

## The Week Ahead

Sun., Jul 9	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
Thurs., Jul 13	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - bring lunch and eat in Cafe
Fri., Jul 14	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Community Garden work

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

**DISCIPLE**  
FAST TRACK  
Remember Who You Are

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.

### Sermon Notes:

1. Read Acts 17

2. What do you consider to be an idol in your life?

3. Research ancient Athens and find pictures of the Acropolis and Areopagus (Mars Hill). Imagine Paul in this ancient city on his own. How do you think he felt?

### Lord hear our prayers...

6-11 Bobby Edrozo, Dan Koster, Gary Scoggin  
6-18 Amy Allgood, Debbie Collins, Jessica Stanford, Jay White  
6-25 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Paul Fournier, Cheryl Hadley, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Rusty Reed, Sandy Vinardi, David Welch, Aassi Windom  
7-2 Bruce Austin, Dorothy Blankenship, The Epperson Family, Joan Hutchinson, Linda Janlicsck, Betty Lynum, Edna Loudermilk, Allison Morgan, Tim Morgan, Jessica Potter, Billy Jack Rife

**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, Tommy Pitman

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



# ST. JOHN'S

## A United Methodist Congregation

### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 9, 2023

## “Alone In Athens”

### Acts 17:16-34



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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Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel

Praise Band Leader - Aassiah Windom

Accompanist - Sophie Chapman

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Bookkeeper - Samantha Halligan

## 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs:	<i>God of Wonders</i> <i>This Is Amazing Grace</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Webb
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Acts 17:16-34
Sermon	"Alone In Athens"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Behold</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

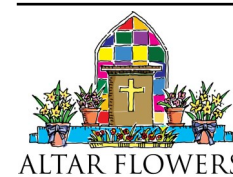
**\*Please stand as you are able**

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

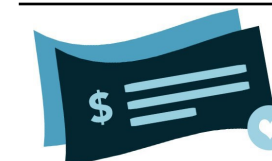
Prelude	<i>It Is Well</i>	arr. Shackley	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting			
Congregational Introit	<i>I Come With Joy</i>	vs. 1	UMH #617
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Christ Is Alive</i>		UMH #318
*Affirmation of Faith	The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version		UMH #881
<b>I believe in God 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>			
			<i>*catholic means the church universal</i>
*Gloria Patri			
Generosity Moment			Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer			
Offertory/Special Music	<i>O Rest In the Lord</i>	arr. Mendelssohn	James Heffel, soloist
*Doxology			

*Hymn of Preparation	<i>I Love To Tell the Story</i>	UMH #156
Scripture		Acts 17:16-34
Sermon	"Alone In Athens"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>O Jesus, I Have Promised</i>	UMH #396
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come With Joy</i> vs. 5	UMH #617
<b>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.</b>		
Postlude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	arr. Austin Sophie Chapman, piano

**\*Please stand as you are able**



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Aaron Lozano's 24th birthday. Flowers are placed by his family.



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**DESTINATION**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
July 24th-28th  
8:45am-12:00pm

UNEARTHING THE TRUTH ABOUT JESUS  
JEREMIAH 29:13

**KIDS**  
Register Here!

**REGISTER NOW!!! KIDS**  
**Pre-K4 through 5th**  
**grade**  
**Volunteers Needed!!!**  
<https://forms.gle/DRjpCqGdaHJT2JVJ8>