor Lane. A group of dedicated volunteers receive prayer requests weekly and then focus on praying for these requests immediately and throughout the week. All of the Prayer Team Members are deeply committed to keeping prayer requests confidential as requested. Prayer Requests are also included in the *Inside St. John's* newsletter, sent on Tuesdays. We are grateful for the individuals on our Prayer Team who commit to pray for the concerns and joys that are shared. Would you like to be a part of this team that commits to praying daily/weekly? Send a request to join the Prayer Team to prayers@stjohnsbr.org.

Announcements

FOURTH OF JULY INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY

The church office will be closed **Thursday, July 4** in observance of the Independence Day holiday and **Friday, July 5**. Regular office hours will resume at 9 a.m. Monday, July 8.

The Shepherd's Market will be closed **Thursday, July 4** in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Regular shopping hours will resume at 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 8.

GROCERY BAG SUNDAY

Don't forget to pick up a Yellow Bag after worship today - **Grocery Bag Sunday is July 7**. If possible, please put some items in your buggy while grocery shopping. Many thanks!

TED TALK THEOLOGY

TED Talk Theology resumes **Sunday, July 7, 9:50 - 10:45** in the sanctuary with Phil Sprunger leading the session. The talk, by Shankar Vedantam, is titled "You Don't Actually Know What Your Future Self Wants."

Upcoming Children's & Youth Events

GLOW PARTY

Invite your friends and get your glow on at this fundraiser for our Children's Ministry. The Glow Party will take place in the St. John's Family Life Center on **July 12 from 6-8 p.m.** Admission is \$20. Any children in middle school and younger are welcome to join us. Music, food, drinks, and plenty of fun will be provided!

Register now by visiting: stjohnsbr.org/glow-party

POOL PARTIES

Youth Pool Party - Parker & Rhonda Tucker are hosting our youth students (6th-12th grade) for a pool party on **Sunday, July 7 from 6-8 PM**. Be sure to wear secure swimsuits and bring towels. Students should also bring a drink of choice to share (soda, juice, etc.).

Children's Pool Party - Pam & John Toney are hosting our children (5th grade & younger) for a pool party on **Sunday, July 21 from 4-6 PM**. Be sure to wear secure swimsuits and bring towels. Students should also bring a drink of choice to share (soda, juice, etc.).

SUMMER TOUR '24

Youth directors from United Methodists Churches in and around Baton Rouge have collaborated to host events for 6th-12th grade students during the summer. Each week of Summer Tour, a different church hosts an event filled with food, fellowship, and faith formation. The next summer tour is **Wednesday, July 10** - First UMC, Baton Rouge (Meet outside U.S.S. Kidd)

YOUTH SERVICE WEEK

We are hosting Youth Service Week again this summer! It will take place during the **week of July 29 - August 2**. We are currently contacting local charities to schedule an assortment of exciting and varied volunteer opportunities. Each day, we will also have an engaging fellowship activity like laser tag, bowling, go karts, and more!

SAVE THE DATES

Youth Mystery Night - The St. John's youth group is hosting a Mystery Party for students entering 6th-12th grades in the 2024-25 school year. Students will need to RSVP no later than July 21 to ensure they receive a formal invitation with further instructions for the event. The Mystery Party will take place in the Family Life Center on **Friday, August 2 from 6-9 p.m.**

Grub Sunday - Join us for messy games at St. John's UMC on **Sunday, August 4 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.** Let's celebrate the start of the new school year by making new connections with other youth! Students should meet at the St. John's Family Life Center (the building located furthest from Highland Road) at 4:00 p.m. We will then move to the yard to play MEGA Kickball and other messy games. Students should bring towels and an extra change of clothes. We will finish around 6:00 p.m.

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, June 30

10:00 a.m. Worship Service & Love Feast, FLC
6:00 p.m. Summer Bells, Bells Practice Room

Monday, July 1

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

Tuesday, July 2

8:00 a.m. The Shepherd's Market Client Choice
Food Pantry, FLC
1:00 p.m. Gardere Summer Program, FLC
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-E

Wednesday, July 3

7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC
1:00 p.m. Gardere Summer Program, FLC
6:30 p.m. Ladies' AA Meeting, FLC-C

Thursday, July 4

THE SHEPHERD'S MARKET CLOSED
THE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, July 5

THE CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group,
Founders' Parlor
7:00 a.m. Early Risers Exercisers, FLC

Saturday, July 6

12:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC-C
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting, FLC

*Family Life Center

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