



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

3rd Sunday in Lent / Communion Sunday March 3, 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.

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Director of Traditional Worship - Dr. James Heffel
Praise Band Leader - Natalie Mendez
Accompanist - Sophie Chapman
MDO Director - Melissa Patrick
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The Week Ahead

Sun., March 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
	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Confirmation
	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Youth Group - Foundry Youth Room
	5:00 pm - 6:30pm	Y'All
	Tues., March 5	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Wed., March 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., March 7	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
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - bring lunch & drink, eat in café
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Disciple III Winter Bible Study - Adult Classroom & Zoom Meeting ID - 95337857528 Passcode - study
Fri., March 8	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., March 9	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

Sermon Notes

1. Read Luke 15:11-32. Why do you think the younger son asks for his share of his inheritance? Why do you think the father grants the younger son's request? _____
2. Why does the older son refuse to go into the house? Do you think his father's words to him persuade him to join the celebration? What or why not? _____
3. Do you identify more with the prodigal son or the older brother in this parable? Why? How does Jesus' parable relate to your experience of God's grace? _____

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to family and friends of Dolores Boatman who passed away on February 22.

- 2-4 Jose Castillo, Debbie Collins, Barb & Denny Holt, Mikala Langford, Dan Koster, Denise Murff, Marika Simpson
- 2-11 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Butch & Joyce Canada, Dean Jones, Barbara Oleson, Elgin Vyvial
- 2-18 Bruce Austin, Mike Cook, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, Peggy Jakubik, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin
- 2-25 Family & friends of Dolores Boatman, Cheryl, Ann Crainer, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Dorian Magee, Linda Masters, June Simpson

Those in Care Facilities: J.T. Agregard (Sodalis), 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: Jim & Dorothy Blankenship, Joy Holder, Mozelle Lubojasky, Mildred McLemore, Louis Ovesny

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

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>I Thank God Great Things</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		Luke 15:11-32
Sermon	"Parables from the Underside "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Jesus Paid it All</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Introit	<i>O Lord How Majestic is Your Name</i> arr. Northam	Chancel Choir
*Call to Worship		
Happy are those who are poor, because God's kingdom belongs to them. Happy are those who are hungry, because they will be satisfied. Happy are those who weep, because they will laugh. Happy are those who are rejected, insulted, and condemned because of Jesus. They will have a great reward. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets. The Son of Man lifts up the poor, feeds the hungry, comforts those who mourn, and seeks out the lost.		

*Hymn of Praise *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast* UMH # 339

Invitation
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sins 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
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.

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!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Pastoral Prayer		
Offertory/Anthem	<i>Oh Lord, Most Holy</i>	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
Scripture		Luke 15:11-32
Sermon	"Parables from the Underside "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	UMH # 378
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>Near the Cross</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano

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of individually wrapped candy and place them in the donation bin.