



# ST. JOHN'S

## A United Methodist Congregation

The Fruitful Life: Love

April 7, 2024



### The Week Ahead

Sun., April 7	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Contemporary Worship Service
	9:30 am - 10:30 am	Treehouse Kids Sunday School
	9:30 am - 10:30 am	5th - 9th Graders Sunday School
	10:30 am - 11:00 am	Fellowship Time (We will be assembling hygiene kits.)
	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., April 9	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., April 10	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 11	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
Fri., April 12	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., April 13	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

### Sermon Notes

1. Read Galatians 5:22-25. Given your personality, which fruits of the Spirit are most challenging for you? Which ones are easier? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Read 1 John 4:7-16. How is God expressing love through your life? What hinders you from loving? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Rewrite these verses by changing them from "Love is" statements to "I am" statements. For example, changing "Love is patient" to "I am patient." Are these "I am" statements true for you? Rejoice with God over the true statements and give to God the ones that are a personal struggle. \_\_\_\_\_

### Lord hear our prayers...

- 3-10 Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Linda Doss, Sherry Espinoza, Dean Jones, Judy Miller, Barbara Oleson
- 3-17 Bruce Austin, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, Peggy Jakubik, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin
- 3-24 Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Dorian Magee, Linda Masters
- 3-31 Debbie Collins, Mike Cooper, Barb & Denny Holt, Mikala Langford, Dan Koster, Marika Simpson

**Those in Care Facilities:** 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)

**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.

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>Great Things</i> <i>Graves into Garden</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Paul Rouleau
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		Colossians 3:1-17
Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Love"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Goodness of God</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

*\*Please stand as you are able*

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i> arr. Eithun	Chancel Bells
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Congregational Introit	<i>Christ is Alive</i> (verses 1 & 5)	UMH # 318
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	UMH # 384

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		
Special Music	<i>Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen</i> arr. Cota	Chancel Bells
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick


Offertory Anthem	<i>Here I am to Worship</i> arr. Hughes	Chancel Bells
*Doxology		
Scripture		Colossians 3:1-17
Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Love"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Blest Be the Tie that Binds</i>	UMH # 557
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Up From the Grave He Arose</i> (refrain only)	UMH # 322
	<b>Up from the grave He arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!</b>	
Postlude		

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The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, in joyous celebration of the 41st Wedding Anniversary of Bob & Sharon Hon.







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*"Thank you for your generosity!"*



Thank you so much for your amazing and abundant donations for the UMCOR Hygiene Kits. We will assemble the kits **today** during fellowship time between the worship services today. Please plan to stay late if you come to the 9:30 AM service or come early if you attend the 11 AM service.



*This is a great opportunity to help others in need.*



**New Sunday School Class**  
**5th-9th Graders, begins today - Sunday, April 7**

We are excited to announce that we are forming a new class for 5th-9th graders during the 9:30-10:30am hour on Sundays. This class will be led by Alex Hon who is moving from the Treehouse to this new class for our younger youth. Just like the Treehouse Kids, these youth will stay in the 9:30 worship service until after the children's moment. Then they will exit for Sunday School. For more information about this new Sunday School, contact Pastor Stephanie Hughes.