

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

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

*This Is My Father’s World*  
arr. John Carter

Call to worship

One: Lord, I am lost and afraid.  
**Many:** “I am the Good Shepherd. I will keep you safe and lead you home.”  
One: But, Lord, I am so tired of all the struggles, scarcity and disappointments.  
**Many:** “Stay close to me and I will restore abundance to your soul.”  
One: My life is being lived out in a desert, Lord, inside and out. I am so thirsty for love, acceptance and blessings.  
**Many:** “Come worship me. Feast at my table. Drink from the springs of Living Water and you will be refreshed beyond imagination and dwell in my house forever.”  
**ALL:** Come, let us worship!  
~Wendy Russel

**Opening Hymn** (please stand as you are comfortable)  
*Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo*  
UMH 64/65

**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**  
John 10: 22-30

**Offertory Prayer**  
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*On Christ I stand*  
by Benjamin Harlan  
**Doxology** (please stand as you are comfortable)  
UMH 95  
**Final Scripture Reading**  
Revelation 7: 9-17  
**Message**  
*Springs of Living Water*  
Rev. Matt Bridges  
**Closing Hymn** (please stand as you are comfortable)  
*Holy God We Praise Thy Name*  
UMH 79  
**Benediction**

**Postlude**  
*Over the Sea to Skye*  
traditional Irish Melody, arr. Joseph Martin

**Upcoming in May**  
**Faithful Conversations:**  
**An Interfaith Bible Study with Temple Beth Shalom**  
On the last Saturday morning in May (right now we’re thinking 11:30 will be a good time), Temple Beth Shalom and St. John’s will begin a monthly Bible Study led by Rabbi Neil Amswych and Pastor Matt Bridges that will cover a variety of sacred texts and topics. We will celebrate our traditions, our communities, and grow together in faith from perspectives that we don’t always encounter. Our first faithful conversation will be on the topic of creation from a Jewish and Christian perspective. Please let Pastor Matt know if you are interested.

**In The Life of St. John’s**  
**The Bag ‘n Hand Needs to Restock the Shelves!**  
The Bag ‘n Hand Food Pantry needs your help with donations of the food items below. We are also looking for volunteers for our evening distribution. The hours of volunteering are 4:40pm to 7:00pm. Below are the most needed items. Canned Fruit, Mac and Cheese, Any dry Pasta, Rice and Beans,, Spices, Condiments, Baking Supplies

**Faith Coalition Update and Upcoming Meeting**  
Hello everyone. Please join us for the next Faith Coalition meeting, this time hosted by St. John's.  
**When: Monday, May 12th, 5:30 pm**  
**Where: St. John's United Methodist Church, 1200 Old Pecos Trail, Santa Fe**

**Proposed Agenda:**  
- Address the needs we heard from our immigrant provider partners in April.

As a reminder, at our last meeting we generated the following ideas for action items:

1. Create a Joint Fund
  - a. Individually made
  - b. Requests managed
2. Each immigration support group generates a list of needs
3. List and respond to volunteering opportunities
4. Support ESL-SSL Programs
5. Start a Targeted Collection (Quarterly)
6. Develop a Leadership Narrative

Please feel free to invite others. Questions or more in contact Donna Whitson 505-629-5789 or [tdwhitson@tritel.net](mailto:tdwhitson@tritel.net). If you are attending and plan to bring a treat please let me know. So far I have treats coming from Mary L., Elizabeth L., and Mark A.

## Current Series: *Believing Into Christ*

In the Sundays after Easter and taking us to Pentecost, we will explore themes from Revelation and the Gospel of John about what is possible when we believe. Belief is not only an intellectual endeavor and assent to the power of God to transform, but also a process that helps us use our hands and feet in ways similar to how Jesus used his hands and feet to seek out and address the hurting ones, including our planet and its most vulnerable people and beyond-human creatures.

**Week 1: Embodied Believing:** Our beliefs connect us to Christ, in whom we believe and into whom we grow, by embodying the assents we make.

**Week 2: Circling Toward Food Justice:** Food justice is a recognition that not everyone has access to the same kinds of nutritious foods that are available in some places, depending on geography, infrastructure, and economics. Unjust systems are in place. Part of our call as Christians is to interrupt those unjust systems and provide for all.

**Week 3: Springs of Living Water:** An old song, “Spring, up O Well!” reminds us that the river of life flows into us and out of us into the world. We celebrate the living water nourishing us and the world when we share it with those around us.

**Week 4: A New World:** God is creating a new world out of this one. God is making all things possible, starting here and now. God is renewing life, love, and connection for the benefit of what is and will be for this world.

**Week 5: The Tree of Life:** The imagery of trees is centered in this week's texts and our worship experience because trees are sources of life. They provide oxygen we breathe, food that nourishes us, and shade that protects us.

**Week 6: Becoming One:** On this final week in the series, we recognize how interdependent we are with creation, and we celebrate that when we benefit, we also benefit others.

### This Week In The Life of St. John's

#### Mon. May 12, 2025

6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

#### Tues. May 13, 2025

12:00pm Interfaith Leadership Alliance of Santa Fe Meeting, Choir Room

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

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. May 14, 2025

12:00pm Soul Break

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

1:00 pm Women's Book Study

6:00 Pickleball, Fellowship Hall

6:00pm Bell Choir, Bell Room

7:00 pm Choir, Choir Room

#### Thurs. May 15, 2025

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

#### Fri. May 16, 2025

9:00 am AA Parlor

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

#### Sat. May 17, 2025

#### Sun. May 18, 2025

9:30 am Morning Worship:

10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Gathering Room

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.

May 11, 2025

## *Believing Into Christ: Week 3*

