



# ST. JOHN'S

## A United Methodist Congregation

### The Fruitful Life: Faithfulness

May 12, 2024



The Week Ahead		
Sun., May 12	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
Tues., May 14	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
Wed., May 15	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 16	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO - Treehouse
	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch
Fri., May 17	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden work
Sat., May 18	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

### Sermon Notes

1. Imagine you are Abram as you read Genesis 12:1-9. How would you have responded to God's command to enter into the unknown? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How would you describe your faith in God? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How has God shown faithfulness to you? \_\_\_\_\_

### Lord hear our prayers...

#### Christian sympathy to the family and friends of Louise Ovesny. Louise passed away on May 6.

- 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, Marika Simpson
- 5-5 Linda Adams, Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Linda Cooper, Linda Doss, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Barbara Oleson, family and friends of Louise Ovesny, Billy Jack Rife, Sylvia Yanas

**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

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>This is Amazing Grace Praise</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Tithes & Offering		Praise Band
Scripture		Hebrews 11:1-16
Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Faithfulness"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
Reflection Song	<i>I Speak Jesus</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		


*\*Please stand as you are able*

## 11:00 AM Traditional Worship


Prelude	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> arr. Clark	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Congregational Introit	<i>Sweet, Sweet Spirit</i>	UMH # 334
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Spirit of Faith, Come Down</i>	UMH # 332
*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
Offertory Special Music	<i>Flee as a Bird</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, piano
*Doxology		
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>Faith, While Trees are Still in Blossom</i>	UMH # 508
Scripture		Hebrews 11:1-16

Sermon	"The Fruitful Life: Faithfulness"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
*Closing Hymn	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	UMH # 452
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; arose a victor from the dark domain, and lives forever, with his saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!</b>		
Postlude	<i>Victory in Jesus</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano

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in loving memory of the *Perthius Family*,  
by Rick Harman






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**SAVE THE DATES**  
Vacation Bible School 2024  
**July 15-19, 2024**


We will have the registration information available soon.  
VBS is for kids ages 4 through 5th grade.





**Teachers Wanted**

Children's Sunday School Teachers & Assistant Teachers.  
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](mailto:CRiddick@Stjohnsumctc.org)



**Emmaus Walks for 2024**

Are you interested in going deeper in your walk with Jesus? Consider the 3-day spiritual retreat called The Walk to Emmaus. For more information, you can watch a short video at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PvS8AJOZs4s>

The local Houston Bay Area Emmaus community is hosting 5 walks in 2024. For more information about going on a walk this year, contact Cindy Riddick at: [CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org](mailto:CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org)

Spanish Women's Walk #102	June 20-23
Women's Emmaus Walk #103	June 27-30
Men's Emmaus Walk #104	October 24-27

For those who have already been on the Walk to Emmaus, consider whom you might want to sponsor for one of these walks. For more information about sponsorship visit: <https://hbaec.org/sponsor-info-downloads/#kit>