



# ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 7, 2023

## The Week Ahead

Sun., May 7	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 9	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
Wed., May 10	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thurs., May 11	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Mother's Day Out
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - bring lunch and eat in Cafe
Fri., May 12	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., May 13	10:00 am	Youth Prayer Partner Brunch

## Sermon Notes

1. Read Acts 7:55-60. When have you hurled words like stones or stood by when someone else was being hurt? When were you hurt by someone else? Give these scenarios and how you feel about them to Jesus in prayer and sit with Jesus for 5-10 minutes in silence.

2. The image of a rock is often used as a metaphor in the Bible. Read these scriptures and take note of how the image of the rock is used in each passage: Psalm 31:1-5, Matthew 7:9-11, and Ezekiel 36:26-27.

3. You were given a rock today in worship. Considering what you heard on Sunday and what you just read, how would you use the image of the rock to describe your relationship with God today? Solid foundation? Rocky? Hard to manage? Stumbling block? Or something else?

## Lord hear our prayers...

**Christian sympathy to Dianne Ho-Gland. Her sister, Kathy Shuman, passed away on May 1.**  
**Christian sympathy to Maac Hughes. His uncle, Roy Bendy, passed away on May 2.**  
**Congratulations to Maya Senagal for her upcoming graduation from Galveston College Nursing School.**

- 4-9 Joan Hutchinson, Jason Harvey, Ron Vyvial
- 4-16 Michelle Lewis, Ginger Cooper, Sheri Reznicek, Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin, Ben Baty, Jay White, Jessica Potter, Curtis Collins, David Maxwell, The Family & Friends of Wayne Brown, The Family of Mike Smith, Laurie Jobe, the family of Virginia Dekker
- 4-23 Linda Johnson Adams, Debbie Collins, Rusty McClellan, Amy Allgood, Suanne Alsip, J. T. Agregard, Roy Bendy, 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

**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 - 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 One Thing Remains</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Webb
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Scripture		1 Peter 2:2-10
Sermon	"Rocking it Out"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song:	<i>Cornerstone</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<b><i>*please stand as you are able</i></b>

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude:	<i>Happy Are They Who Walk With the Lord</i>	Gawthrop	Barbara Wallace, organ
Welcome & Greeting			
Congregational Introit	<i>Majesty, Worship His Majesty</i>		UMH #176
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Christ Is Risen</i>		UMH #307
Invitation			UMH # 12
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.			
Prayer of Confession and Pardon			UMH #12
<b>Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>			
All pray in silence. Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!			
<b>In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.</b>			
Generosity Moment			
Pastoral Prayer			Rev. Cindy Riddick

Offertory Special Music	<i>Come to the Table of the Lord</i>	Althouse	Susie Newman, Soloist
*Doxology			
Scripture			1 Peter 2:2-10
Sermon	"Rocking it Out"		Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Celebration of the Lord's Supper	The Great Thanksgiving		UMH #13
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
*Closing Hymn	<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i>		UMH #311
*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>Joyful, Joyful</i>	arr. Austin	Barbara Wallace, piano

***\*please stand as you are able***



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, and in honor of Tom Smith for his 87th birthday. Flowers are placed by his loving wife Kay.



### Prayer Partner Brunch Reminder

Please remember to RSVP for the Prayer Partner Brunch for May 13th at 10:00 am. Please email Pastor Stephanie at [shughes@stjohnsumctc.org](mailto:shughes@stjohnsumctc.org).

**RSVP**



### WE ARE COLLECTING

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for  
CHANGE**

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

**A baby's life may  
depend on it!**



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