

The Week Ahead

Sun., Mar 12	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Treehouse Kids Sunday School
	10:30 am - 11:00 am	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Youth Group - Rock painting w/ Pam Scoggin
	5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Confirmation Class
Tues., Mar 14		SPRING BREAK - NO Mother's Day Out
Wed., Mar 15	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Cantata/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Mar 16		SPRING BREAK - NO Mother's Day Out
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Discipleship Study -- in person & on Zoom
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring lunch and eat in cafe
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Discipleship Study -- in person & on Zoom
Fri., Mar 17	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work

Sermon Notes

1. What are some of the items in the sanctuary that remind you of God's presence? What do you see? What about what you hear?

2. Do you have a special place at home that is specifically for time spent with God? If not, can you claim and create that space that becomes a special place set aside for prayer and devotion?

3. Is there a place in your memory that you feel especially close to God? Where is it? What happened?

Lord hear our prayers...

- 2-12 Brian Wasson, Joan Hutchinson, Debbie Vyvial, Lori Campbell, Corban Warren, Rae Ann Newton, Henry Blevins
- 2-19 Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin, Bob Viglini, Hudson Caro, Ingrid Clark and family, Susie Packerd, Doris Glanz
- 2-26 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Rusty McClellan, Curtis Collins, Amy Allgood, Claudio Herrera, Nadia Venegas, Michelle Brandon, Suanne Alsip, Aassi Windom, Dean Jones
- 3-5 Lupe Aguilar, Steven Stogsdill, Sandy Vinardi, Nezzie Blair, Tommy Toups, Barb Holt, Larry Diorio, The Schoppe family, David Welch, the family of Jimmy Thomas, Mike Cook, Brian Smith & the Smith Family

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jinkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (Sodalis), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

Those Who are Homebound: J.T. Agregard, Dolores Boatman, Joy Holder, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Louise Ovesny, Tommye Pitman

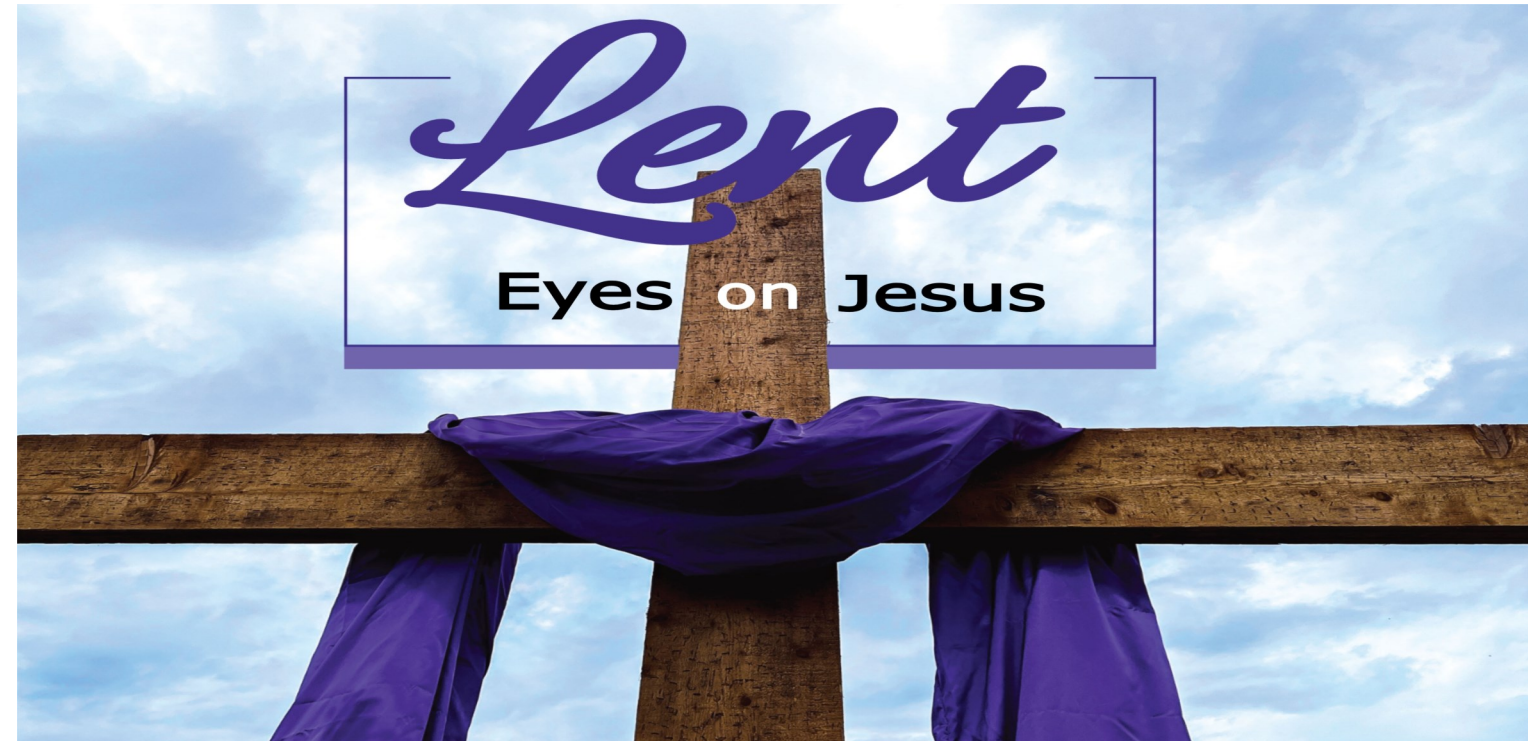
Our church, nation and those serving in our military. Those recovering from natural disasters.



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

Third Sunday in Lent March 12, 2023



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 will be a children's moment early on in the service and then they will go to the Treehouse for their own worship time. 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.

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Church office hours: Monday 9 AM - 4 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

Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel

Praise Band Leader - Aassi Windom

Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

MDO Director - Melissa Patrick

Bookkeeper - Samantha Halligan

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>Your Grace IS Enough Echo</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes and Offerings		Praise Band
Scripture		Psalm 63:1-8
Sermon	"In the Sanctuary"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song:	<i>In the Hands Of Christ My King</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*please stand as you are able</i>

11:00 AM Traditional Worship



Prelude:	<i>What A Friend We Have In Jesus</i>	arr. Cota	Chancel Bells
Welcome & Greeting			
Congregational Introit	<i>Morning Has Broken vs. 1</i>		UMH #145
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>		UMH #139


*Affirmation of Faith Philippians 2:5-11
We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.



*Gloria Patri			
Special Music	<i>Be Still My Soul</i>	arr. Eithun	Chancel Bells
Generosity Moment			
Pastoral Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer Rev. Cindy Riddick			
Offertory Anthem	<i>In the Morning When I Rise</i>	arr. Eithun	Chancel Bells

*Doxology			
*Preparation Hymn	<i>Surely the Presence of the Lord (2 x's)</i>		UMH #328
Scripture Psalm 63:1-8			
Sermon	"In the Sanctuary"		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Closing Hymn	<i>Near to the Heart of God</i>		UMH #472
*Benediction			
*Benediction Response	<i>Go Now In Peace</i>		UMH #665
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.			
Postlude	<i>Near the Cross</i>	arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano

**please stand as you are able*

 <p>Easter Candy Needed for Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 2</p>	<p>Please start bringing candy for our children's Easter Egg Hunt. We need: Individually wrapped candy only To be placed in the eggs for the egg hunt. A collection bin will be outside the Sanctuary by the information table. Thank you for your help.</p>
 <p>Sponsorship for Church Camp</p>	<p>Thanks to everyone who donated to our youth and children during the Pancake Supper. Your generous donations totaled \$1214.00 toward camp scholarships. If you would still like to help, just find a youth with a March calendar full of empty squares. Sign one or more of the squares and give the amount equal to those dates. You can donate cash or check. Make your check out to St. John's with the youth's name in the memo line. Thanks so much for your generosity.</p>

	<p>Convenient ways to give are:</p> <p>Give online on our website at https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/</p> <p>OR NEW Text Giving...Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts. Thank you for your generosity and blessing!</p>
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<p>Spring Brunch Saturday, March 25 at 10:30 AM</p>  <p>Spring is in the air! And it's time to reignite friendships and spark new ones around the table. Don't miss this opportunity to hear COM's amazing Duck & Cover A Cappella with your best girl friends on March 25, 10:30 at St. John's UMC! The food will be great and the fellowship even better! Grab your BFF and get tickets for \$5! Get tickets from the church office or purchase online.</p>	<p>Palm Sunday April 2</p>  <p>10:30 AM Single Worship Service including the Chancel Choir's presentation of special music--<i>The Lord of the Dance</i> 10:30 AM Treehouse Kids Sunday school 11:30 AM Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children / Bring your Easter baskets and join the fun. 12:00 PM Pot-luck fellowship lunch</p>
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