

The Week Ahead

Sun., March 31	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Easter Celebration 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	Easter Celebration Worship Service
Mon., April 1		Church Office Closed
Tues., April 2	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., April 3	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., April 4	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Women's Small Group Study - Foundry Youth Room
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch - Bring a sack lunch, eating in the cafe
Fri., April 5	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., April 6	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City



ST. JOHN'S
A United Methodist Congregation

Easter Sunday - March 31, 2024



LIVING WATER FOR A THIRSTY SOUL

10% of our giving will be given as a Lenten Offering for our "LIVING WATER" outreach.

This Easter we want to share what it means to see Jesus as "LIVING WATER."

10% of all giving received from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday, will go towards paying water bills for those in need in our community.

Join us as God invites us to be part of His thirst-quenching endeavor, sharing the gift of water with those in need, both literally and figuratively.

MAY THE FOURTH FIND YOU SERVING WITH US!!!



**SAVE THE DATE!!!!
 REGISTER TODAY!!!
 SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER
 Saturday, May 4th 9am-12:30pm**



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 & under. The ushers & greeters are friendly and will be happy to show you around or answer your questions.

Lord hear our prayers...

- 3-3 Debbie Collins, Barb & Denny Holt, Mikala Langford, Dan Koster, Denise Murff, Marika Simpson
- 3-10 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Linda Doss, Sherry Espinoza, Dean Jones, Judy Miller, Barbara Oleson, Elgin Vyvial
- 3-17 Bruce Austin, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, Peggy Jakubik, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin
- 3-24 Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Dorian Magee, Linda Masters

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.

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 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 & 11:00 AM Easter Worship

Prelude *Easter Prelude* arr. Smith Sophie Chapman, Piano

Welcome

Choral Introit *An Easter Celebration* arr. Bridges Chancel Choir

*Call to Worship

We visit the tomb very early in the morning.

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

Remember what Jesus told you before he died. He must be handed over to sinners and be crucified.

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?

He is not here. He has been raised from the dead. Peace be with you!

*Worship Songs *Glorious Day* Praise Band
Graves Into Garden

Children's Moment Sharon Rouleau

Generosity Moment Rev. Cindy Riddick

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Anthem *He is Risen* arr. Martin Chancel Choir

*Hymn *Up From The Grave He Arose* UMH # 322

*Scripture Luke 24:1-35

Homily "The Crucified and Resurrected Life" Rev. Stephanie Hughes

Confirmation & Holy Baptism

Confirmands
Kiera Brace, Cobie Frazier and Evan Harvey

Congregation Response

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Kiera, Evan and Cobie we rejoice in your experience of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit.

In the love of Christ we encourage you, and pray that God will continue to bless you. To God's name be glory and praise. Hallelujah!

Reception into the United Methodist church and the local congregation

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We rejoice and welcome you to St. John's United Methodist church, with you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness.

*Hymn *He Lives* UMH # 310

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

*Song *Redeemer* arr. Coleman-Mullen Chancel Choir & Praise Band

*Benediction

Sending Forth *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)* Praise Band

**Please stand as you are able*

We are so thankful for the generosity of all who contribute to the worship experience!


Chancel Choir: Susie Newman, Susan Just, Doris Glanz, Joyce Shanks, Barbara Wallace, Kathy Wurzlow, Regana Gerami-Luss, Hershel Glanz, Tom Mills, John Mitchell, Bill Wurzlow, Benjamin Luss, Elizabeth Schmalsteig


Instrumentalists: Sophie Chapman, Piano; Suzi Mitchell, Percussion

Praise Band: Natalie Mendez, Piano/Vocal; Matt Westmoreland, Bass; Brendon Tate, Drums; David McKnight, Guitar/Vocal; Emily Hughes, Vocal.

Technical Support: Pat Fletcher, Audio Reinforcement and FM Transmission

Video Technician/Live Stream: Gary Scoggin & Christie McKnight, 9:30 a.m., Ethan Hughes, 11:00 a.m.


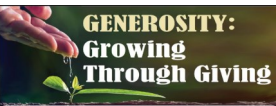
SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH  **St. John's will be helping collect food for the Galveston County Food Bank at Kroger in Texas City. Saturday April 6th 10am-2:00 pm.**

FOOD DRIVE BENEFITING THE  **Galveston County FOOD BANK**  Come serve, hang out with friends and help feed Galveston for just an hour. You'll have fun and the time will fly by, you just might want to stay longer.


Please let Ingrid know that you want to serve. We will hand out flyers with friends and collect food donations.

Sign up today in the mission area. Two to four volunteers are needed for each time slot:

10:00 am - 11:00am	12:00 - 1:00 pm	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
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 **Generosity: Growing Through Giving**  **Generosity: Growing Through Giving**

Convenient ways to give are:
Give online on our website at <https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/>
Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 - Thank you for your generosity!

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