



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

The Fruitful Life: Kindness & Generosity

May 5, 2024



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

The Week Ahead

Sun., May 5	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., May 7	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., May 8	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., May 9	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch
Fri., May 10	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., May 11	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

Sermon Notes

- How has God been kind to you? _____
- If you often miss opportunities to do good, what hinders you? _____
- Pray for sensitivity to see yourself as God does. Confess any self-centered ways. Pray for the grace to change. _____

Lord hear our prayers...

- 4-7 Linda Adams, Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Linda Cooper, Linda Doss, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Barbara Oleson, Billy Jack Rife, Joyce Shanks, Richard Swaby
- 4-14 Bruce Austin, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, the family and friends of Joy Holder, Peggy Jakubik, Edna Loudermilk, Shawna Novak, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Elgin and Joyce Vyvial, Jay Ward, Janis Wright
- 4-21 Rachel Champagne, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Cheryl Jones, Dreylin LaFont, Connie Lausen, Dorian Magee, Linda Masters, Danielle Patterson, Marcella Worthy
- 4-28 Debbie Collins, Gary and Liz, Roger Hawkins, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Mikalya Langford, Louise Ovesny, Marika Simpson

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, 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 Graves into Gardens</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		Romans 2:1-10
Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Kindness & Generosity"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>What a Beautiful Name</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Met to Worship</i> arr. Larson	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	UMH # 139

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!

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Generosity Moment		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Offertory Anthem	<i>Amazing Grace</i> arr. Hopson	Chancel Choir & Barbara Wallace, Soloist


*Doxology		
Scripture		Romans 2:1-10
Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Kindness & Generosity"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	UMH # 400
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Up From the Grave He Arose</i> (refrain only)	UMH # 322
	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!	
Postlude	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, Piano
		<i>*Please stand as you are able</i>



Teachers Wanted:

Children's Sunday School Teachers & Assistants. Must love telling bible stories and enjoy teaching little ones about how much Jesus loves them. A strong prayer life is a must. All lesson materials and training will be provided.


Contact Rev. Cindy Riddick at CRiddick@Stjohnsumctc.org




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Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts.
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Vacation Bible School 2024
July 15-19, 2024

We will have the registration information available soon.

Save the Date!



FOOD PANTRY
Volunteers

The GSM (Good Samaritan Ministries) Community Food Pantry is now open!!!

1st Wednesday of each month 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
3rd Wednesday of each month 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
5th Wednesday of each month 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

The food pantry address is 1825 Howell Ave, Room 210, La Marque, TX 77568.
There are opportunities to partner with GSM Food Pantry and volunteer opportunities as well. Please help spread the word. To volunteer please reach out to Ingrid Clark, IClark@stjohnsumctc.org.



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WE ARE COLLECTING

DIAPERS & WIPES



We need diapers of all sizes and wipes

& BABY FOOD

