



# ST. JOHN'S

## A United Methodist Congregation

The Fruitful Life: Joy

April 14, 2024



### The Week Ahead

Sun., April 14	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
	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 16	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., April 17	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 18	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
	6:00 pm - 7:30pm	Board of Stewards Meeting
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study - Adult Classroom
Fri., April 19	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., April 20	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

### Sermon Notes

1. On a scale of 0 to 5, how joyful are you? \_\_\_\_\_ Why is that? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What reasons for joy do you have? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How can you take responsibility for developing godly character this week? What do you need to do? \_\_\_\_\_

### Lord hear our prayers...

- 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
- 4-7 Linda Adams, Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Linda Cooper, Linda Doss, Joy Holder, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Judy Miller, Barbara Oleson, Billy Jack Rife, Joyce Shanks, Richard Swaby

**Those in Care Facilities:** J.T. Agregard (Sodalis), Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Grace Boyd, 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.

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>I Thank God Joy of the Lord</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
*Scripture		John 15:1-11
Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Joy "	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
Reflection Song	<i>O Come to the Altar</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		*Please stand as you are able

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>In the Garden</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>O Lord, How Majestic is Your Name</i> arr. Northam	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>All People That on Earth Do Dwell</i>	UMH # 75
*Affirmation of Faith	(A Modern Affirmation)	
Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:		
<b>We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.</b>		
<b>We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.</b>		
<b>We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.</b>		
<b>We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen</b>		
*Gloria Patri		
Generosity Moment		
Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Choral Amen		Chancel Choir
Offertory Anthem	<i>He is Exalted</i> arr. Pares	Chancel Choir
*Doxology		
*Scripture		John 15:1-11

Hymn Sing

Invitation to Christian Discipleship

\*Closing Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

UMH # 89

Benediction

\*Benediction Response *Up From the Grave He Arose (refrain only)*



UMH # 322



**Up from the grave he arose, with a might triumph o'er his foes, he arose a victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever, with his saints to regin. He rose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!**

Postlude *Victory in Jesus* arr. Austin

Sophie Chapman, Piano


\*Please stand as you are able

	The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, in joyous celebration of the 13th Wedding Anniversary of Tom & Kay Smith.	
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	<p><b>VBS 2024</b> July 15-19, 2024</p> <p>We will have the registration information available soon. VBS is for kids ages 4 through 5th grade.</p>	
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 <p><b>Servolution Mainland</b> BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Servolution Mainland</b> Saturday, May 4</p> <p>Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 4 when we will once again have an opportunity to bless our communities by serving with other churches. The Servolution churches are meeting to plan projects that we will do on the first Saturday of May. We will work from 9:00am to 12:30pm. Lunch will be served at First Baptist Church. For more info go to <a href="https://www.facebook.com/servolutionmainland/">https://www.facebook.com/servolutionmainland/</a> or contact Ingrid Clark at (409) 655-5348 ext. 100 or via email at <a href="mailto:IClark@stjohnsumctc.org">IClark@stjohnsumctc.org</a></p>
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	<p><b>Serving on Sunday Morning</b></p> <p>We are so happy to be gathering for worship each Sunday. We need volunteers to serve as parking lot greeters, front door greeters, welcome center helpers, communion servers and ushers. Volunteers are also needed to serve in the sound booth to advance the slides on the computer or help with the live stream. Please contact Don Gray, our hospitality team coordinator, if you would like to serve as a greeter or an usher. Please contact Rev. Cindy Riddick if you would like to serve in the sound booth. Please consider offering the gift of your time on Sunday morning to serve.</p>
<p><b>Prayer Group</b></p> <p>Join the group who prays for the needs of the church. Each week, this group receives prayer requests via email and then prays for these needs throughout the week. Email Cindy Riddick, <a href="mailto:CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org">CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org</a> if you want to be part of this team.</p>	