



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

"Pursued"

July 7, 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. Bill Taylor
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., July 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
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	5:30 pm - 6:30pm	Y'All
Wed., July 10	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Thur., July 11	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch
Fri., July 12	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., July 13	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

Sermon Notes

1. Are you pursued by worry and anxiety? _____
2. Who do you identify within the bible? _____
3. Do you believe goodness and mercy is seeking you? _____



Could you provide snacks for the first Sunday of the month?

Please reach out to Cindy Riddick: CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org



Lord hear our prayers...

- 6-9 Bruce Austin, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, Shawna Novak, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Elgin and Joyce Vyvial
- 6-16 Hudson Caro, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Clint Knudson, Linda Masters, Justin White, Tammy Wilson, Janis Wright
- 6-23 Debbie Collins, Bobby Edrozo, Gary and Liz, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Mikalya Langford, Marika Simpson
- 6-30 Linda Adams, Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Jose Castillo, Linda Cooper, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Barbara Oleson, Edward Placencia, Billy Jack Rife, Richard Webb, 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.

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Welcome		Praise Band
Welcome and Announcements		
*Worship Songs	<i>This is Amazing Grace</i> <i>Raise A Hallelujah</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Sharon Rouleau
Generosity Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Gratitude</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		Psalm 23
Sermon	"Pursued"	Rev. Bill Taylor
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>Give Me Jesus</i> arr. Hayes	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Congregational Introit	<i>I Come With Joy</i> (vs. 1)	UMH # 617
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Praise to the Lord, 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!


In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

Generosity Moment


Pastoral Prayer Rev. Cindy Riddick

Offertory Music	<i>Life Indeed</i> arr. Handel	James Heffel, Soloist
*Doxology		
Scripture		Psalm 23
Sermon	"Pursued"	Rev. Bill Taylor
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	UMH # 127
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>I Come With Joy</i> (vs. 5 only)	UMH # 617
Together met, together bound we'll go our different ways, and as His people in the world, we'll live and speak His praise, we'll live and speak His praise.		
Postlude	<i>Victory I Jesus</i> arr. Austin	Sophie Chapman, Piano

**Please stand as you are able*



The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God,
by Paul & Sharon Rouleau
in celebration of their July birthdays - "Happy Birthday"






WAYS TO GIVE

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




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SUNDAY SCHOOL

TEACHERS WANTED / NEEDED

Children's Sunday School Teachers & Assistants needed. Must love telling bible stories & teaching little ones about how 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
(Specifically, we need a sub in the youth class for **July 21** and **August 4.**)



SUNDAY SCHOOL



VBS 2024 - JUL 15TH-19TH
8:45am-12:00pm

UMC Vacation Bible School, **July 15th-19th** - 8:45am-12:00pm

Join us for a summer camp adventure with God!!!
Register today, kids 4 years old through 5th grade.

Vacation Bible School is an amazing opportunity for young disciples and leaders to explore God's love and goodness through friendship, formative activities, and FUN! This year we'll adventure to a starry scene surrounded by water, trees, and rolling hills – Camp Firelight! You won't want to miss it, we won't want to miss you, come join the FUN!

Sign-up sheet located in foyer.