

The Week Ahead		
Sun., March 17	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 - Foundry Youth Room
	5:30 pm - 6:30pm	Y'All
Tues., March 19	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., March 20	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 21	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 - Celebrating March birthdays
	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
	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., March 23	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City
	10:00 am - 11:30am	Easter Egg Brunch and Egg Hunt

Sermon Notes	
1.	Read Luke 19:1-10. Why do you imagine Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus? _____
2.	Read Luke 21:1-4. What is the most sacrificial gift you have given God? _____
3.	Read Luke 22:24-27. Why do you imagine the disciples were arguing about their status at this meal with Jesus? _____

Lord hear our prayers...	
2-18	Bruce Austin, Mike Cook, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, Peggy Jakubik, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin
2-25	Family & friends of Dolores Boatman, Cheryl Dewey, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Dorian Magee, Linda Masters, June Simpson
3-3	Debbie Collins, Barb & Denny Holt, Mikala Langford, Dan Koster, Denise Murff, Marika Simpson
3-10	Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Butch & Joyce Canada, Jose Castillo, Linda Doss, Sherry Espinoza, Dean Jones, Judy Miller, Barbara Oleson, Elgin Vyvial
<b>Those in Care Facilities:</b> J.T. Agregard (Sodalis), 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)	
<b>Those Who are Homebound:</b> 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.	



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

5th Sunday in Lent

March 17, 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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Minister of Discipleship & Connections - Rev. Cindy Riddick  
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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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9:30 AM Contemporary Worship			
Welcome		Praise Band	
Welcome and Announcements			
*Worship Songs	<i>My Jesus Battle Belongs</i>	Praise Band	
Children’s Moment			
Generosity Moment			
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick	
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band	
*Scripture		Luke 19:1-10	
Sermon	“The Final Week”	Rev. Stephanie Hughes	
Invitation to Christian Discipleship			
Reflection Song	<i>How Great is Our God</i>	Praise Band	
*Benediction			
			*Please stand as you are able

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Wonderous Love</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>O Lord, How Majestic is Your Name</i> arr. Northam	Chancel Choir


\*Call to Worship  
God has pulled the powerful down from their thrones and he lifted up the lowly.  
**God has pulled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty-handed.**  
The greatest among you must become like a person of low status, and the leader like a servant.  
**Jesus came to us as one who serves. We will eat and drink at His table in His kingdom.**  
Today, salvation has come to us.  
**The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.**

*Hymn of Praise	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>	UMH # 213
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\*Affirmation of 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		
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Choral Amen		Chancel Choir

Offertory Anthem	<i>Come Unto Me</i>	Chancel Choir & Suzi Mitchell, Percussion
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life</i>	UMH # 427
*Scripture		Luke 19:1-10
Sermon	“The Final Week”	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	UMH # 278
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Shalom To You</i>	UMH # 666
<b>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.</b>		
Postlude	<i>Near the Cross</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, piano
		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>




The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, in joyous celebration of Pastor Stephanie’s 50th Birthday. We wish her blessings for many more.



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SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD  
10AM TO 11:30AM  
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FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT  
YUMMY BRUNCH & BOUNCY FUN!!!  
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**Palm Sunday Potluck Fellowship Lunch**  
Sunday, March 24th

After the worship service on March 24th, stay for a *Potluck Fellowship Lunch*. Everyone can contribute to the lunch. Drinks will be provided. To make sure that we have a variety of dishes, please bring food according to the first letter of your last name:

A-H	Salad or Vegetable side dish
I-Q	Main Dish
R-Z	Dessert



*We need candy ... LOTS of candy!*



**Please bring a bag...or two...or three,**  
of individually wrapped candy & place them in the donation bin.