

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

**Welcome/Announcements**

**Prelude**

*At the River*  
Arr. Aaron Copeland

**Call to Worship**

Call: Let’s gather together in the presence of our God.  
Let’s bring our songs of praise and our prayers of thanks-giving.

**Response: Let us bow down in worship before the Lord our Maker.**

Call: Arise, O God, and enter Your sanctuary—You, and the ark of Your strength.

**Response: Clothe us in justice and faithfulness, and put new songs of joy and praise in our mouths. Let’s worship God together!**

**Opening Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)**

*Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

**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**

**Haggai 1: 1-11**

**Offertory Prayer**

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*Zion’s Walls*  
Arr. Aaron Copeland

**Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)**

UMH 95

**Final Scripture Reading**

**Haggai 1: 12-15**

**Message**

*Speaking Truth to Power: Will You Rebuild My House?*  
Rev. Matt Bridges  
**New Hymn: When We Speak Truth To Power**

**Communion**

**Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)**

*We Are Called*

**TFWS (black book) 2172**

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Simple Gifts*  
Arr. Mark Hayes

**Reflection Questions**

**-Where you currently lacking the courage to speak truth to power in your life? What has power over you that is taking you away from your walk with Christ?**

**-How do the people respond to God’s call that comes through Haggai? What sort of call do you have from God right now to act and speak?**

**In The Life of St. Johns**

**New Members Special Dinner**

**Wednesday, August 6th, 6:00pm**

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. John’s or learning more about St. John’s and United Methodism? We invite you to our New Members Special Dinner on Wednesday, August 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Pastor Matt will discuss the history of the United Methodist Church and our beliefs. Other speakers will cover the church's structure, Sunday school classes, and various activities available for your involvement. Since Dinner is to be served, we would love to know how many to prepare for. Please see the QR code below to sign-up to come. Please feel free to ask Pastor Matt or Mary Ellen Kendrick any questions you might have. We hope to see you there!



**The Bag ‘n Hand Restocking 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**

# When We Speak Truth to Power

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, 2025  
Henry T. Smart, 1835

1. When we speak truth to pow - er, our God is glor - i - fied;  
2. At times the truths to we ut - ter the and God is glor - i - fied;  
3. As im - mi - grants are threat - ened cy, and God is glor - i - fied;  
4. Great God of grace and mer - cy, of all that's just and long true,

in It's and each acts then trans re - of our folks fug - ho God are ee ly calls dim you bold loud in trea - ness er, ished, sure, "Speak their and Lord up, truth ev - of don't dis - ery all hes - missed rain - takes i - as bow pride. tate! wrong, hue.

We're called to seize the mo - ment, to step be - yond our fear  
My Word voice be Je - your ar - mor, mor, to my as e - love will all light time all your it's to way;  
the In these and oth - er sus er mat ters, as e - through us all all to's done:  
be

and I'll speak the way of Je - sus to those who need to hear,  
"Go walk this come walk in be - side you, to each step and ev - ery day,"  
Your voice of truth to the pow - er, find that me speaks out faith - ful - ly!

## In The Life of St. John's

### Special Guest:



Evan Lazdowski  
**BASS-BARITONE**

Today we welcome SF Opera Apprentice Evan Lazdowski. He is from Manchester, New Hampshire. Evan completed his undergraduate degree at Manhattan School of Music and his graduate degree at Juilliard. He is appearing in "La Boheme," "Rigoletto" and "The Marriage of Figaro" this summer. If you wish to support this long standing St. John's tradition, please make your check out to SJUMC and ear mark it "opera."

### Choosing Kindness

*From Jean McDonald*

Over a month ago, I was in a long car wash line. After a while, I noticed a cop behind me. Because it was my day off and not in a hurry, I offered up for him to switch places with me. He hesitated at first but then said, ok. When I put in my order to get my car washed, I noticed I was never given a bill. When I asked about it, I was told that the front desk had it. When I went to the desk I found out that the policeman from Las Vegas, NM had paid my bill along with his!

Contributions for Acts of Kindness or Kindness Quotes may be anonymous if you would like. Please send stories to [chandra.benjamin@gmail.com](mailto:chandra.benjamin@gmail.com) so we can feature them in the weekly eNews.

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

### Mon. Aug. 04, 2025

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

### Tues. Aug. 05, 2025

8:00 am-12:30 pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (volunteer times)  
12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor  
4:00pm-6:30pm Bag N' Hand Food Pantry (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. Aug. 06, 2025

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor  
1:00 pm Women's Book Study  
6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 pm, New Members Event, Gathering Room

### Thurs. Aug. 07, 2025

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

### Fri. Aug 08, 2025

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

### Sat. Aug 09, 2025

### Sun. Aug 10, 2025

9:30 am Morning Worship:  
10:30 am Morning Fellowship Time, Chapel  
10:45ish am Sunday Adult school classes.  
Community Class —Parlor  
Nephesh Class —Choir RM  
Sunday Seminar —Bell 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.

# August 03, 2025

## ***Haggai: Speaking Truth To Power***



## ***Week 1: Will You Rebuild My House?***

