



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

”Even Merle and Aunt Maude” August 4, 2024

LITTLE CHILDREN,
LET US LOVE,



NOT IN WORD OR SPEECH, BUT IN
TRUTH AND ACTION.

1 JOHN 3:18, NRSV

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.

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Website: <https://stjohnsumctc.org/>

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., Aug. 4	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
Tue., Aug 6	11:00 am - 1:00 pm	“End of Summer “ Kids party
Thur., Aug. 8	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch Bunch
Fri., Aug. 9	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
Sat., Aug 10	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - Rigos Café 902 6th St. N, Texas City

Registration is OPEN! ... Don't wait, space is limited.

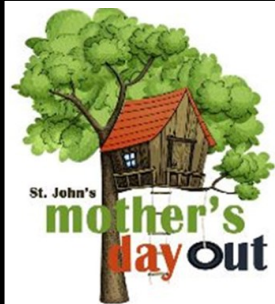
We are excited to announce that our Mother's Day Out program now offers three schedule options for the 2024-25 school year:

- 4-day wk: Mon-Thur
- 3-day wk: Tues-Thurs
- 2-day wk: Tues & Thurs

Details and registration form can be found on our homepage at:

<https://stjohnsumctc.org/mothers-day-out/>

Or, contact Director Melissa Patrick at: MDO@stjohnsumctc.org



Sermon Notes

1. Is there someone in your life who is hard to love? _____
2. How can you demonstrate God's love in your family, in your church, in your community? _____
3. What can we do to help St. John's be the type of church that does more than talk about God's love? _____

Lord hear our prayers...

- 7-7 Bruce Austin, Joan Hutchinson, Richard Hernandez, Shawna Novak, Sheri Reznicek, Gary Scoggin, Bob Viglini
- 7-14 Tony Aguilar, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Clint Knudson, Linda Masters, Tammy Wilson
- 7-21 Debbie Collins, Bobby Edrozo, Gary and Liz, Barb & Denny Holt, Dan Koster, Adam Nimitz, Shane Sandling, Marika Simpson, Wiggins and Hebert families
- 7-28 Linda Adams, family and friends of JT Agregard, Lupe Aguilar, Yvette Arrendo, Nezzie Blair, Linda Cooper, Pat Fletcher, Jay Johnson, Dean Jones, Barbara Oleson, Edward Placencia, Billy Jack Rife, Rex Walker, Scott Wright, Sylvia Yanas

Those in Care Facilities: 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>Great Things</i> <i>Graves Into Gardens</i>	Praise Band
Children's Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Generosity Moment		
Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Raise A Hallelujah</i>	Praise Band
Scripture		I John 3:16 - 24
Sermon	"Even Merle and Aunt Maude"	Rev. Bill Taylor
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>Build My Life</i>	Praise Band
*Benediction		

**Please stand as you are able*

11:00 AM Traditional Worship

Prelude	<i>It is Well</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Congregational Introit	<i>I Come With Joy</i> (vs. 1 only)	UMH # 617
*Hymn of Praise	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	UMH # 327

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>Blessed Are You</i> arr. Wilber (<i>Bar'chu Et Adonai ham'voracu l'olam va-ed.</i>) (<i>Blessed be God, the blessed one, forever and ever.</i>)	James Heffel, Soloist

*Doxology		
Scripture		I John 3:16-24
Sermon	"Even Merle and Aunt Maude"	Rev. Bill Taylor
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Just As I Am</i>	UMH # 357
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>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i> arr. Hastings	Sophie Chapman, Piano

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The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God, by Bob & Sharon Hon in loving memory of Don Williams.





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<https://stjohnsumctc.org/giving/>
Text "GIVE" to (409) 226-0450 and then follow prompts.
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"End of Summer" Kids Party
Tuesday, August 6 - 11am-1pm

Kids ages 5 to 12, join us for an "End of Summer" party. We'll make pizza, play games and finish up our time together making ice cream sundaes.

Sign up in the church foyer or let us know by calling the church office or emailing Cindy Riddick at: CRiddick@stjohnsumctc.org




Interested in participating in the Traditional Choir and/or the Bell Music Ministry? Chancel Choir will resume in late August and Chancel Bells in early September, we would love to have you join us! Come and join the fun! If you can count to four, then your qualified! Please see Dr. James Heffel following any service until ministries resume.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH
BRING YOUR BACKPACK TO WORSHIP





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

