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

# **Welcome/Announcements**

Prelude

A Simple Song
By Leonard Bernstein

**Call to Worship** 

Call: Oh Lord of hosts, hear our prayer, hear our worship directed to you!

Response: Enter into this place, guide us in worship today.

Call: Happy are those who trust in you; Faithful are those who speak truth to power.

Response: If even the sparrow finds a home in you, so may we also! Let's worship!

Opening Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Lord, Reign In Me (See Bulletin)

# **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** 

Psalm 84

Offertory Prayer
Offertory

O, Divine Redeemer
By Charles Gounod

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

**UMH 95** 

**Final Scripture Reading** 

Haggai 2:1-9

Message

Speaking Truth to Power: Yet Now Take Courage Rev. Matt Bridges

Closing Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

**UMH 713** 

**Benediction** 

**Postlude** 

The Light of the World is Jesus
By Mark Hayes

## **Reflection Questions**

- -What's a dream that has been shattered for you recently? How can you live into the phrase "yet now take courage" as God tells the people?
- -When God speaks to the people through Haggai and says "Be strong...do not fear...," what is a fear that you are struggling with that you can give to God and respond with strength and courage?

# Lord, Reign In Me

# Verse 1

Over all the earth You reign on high Every mountain stream, every sunset sky But my one request, Lord my only aim Is that You'd reign in me again

## Chorus

Lord reign in me, reign in Your power Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour You are the Lord of all I am So won't You reign in me again

## Verse 2

Over every thought, over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

# In The Life of St. Johns

# 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

# In The Life of St. John's Special Guest:



Mary Beth Nelson Zaros **MEZZO-SOPRANO** 

Today we welcome Santa Fe Opera Apprentice Mary Beth Zaros. Mary Beth is from New York, N.Y. This summer she is appearing in "The Marriage of Figaro" and "Rigoletto." Welcome Mary Beth!

# Possible September Mission Opportunities to the Four Corners Area

The Four Corners Native American Ministry has two weeks open in September if folks are interested in a 5-6 day working, fellowshipping, cultural and sightseeing trip to the Four Corners. The first open week is Sept. 15-19 and the second is Sept. 22-26. We would be selecting one of the two. The accommodations are very nice and have been used by several groups over the past year.

Please let us know if you are interested in either of these. If there is enough interest, we'll have a planning meeting very soon to sort everything out. Time is getting short, so let us know right away! Contact info: Bob and Marilyn Galano at 505-795-1919 or bmgalano@gmail.com

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

#### Mon. Aug. 11, 2025

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor 6:00 pm Pickleball, Fellowship Hall 6:30 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Bell Room or TBD

#### Tues. Aug., 12, 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. 13, 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. 14, 2025

12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

#### Fri. Aug 15, 2025

9:00 am AA Parlor 10:30 am Memorial Service for Delores "Dodie" Pack, Sanctuary and Gathering Room 12:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous, Parlor

## Sat. Aug 16, 2025

12:00 Faithful Conversations with Temple Beth Shalom, at Temple Beth Shalom

#### Sun. Aug 17, 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 10, 2025

# Haggai: Speaking Truth To Power



# Week 2: Yet Now Take Courage

