



# ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

## Seventh Sunday of Easter & Ascension May 21, 2023

### The Week Ahead

Sun., May 21	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
Tues., May 23	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
Wed., May 24	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., May 25	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Out to eat Fortune in Texas City
Fri., May 26	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work

### Sermon Notes

1. Read and reflect on John 17:1-11. How does Jesus' conversation with the Father before his crucifixion inform his Ascension?
2. How do the people of St. John's UMC respond to others and the community acting as Ascension people?
3. As you live each day as a disciple of Jesus Christ, what is the significance that we worship and follow a living King and not a dead prophet?

### Lord hear our prayers...

**Christian Sympathy to Denny Alsip on the loss of his daughter Anglia Harris. She passed away on Tuesday, May 16th.**

**Congratulations to Sophie Chapman and her family on the birth of her daughter Claire born Saturday, May 13th.**

4-23 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Rusty McClellan, Amy Allgood, Suanne Alsip, J. T. Agregard, Albert & Pat Bourgeois, the family of Claudio Herrera, The Gannon Family, The family and friends of Katherine Gannon

4-30 Lupe Aguilar, Sandy Vinardi, Nezzie Blair, Barb Holt, Lynda Perez, Leslie Mamud, Dianne Ho-Gland, the family of Kathy Shuman, Louann Thompson, Terry Fry, Beth Stinson, Maac Hughes & Family, Nancy Abernathy

5-7 Joan Hutchinson, Lori Campbell, Edna Loudermilk, Hershel Glanz, Chris Post, Ron Collins, Donna Henson's dad, Carrisa Carpenter

5-14 Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin, Hazel Dillard, Trish Santrock, Bruce Austin, William Everett

**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.



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.**

*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 - Aassiah Windom

Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

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## 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>Echo</i> <i>Do It Again</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Webb
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		Acts 1:6-11
Sermon	"The Ascension, Is It Really a Thing?"	Rhonda Taylor
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song:	<i>Behold</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<b><i>*please stand as you are able</i></b>

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude:	<i>My Faith Looks Up To Thee</i>	arr. Eithun	Barbara Wallace, organ
Welcome & Greeting			
Congregational Introit	<i>Majesty, Worship His Majesty</i>		UMH #176
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above</i>		UMH #126
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version		UMH #881
<p><b>I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy *catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.</b></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>*catholic means the church universal</i></p>			
*Gloria Patri			
Generosity Moment			
Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Choral Amen			
Offertory/Special Music	"Domine Deus," from <i>Gloria</i> Vivaldi		Susan Just, soloist
	Lord God, King of Heaven, God the Father Almighty. Lord Only, Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.		

*Doxology			
*Preparation Hymn	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>		UMH #327
Scripture			Acts 1:6-11
Sermon	"The Ascension, Is It Really a Thing?"		Rhonda Taylor
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Closing Hymn	<i>He Lives</i>		UMH #310
*Benediction			
*Benediction Response	<i>Go Now In Peace</i>		UMH #665
<b>Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.</b>			
Postlude	<i>Postludium</i>	Gordon Young	Barbara Wallace, organ
<b><i>*please stand as you are able</i></b>			



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Edmund Wallace. Flowers are placed by his wife Barbara Wallace.



### 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!



## WE ARE COLLECTING

**DIAPERS & WIPES & BABY FOOD**



**CHANGE  
for  
CHANGE**

Filling a baby bottle helps moms & babies throughout Galveston County!

Please plan to pick up a Baby Bottle TODAY Mother's Day!  
PLEASE RETURN IT BY FATHER'S DAY

A baby's life may depend on it!

### Dinner with Friends BBQ Picnic/Friday, June 2/6:00 PM

All current and prospective Dinner with Friends folks are invited to our BBQ Picnic. Check with Cindy Riddick for more info.

**Family Fun Night**  
Nessler Water Park  
Friday, June 16  
6:30pm-8:30pm

The water park is reserved for St. John's family and friends. Lifeguards are provided. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks provided. Invite your friends and join us for an evening of fun.