

## The Week Ahead

Sun., Apr 9	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Easter Celebration 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	Easter Celebration Worship Service
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Treehouse Kids
<b>Mon., Apr 10</b>		<b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tues., Apr 11	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
Wed., Apr 12	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Cantata/Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., Apr 13	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch -- Bring a lunch and eat in the cafe
Fri., Apr 14	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work

## Sermon Notes

## Lord hear our prayers...

- 3-12 Brian Wasson, Joan Hutchinson, Henry Blevins, Jason Harvey, the Clark Family  
3-19 Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin, Ben Baty, Jay White, Jessica Potter, Curtis Collins, Terry Fry, David Maxwell  
3-26 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Rusty McClellan, Amy Allgood, Suanne Alsip, Aassi Windom, Paulette Doucet, Chris Post, Cheryl Hadley  
4-2 Lupe Aguilar, Sandy Vinardi, Nezzie Blair, Barb Holt, David Welch, Mike Cook, Paul Cartwright, Cayce Harris

**Those in Care Facilities:** Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jinkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (La Vita Bella), 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

### Easter Sunday April 9, 2023



Welcome to worship at St. John's! May your worship experience be one of blessing and encouragement! 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.**

*Guest Wi-Fi password is: walnut89*



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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 & 11:00 AM Easter Worship

Prelude:	<i>Stand Up for Jesus!</i>	Lani Smith	Barbara Wallace, organ
Choral Introit:	<i>An Easter Celebration</i>	Wes Cameron	Chancel Choir
Welcome & Greeting			Rev. Stephanie Hughes
*Song	<i>What I See</i>		Praise Band
*Song	<i>See the Light</i>		Praise Band
Generosity Moment			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer & Offering Time			
Offertory Anthem:	<i>Come and Praise the Risen Lord</i>	Joseph Martin	Chancel Choir
Anthem:	<i>I Am the Lord of the Dance</i>	arr Joel Raney	Chancel Choir
Scripture			Mark 16:1-8
Homily:	"The Risen Body of God"		Rev. Stephanie Hughes

### Holy Baptism & Confirmation

#### Confirmands:

Alesia Epperson, Alexis Epperson, Melanie Surovik

### Congregation Response

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Alesia, Alexis and Melanie, we rejoice in your experience of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

**In the love of Christ we encourage you, and pray that God will continue to bless you. To God's name be glory and praise. Hallelujah!**

### Reception into the United Methodist church and the local congregation

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We rejoice and welcome you to St. John's United Methodist church, with you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.**

Anthem: *Sing An Easter Alleluia* Mary McDonald Chancel Choir

### Celebration of Holy Communion

*\*please stand as you are able*

*Song	<i>Good God Almighty</i>	Chancel Choir & Praise Band
Benediction		
*Song	<i>I've Got Joy</i>	Praise Band
<b><i>We are so thankful for the generosity of all who contribute to the worship experience!</i></b>		
Chancel Choir:	Susie Newman, Susan Just, Doris Glanz, Joyce Shanks, Barbara Wallace, Kathy Wurzlow, April Drewry, Hershel Glanz, Tom Mills, John Mitchell, Bill Wurzlow, Anthony Pukas	
Instrumentalists:	Sophie Chapman, Piano; Suzi Mitchell, Percussion, Barbara Wallace, Organ	
Praise Band:	Azzi Jerice, Piano/Vocal; Russ Hatcher, Bass; Brendon Tate, Drums; David McKnight, Guitar/Vocal.	
Technical Support:	Pat Fletcher, Audio Reinforcement and FM Transmission	
Video Technicians:	Gary Scoggin, 9:30 a.m., Ethan Hughes, 11:00 a.m.	



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, and in loving memory of John Darlington and Martha Seighman. Flowers are placed by Alice Darlington.

10% of our giving will be given as a Lenten Offering for our "LIVING WATER" outreach.

**LIVING WATER FOR A THIRSTY SOUL**

This Easter we want to share what it means to see Jesus as "LIVING WATER."

Starting at Ash Wednesday, and over the six weeks leading up to Easter, see how God invites us to be part of His thirst-quenching endeavor, sharing the gift of water with those in need, both literally and figuratively.



**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

Saturday, May 6th

9:00 AM- 12:30 PM

Join us in serving our community

All ages and skill levels welcomed

Be the hands and feet of Jesus

For more info go to [fb.me/servolutionmainland](https://fb.me/servolutionmainland)

**REGISTER TODAY!!!**



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