

The Week Ahead

Sun., Feb 18	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
	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Confirmation
	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Youth Group - Foundry Youth Room
	5:30 pm - 6:30pm	Y'All
Mon., Feb 19		Church Office CLOSED
Tues., Feb 20	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., Feb 21	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., Feb 22	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Women's Small Group Study - Foundry Youth Room
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Disciple III Winter Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
	12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Out to lunch at Olive Garden, 10212 Emmet F. Lowry Expressway, Texas City
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Disciple III Winter Bible Study - Cindy Riddick's home & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study - Adult Classroom
Fri., Feb 23	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., Feb 24	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

Sermon Notes

1. Read chapters 1-2 in the Gospel of Luke. Who are God's unlikely choices for accomplishing God's purposes? _____
2. Reread Luke 1:46-55 more slowly. Who do you think are the 'lowly', 'powerful' or 'rich' today? Where do you fit in this prayer? _____
3. How do the people of St. John's come together to lift up the lowly? How is God calling you to take part in lifting up the lowly? _____

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Vicky Mills & family. Vicky's cousin, Sandy Vinardi, passed away on February 10.

- 1-21 Bruce Austin, Cheryl Hadley, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, Peggy Jakubik, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin
- 1-28 Johnny Baker, Scott & Kathy Dyson, Linda Masters, Chris & Marna Stephenson, Bill & Kathy Wurzlów
- 2-4 Jose Castillo, Debbie Collins, Barb & Denny Holt, Makala Langford, Dan Koster, Denise Murff, Marika Simpson
- 2-11 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Dolores Boatman, Butch & Joyce Canada, Dean Jones, Barbara Oleson, Elgin Vyvial

Those in Care Facilities: J.T. Agregard (Sodalís), Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Grace Boyd (Heartis Clearlake Senior Living), Mary Jenkins (Sodalís), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Pam Syers (La Vita Bella), Barbara Williams (Regal Estates)

Those Who are Homebound: Jim & Dorothy Blankenship, Dolores Boatman, Joy Holder, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Louis Ovesny

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



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

1st Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2024

LUKE

JESUS AND THE OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS, AND OUTLAWS

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 -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 - Natalie Mendez
Accompanist - Sophie Chapman
MDO Director - Melissa Patrick
Administrative Assistant - Terri L. Mills

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>This is Amazing Grace Glorious God Goodness of God</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		Melissa Patrick
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
*Scripture		Luke 1:46-55
Sermon	"Lift Up the Lowly"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Make Room</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		


**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship


Prelude	<i>Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross</i> arr. Smith	Sophia Chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Oh Lord, How Majestic is Your Name</i> arr. Northam	Chancel Choir
*Call to Worship		
Bless the Lord God of Israel		
Who remembers the covenant with our ancestors and brings salvation from our enemies.		
Because of our God's deep compassion, the dawn from heaven will break upon us,		
To give light to those who are sitting in darkness, to guide us on the path of peace.		
Bless the Lord who lifts up the lowly and fills the hungry with good things,		
Who calls all people & seeks the outsiders, outcasts, and outlaws. Bless the Lord God of Israel!		
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven</i>	UMH # 66
*Affirmation of Faith	Faith (Adapted from Luke 1:46-55)	
With all my heart I glorify the Lord! In the depths of my soul I rejoice in God my savior. God has looked with favor on those of low status. The mighty one has done great things for us. God shows mercy to everyone, from one generation to the next. God scatters those with arrogant thoughts and proud inclinations, and welcomes sinners and outcasts. God pulls the powerful down from their thrones and lifts up the lowly. God fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away empty-handed. There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent, when those who are lost have been found. For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.		
*Gloria Patri		
Generosity Moment		Melissa Patrick
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick

Choral Amen	<i>In This Holy Place</i> arr. Gil Martin	Chancel Choir
Offertory Anthem		Sophia Chapman, piano
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Jesus, United By Thy Grace</i>	UMH # 561
*Scripture		Luke 1:46-55
Sermon	"Lifting Up the Lowly"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	UMH # 581
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Shalom To You</i>	UMH # 666
Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.		
Postlude	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> arr. Jones	Sophie Chapman, piano

**Please stand as you are able*

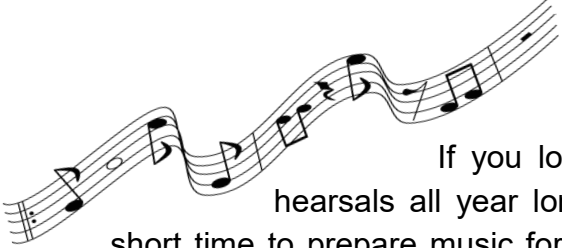


The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, and in joyous celebration of the 43rd wedding anniversary of Don & Terri Gray.







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Love to Sing?
Join the Choir for Easter!

If you love singing but can't commit to rehearsals all year long, consider joining the choir for a short time to prepare music for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. This particular cantata, *The Song Everlasting*, is very easy to sing. Come at 7pm on Wednesdays, starting February 21st. Childcare is available. Contact Dr. James Heffel for more information.





Servolution is coming!

Save the date, Saturday, May 4th. We will once again have an opportunity to bless our communities by serving with other churches in a variety of ways. The Servolution churches are meeting to plan the projects that we will do on the first Saturday of May. There will be more information soon about details and how to register to serve.