

## The Week Ahead

Sun., Sept. 3	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
	<b>4:00 pm - 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Youth Group - Foundry</b>
<b>Mon., Sept 4</b>		<b>LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b>
Tues., Sept. 5	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., Sept. 6	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room
Thurs., Sept. 7	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Disciple III Fall Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
	11:30 am - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring lunch and eat in café
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Disciple III Fall Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
Fri., Sept. 8	7:00 am - 8:00 am	Community Garden work
<b>Sat., Sept. 9</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City</b>

## Sermon Notes:

### Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life (take a few moments to ask his forgiveness for anything particular that is on your conscience). Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong. Thank you that you died on the cross for me so that I could be forgiven and set free. Thank you that you offer me forgiveness and the gift of your Spirit. I now receive that gift. Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever. Thank you, Lord Jesus. Amen.

- Prayer written by Nicky Gumbel, Questions of Life

## Lord hear our prayers...

- 8-6 Bobby Edrozo, Dan Koster, Gina Mathews, John Mitchell, Darlene Newkirk, Gary Scoggin  
8-13 Amy Allgood, the family of Pat Bourgeois, Will Brandon, Debbie Collins, Dorian Magee, Denise Murff, Melissa Patrick, the family of Tommye Pitman, Brenda Simms, David Welch  
8-20 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Carla Carlin, Paulette Doucet, Margaret Finley, Barb Holt, Dean Jones, Paul Patrick, Brent Smith, Sandy Vinardi, Debbie Vyvial, Sharon Webb  
8-27 Bruce Austin, Dorothy Blankenship, Michelle Brandon, Joyce Canada, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Maac Hughes, Sr., Joan Hutchinson, Michelle Lewis, Edna Loudermilk, Rusty McClellan

**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,

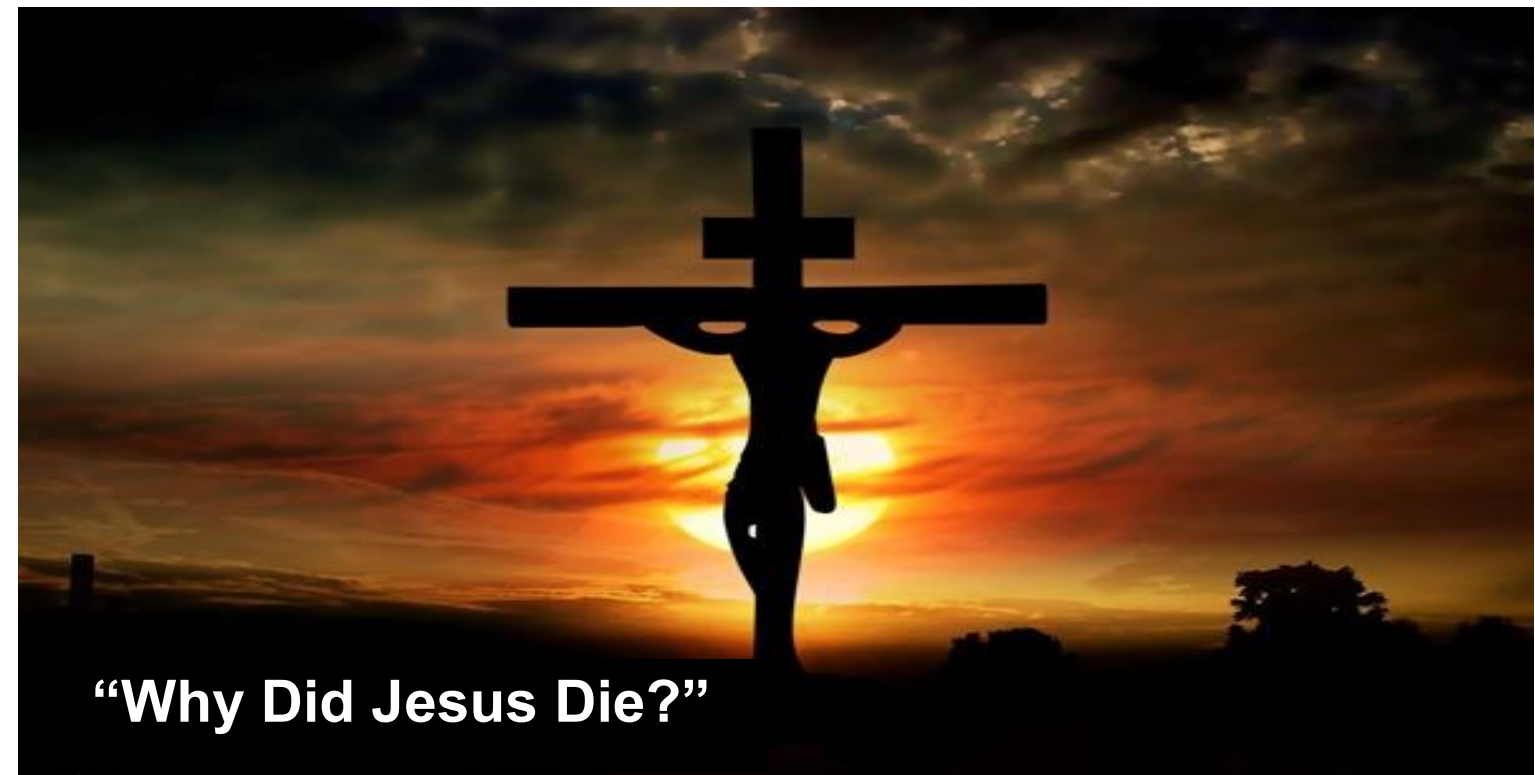
Our church, nation and those serving in our military. Those recovering from natural disasters. Our schools.



# ST. JOHN'S

## A United Methodist Congregation

### Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 3, 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  
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>Reckless Love</i>	Praise Band
Holy Baptism of Parker Grace Bullock		
Children's Moment		Sharon Webb
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		Matthew 16:21-23
Sermon	"Why Did Jesus Die?"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Good, Good Father</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<b><i>*Please stand as you are able</i></b>

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>God So Loved the World</i>	Stainer	arr. Shackley	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting				
Choral Introit	<i>O Lord, How Majestic I Your Name</i>	Northom		Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty</i>			UMH #64
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				Rev. Cindy Riddick

Pastoral Prayer				
Offertory/Anthem	<i>Rain Down</i>	Cortez	Chancel Choir / John Mitchell, soloist	
*Doxology				
Scripture <span style="float: right;">Matthew 16:21-23</span>				
Sermon	"Why Did Jesus Die?"			Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Celebration of the Lord's Supper				
Invitation to Christian Discipleship				
*Closing Hymn	<i>Where He Leads Me</i>			UMH #338
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>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano	
<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 Grandma Perthuis.  
Flowers are placed by Rick Harman.



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**Launching College Level Financial Peace for YALL (Young Adults Living Life) Ages 18-25**  
**Begins on Sept. 10 at 5pm!**  
**The class is \$39 a person.**  
**Scholarships available. Please contact Pastor Stephanie at SHughes@stjohnsumctc.org to sign up. Signup today!**



Seeking prayer partners for each St. John's youth and young adult! Prayer partners will be paired up at the beginning of September. Responsibilities include praying for youth and youth's family daily for a year, staying anonymous, giving occasional gifts anonymously, and attending the Prayer Partner Reveal Party in May 2024. If you would like to be a prayer partner for the coming school year, please sign up in the foyer or contact Pastor Stephanie at shughes@stjohnsumctc.org.



**Board of Stewards Meeting Monday, September 18th 7:00 pm Adult Classroom**  
Everyone is invited to the Board of Stewards meeting on September 18. We use the One Board model for church leadership and decision-making. There is a chair of the board, plus a chair of Staff/Parish Relations, Trustees, and Finance. The one board structure allows us to be more effective in stewarding the church's mission and ministry.