

July 28, 2024



Peace & Faith in the Midst of Chaos



**Hearing enhancement devices are available at the back of the sanctuary in the lobby.*

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*But Who May Abide?
From Handel's Messiah
Special Guest: Naomi Steele*

Call to worship: (please stand as you are comfortable)

Call: They will know we are Christians by our love!

Response: By our love we welcome God, we welcome the guest, we welcome all in this place.

Call: What a joy it is to be in the house of the Lord and in the presence of each other!

Response: Help us shine our light before others to your Glory, oh God.

Opening Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Wonderful Words of Life

UMH 600

Morning Prayer

**We will conclude this prayer by reciting "The Lord's Prayer." If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you are invited to follow along up on the screens.*

First Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 1-12

Offertory Prayer

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*Erbarme Dich, Mein Gott
from St. Matthew Passion, by Bach*

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Matthew 5: 21-26, 38-48

Message

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Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Thy Word Is a Lamp

UMH 601

Benediction

Postlude

*Tocatta in E minor
J. Pachelbel*

Reflection Questions

-What are the parts of our Scripture today that you struggle with the most? Why do you think that is? What is going to be your faithful response when you take Jesus' words to heart?

-How do you think you can apply Jesus' words concerning "retaliation" when you are personally attacked?

This Week In The Life of St. John's

Special Guest:



Cole Bellamy
BARITONE

Today we welcome SF Opera Apprentice Cole Bellamy. He is a baritone and he was Deacon 1 in *The Righteous* (SFO Debut), is in *La traviata*, and *The Elixir of Love*. Today he shares with us selections from *Dan Forrester*.

If you wish to support this long standing St. John's tradition, please make your check out to SJUMC and ear mark it "opera." Questions? Contact Paula Young at paula@sjumcsantafe.org.

Mon. July 22, 2024

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

Tues. July 23, 2024

8:30 am-12:30pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
4:00 pm-6:00 Bag N' Hand Food Pantry Evening Distribution (volunteer times)
6:00 pm Alcoholics' Anonymous, Men and Women Group, Parlor
6:00 pm Adult Children of Alcoholics, Bell Room
7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Fellowship Hall

Wed. July 24, 2024

6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

Thurs. July 25, 2024

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor
6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Women's Group, Chapel
6:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Men's Group, Parlor
6:00 pm ALANON Women's Group, Bell Room
6:00 pm recovery group: Spirit Falx, Choir Room

Fri. July 26, 2024

9:00 am AA Parlor
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

Sat. July 27, 2024

Sun. July 28, 2024

9:30 am Morning Worship
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel
5:00 pm Youth Group: Our location Changes from week to week. To be a part of the youth group, reach out to Pastor Matt at 936-661-2843 to be added to the youth list.

Going On In The Life Of St. John's

Give a Prayer Shawl

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Please let us know if you or a friend or a loved one might find comfort from a prayer shawl during times of grief or loss, serious illness, medical treatment, surgery, recovery/rehab, mental health challenges. We also have some baby blankets to welcome those very special infants in your life.

Contact Jane Thomas, coordinator at dthomasnm@gmail.com

Choose Kindness

Virginia Lierz

I was just ready to exit my Dentist's parking lot when a very wild looking man exited the building and ran up to my car. "Lady your right front tire is going flat. If you want to pull up next to that black car at the other end of the parking lot, I have an automatic tire pump and I will fill the tire for you so that you can drive home."

I wasn't crazy about his extra long unkept hair and two nose rings but considered my options and followed his instructions. He filled that tire and checked the other three and told me that he once had worked for a tire company.

After thanking him (and God) for sparing me a myriad of problems, I drove to Discount Tire and had the tire repaired. While there I realized that God had just given me a lesson in humility. I had looked at the outward appearance when God wanted me to look at his heart.