



### He is Risen! Easter Sunday Services Sunday, April 17th

Easter Celebration Worship	9:30 am
TreeHouse Kids	9:30 am
Fellowship Time	10:30 am
Easter Celebration Worship	11:00 am

The nursery is available for children up to age 5 both worship services.

**There will be no Foundry Youth on Easter Sunday.**



**In observance of Easter, the Church Office will be closed Monday, April 18th.**



# ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

**Thursday, April 14, 2022 6:00 PM**



Welcome to worship at St. John's! May your worship experience be one of blessing and encouragement! While you are here, CDC guidelines are encouraged. And please silence your phone, so that you won't be distracted to hear God's call! Now, take a few slow breaths and relax. You've made it through the hardest part – you walked through the door and found your seat. Make yourself at home. Worship will start in a few minutes.

**Got kids? There are activity bags for your children at the Welcome Center to help you keep them engaged while in worship. Simply return the bag and supplies after worship. Nursery is also provided for children 5 and under. The ushers & greeters are friendly and will be happy to show you around or answer your questions.**

*Guest Wi-Fi password is: walnut89*

### Get Involved



#### WE ARE COLLECTING

##### FOOD:



Canned or boxed fruits and vegetables

##### Goods:

#### Laundry detergent



Galveston County Food Bank  
Mobile Food Distribution

**WEDNESDAY**  
April 13th & 27th

**AT FIRST UMC**  
**LA MARQUE**  
**1825 HOWELL AVE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**PLEASE ARRIVE AT**  
**7:30 AM TO HELP.**

**SATURDAY**  
**MAY 7TH 11:00 AM**

**JOIN US FOR OUR**  
**WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP FIESTA**  
**"NACHO"**  
**AVERAGE LADIES LUNCH**

RSVP TO ATTEND TO:  
[rmb514@gmail.com](mailto:rmb514@gmail.com)  
BY Wednesday, May 4th

We invite you to drop off your offering and prayer requests in the baskets at the entrance to the sanctuary.

#### Other convenient ways to give are:

Give online on our website at  
<https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/>

OR

◆ **NEW Text Giving...**Text "GIVE" to  
(409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts

Thank you for your generosity and blessing!



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Website: <https://stjohnsumctc.org/>

Church office hours: Monday 10 AM - 2 PM / Tuesdays-Thursdays 9 AM - 4 PM

Pastor - Rev. Stephanie Hughes  
Minister of Discipleship & Connections - Rev. Cindy Riddick  
Director of Missions and Administration - Ingrid Clark  
Youth Director - Mae Diaz de Leon  
Children's Director & Bookkeeper - Leanne Post  
Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel  
Praise Band Leader - Azzie Jerice  
Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

Prelude

Opening Prayer

\*Song *How Great Thou Art* Praise Band

THE FOUR QUESTIONS ... REFLECTIONS

Why is this meal different from all other meals? We often eat together, but this meal is special. Why do we have these special festivities?

All other meals have no name. But we call this meal communion, or the Lord's Supper. Why do we call this meal by a special name?

In all our meals we have all kinds of foods. Why in this meal do we eat bread together?

In all our meals we may drink many things. Why in this meal do we share a common cup?

\*Scripture Reading: Luke 22:14-23

\*Song *Amazing Grace* Praise Band

\*Scripture Reading: John 13:1-30

PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE:

God of mercy and love, when Judas went out that door, a part of each one of us went with him.

**We have all betrayed Jesus in one way or another.**

And when the disciples sat unmoving at the table, each waiting for the other to wash their feet, a part of each one of us sat there with them.

**We have all sat unmoving, waiting for someone else to do what we should be doing ourselves.**

And when Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet, a part of each one of us joined him in that rejection.

**We have all resisted the new hierarchy of Jesus, where those who are greatest become loving servants to all.**

Forgive us for immobility, for our fear. Help us to again return to following Jesus who would lead us to hope, forgiveness and eternal life. AMEN.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF GRACE

**Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. This proves God's love for us! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen!**

Holy Communion

FOCUS ON THE CROSS

\*Scripture Luke 23:26-33

\*Song *At the Cross* Praise Band

MEDITATION ON THE SEVEN LAST WORDS

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

PRAYER: **God of truth, we are not aware of our evil or conscious of how we hurt others. Awaken us, O God, that we may be mindful of our sin. Open the eyes of our hearts, that we may see ourselves with loving clarity, as you see us—and repent. God, have mercy.**

SILENCE

"Today you will be with me in paradise."

PRAYER: **Holy One, you promise us a realm of mercy and justice, yet we thwart it by our judgment and injustice. Heal us and all the world, that we may truly enter into the Empire of your love that you have prepared for us. God, have mercy.**

SILENCE

"Woman, here is your son. Son, here is your mother."

PRAYER: **Christ our brother, you make us one family in your love. We pray for all our siblings and our kin the world over, for communities, and for mothers who must see their children suffer because of injustice. For the sin of our racism, our divisions and our fears. Forgive us and heal us. God, have mercy.**

SILENCE

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

PRAYER: **Gentle God, you share our fear and loneliness. You are always present with us and for us. May the Passion of your beloved Son give us help in all our trials, and strength in our human weakness. We pray for all who are lonely, and all who feel unworthy. God, have mercy.**

SILENCE

"I am thirsty."

PRAYER: **We pray for the poor and all who are hungry and thirsty in body or soul. We ourselves hunger for your presence and thirst for your grace. We pray for all who suffer, and for those who exercise power in the world. God, have mercy.**

SILENCE

"It is finished."

PRAYER: **Eternal One, you have loved us so deeply, so dearly, so wholly. Christ has faithfully embodied your love among us; the light of your love has shone, even in the darkness. You have set us free from the fear of death, so that we may love courageously. May we, the church, the Body of Christ, embody your love and forgiveness, and radiate your light. God, have mercy.**

SILENCE

"Into your hands I commit my spirit."

PRAYER: **O Holy, Indwelling One, may we live by your Spirit, the spirit of gentleness and peace, of compassion and healing. Put to death all that is evil in us, and grant that we may die with Christ, that you may raise us to new life. Into your hands we commit our spirit. God, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. God, have mercy.**

SILENCE

\*Song *Jesus Paid It All* Praise Band

Leave in Silence

*\*please stand as you are able*

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