

The Week Ahead		
Sun., Sept. 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
	10:30 am - 11:00 pm	Fellowship Time
	11:00 am - 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship Service
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Chancel Bells - Sanctuary
Mon., Sept 8	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Board of Stewards Meeting
Tues., Sept 9	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Wed., Sept. 10	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Youth Bible Study at the church
	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thur. Sept. 11	12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Brown Bag Lunch - bring your lunch & drink - sign cards for shut-ins
	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	MDO
Fri., Sept. 12	8:00 am - 9:00 am	Community Garden Work
	6:00 pm -	Youth Karaoke at Ugly Mugz
Sat., Sept. 13	8:30 am	Men's Breakfast - The Rigos Café, 902 6th St. N., TC

- Sermon Notes ...
1. Recall when you first decided to follow Christ. How has that decision changed the trajectory or your life? _____

2. Read Psalm 49:7-8a and Psalm 62:1. What do these verses say about where our rescue comes? _____

3. Have you ever needed someone to speak up for you or to defend you? Read 1 John 2:1-2 and Hebrews 7:25. What is Jesus doing for you? _____

Lord hear our prayers...

Christian sympathy to Linda Cooper on the passing of her sister, Martha Loisey, on August 28.

8-10

Brent Baird, Melody Box, Leon Cogburn, Cheryl Dewey, Terry & Joquetta Eierdam, Dan Gilliam, Mercedes Harris, Deborah Krenek, Heather Lopez, Linda Masters, Tammy Wilson

8-17

Denny Alsip, Jim Barb, Debbie Collins, Becky Davidson, Terry Fry, Gary and Liz, Teresa Haak-Benigar, Charles Hamilton, Kacson Hawkins, Barb Holt, Dan Koster, Rae Ann Newton, Jason Wilson, Kathy Wurzlów

8-24

Lupe Aguilar, Nezzie Blair, Janet Brandon, Roger Hawkins, Dean Jones, Paul Mobley, Billy Jack Rife, Sandy Salazar, Betty Wilson, Bill Wurzlów

8-31

Bruce Austin, Peggy Blizzard, Dennis Dodd, Joan Hutchinson, friends and family of Martha Loisey, Sheri Reznicek, Phil Roberts, Sheila Treybig

Those in Care Facilities: Richard Alvarado (Bayou Pines), Dorothy Blankenship (Regal Estates), Grace Boyd (The Forum at The Woodlands), Mary Jenkins (Sodalis), Carol Spealman (Magnolia Crossing), Betty Wilson (Sodalis)

Those Who are Homebound: Alice Blanton, Dannie & Edna Day, Mildred McLemore, Marvin Roehl

Our church, nation & those serving in our military. Those recovering from natural disasters. Our schools.



ST. JOHN'S

A United Methodist Congregation

“Pursued and Rescued”

Sept. 7, 2025



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

Address: 8200 25th Ave N, Texas City 77591

(409) 655-5348 · Fax (409) 655-5810

<https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsUmcTexasCity>

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

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>Anything is Possible</i> <i>Trading My Sorrows</i>	Praise Band
Children’s Moment		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Ministry Moment		
Pastoral Prayer		
Tithes & Offering	<i>Your Grace is Enough</i>	Praise Band
*Scripture		Luke 15:1-32
Sermon	"Pursued and Rescued"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Reflection Song	<i>I Need You More</i>	Praise Band
Benediction		
*Please stand as you are able		


11:00 AM Traditional Worship		
Prelude	<i>Hymn to Peace</i> arr. Paxton	Sophie Chapman, Piano
Welcome, Announcements & Greeting		
Choral Introit	<i>Christians, We Have Met to Worship</i> arr. Larsen	Chancel Choir
*Hymn of Praise	<i>A Mighty Fortress is Our God</i>	UMH # 110
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 sins 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.		
Ministry Moment		
Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Cindy Riddick
Offertory Music	<i>Rain Down</i> arr. Cortez	Chancel Choir & John Mitchell, Soloist

*Doxology		
*Scripture		Luke 15:1-32
Sermon	"Pursued and Rescued"	Rev. Stephanie Hughes
Holy Communion		
Invitation to Christian Discipleship		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Christ is Risen</i>	UMH # 307
Benediction		
*Benediction Response	<i>Go Now in Peace</i>	UMH # 665
Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere you may go.		
Postlude	<i>Joyful, Joyful</i> arr. Smith	Sophie Chapman, Piano
*Please stand as you are able		




ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar are placed to the glory of God in loving memory of Ronny Rife, Billy Jack Rife’s father and Billy Jaden Rife’s grandfather.
Placed by Elizabeth Lawson.





ALTAR FLOWERS



WAYS TO GIVE

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





The Chancel Choir has resumed their practice on Wednesday nights. The Chancel Bells will resume on September 17th, also on Wednesdays.
Please consider trying one or both of these groups.
Is it hard work? Nope! A little work? Well, maybe ... but mostly lots of fun! Think the bells sound glorious, so it must be difficult? Not at all! There is a method to all of the madness, and if you can count to 4, you are more than qualified!

Board of Stewards Meeting
Sept. 8th @ 6pm



MAX LUCADO
EXPERIENCING the HEART of JESUS
FOR 4 WEEKS
REVISED EDITION

Women’s Bible Study
Thursdays @ 10:30am
"Experiencing the Heart of Jesus"
Additional study guides have arrived.
Please pick up your copy in the church foyer, \$15 each



It's time to prepare your crafts & reserve your booth...
ST. JOHN'S UMC FALL CRAFT SHOW
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
10AM-2PM
Crafts ▪ Food ▪ Drinks ▪ FUN !!!
For more information or to reserve a Vendor booth, contact Robin Bartholomew at: RMB514@gmail.com