

The Week Ahead

Sun., Jul 30	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
	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Youth Snow Cones & Fun at the Texas City Dike
Thurs., Aug 3	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - bring lunch and eat in Cafe
Fri., Aug 4	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Community Garden work

Sermon Notes:

1. Read Romans 15:22-32 and Acts 18-24.
2. Take a closer look at Paul's defense of himself in Acts 22:1-21 and remember Paul's story. How would you defend yourself in you were in trouble for believing and following the Way of Jesus?
3. What are some new insights that you have learned about the Apostle Paul so far? Is there anything about his story that has inspired you?



KIDS BRING YOUR BACK PACKS TO CHURCH FOR THE BLESSING OF THE BACK PACKS!!!

ALL STUDENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES GET A GIFT FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!!!

Lord hear our prayers...

- 7-2 Bruce Austin, Dorothy Blankenship, The Epperson Family, Joan Hutchinson, Linda Janlicsck, Betty Lynum, Edna Loudermilk, Allison Morgan, Jessica Potter, Billy Jack Rife
- 7-9 Steve Baltunis, Janet Brandon & Family, Bobby Edrozo, Shannon Green, Dan Koster, Thomas Magee, Gina Mathews, Candice Ross, Gary Scoggin, Mary Ruth White
- 7-16 Amy Allgood, Debbie Collins, Carrie Hipp & Family, Jay White
- 7-23 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Morgan Cooper, Linda Doss, Paul Fournier, Cheryl Hadley, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Family & friends of Tim Morgan, David Oleson, Sandy Skiles, Sandy Vinardi

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jenkins (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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 23, 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 - Aassiah 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>Echo</i> <i>Way Maker</i>	Praise Band
VBS Kids Moment	<i>Destination Dig</i> <i>Christmas Song In Summer</i>	
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		Acts 21:17-39
Sermon	“Jailed In Jerusalem”	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Anything Is Possible</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

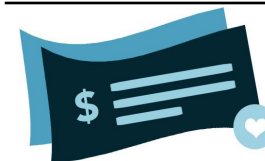
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11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Scott	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting			
Congregational Introit	<i>I Come With Joy</i>	vs. 1	UMH #617
*Hymn of Praise	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>		UMH #368
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version		UMH #881
	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.		
			<i>*catholic means the church universal</i>
*Gloria Patri			
Generosity Moment			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer			
Offertory/Special Music	<i>He Touched Me</i>	Gaither	Susie Newman, soloist
*Doxology			

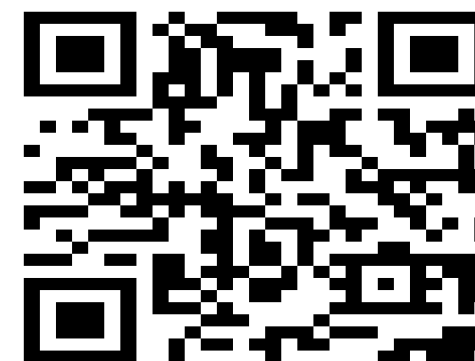
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Leaning On the Everlasting Arms</i>	UMH #133
Scripture		Acts 21:17-39
Sermon	“Jailed In Jerusalem”	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Give To the Wind Thy Fears</i>	UMH #128
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come With Joy</i> vs. 5	UMH #617
	Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise.	
Postlude	<i>Victory In Jesus</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano

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 Ages 18-25
 Begins on Sept. 10 at 5pm!
 The class is \$39 a person.
 Scholarships available.
 Signup today!**



**Disciple III
 Fall Bible Study
 Begins Thursday,
 August 31 at
 11 AM & 7 PM**

Join us this fall as we begin the Old Testament study of The Prophets. The study is 12 weeks long. There are group discussions and individual reading assignments of 3-5 chapters each day.

Study guides are \$15. Dianne Ho-Gland and Doris Glanz will lead at 11AM. Rev. Cindy Riddick will lead the 7 PM class. Both classes have a Zoom option. If you need a Zoom invitation, contact the church office. For more information or to sign up for this Disciple study, contact Rev. Cindy Riddick at CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org or 409-655-5348 ext.107.