

*Hearing enhancement devices are available in the Sanctuary Lobby.

*Walkers and canes are also available in the Sanctuary Lobby.

Welcome/Announcements

Prelude

His Eye Is on the Sparrow
arr. Doug Wagner, Jubilate Bell Choir

Call to worship

Call: How good it is to sing praises to our God!

Response: The Lord heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

Call: God counts the stars, and calls them each by name.

Response: How great is our God! The Lord's power is absolute. God's understanding is beyond comprehension.

Call: So come, sing out your thanksgiving to God.

Response: We offer worship that belongs to God alone!

~adapted from *Re:Worship* resources, based on Psalm 147

First Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Indescribable

See Lyrics on Screen

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

Exodus 3: 1-14

Offertory Prayer

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Almighty, Unchangeable, God
by Cindy Berry

Doxology (please stand as you are comfortable)

UMH 95

Final Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Message

God: The Indescribable?
Rev. Matt Bridges

Final Hymn (please stand as you are comfortable)

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

UMH (red book) 103

Benediction

Postlude

Impressions on a Welsh Tune
arr. Doug Wagner, Jubilate Bell Choir

New Member Invitation Sunday, October 25th
& New Member Orientation, October 18th in the Gathering Room
at 11:00am

Have you thought about joining St. John's and becoming a member? St. John's has so many different ways to engage faith in life-giving ways and we want you to be a part! Let us celebrate this commitment with you Oct. 25th, a special Sunday we are calling "Invitation Sunday." We are also hosting a New Member Orientation on Sunday, Oct. 18th in the Gathering Room for anyone interested in joining. You do not have to attend the orientation to become a member. It's a great way though to learn more about St. John's and membership. If you would like to attend the orientation and/or become a member, please let Pastor Matt know or our Lay Leader Byron Smith know. We look forward to connecting with you in new ways!

Announcements

Pumpkin Patch News

We are off to a great start! We had our first load come last Sunday and our second load come yesterday. Thank you so much for all who have helped so far! There are still spots available to work a shift. Your presence is so very helpful and needed. You can sign up at the sign-up genius link below or you can sign up in the Sanctuary lobby. For more questions, please talk with Mary Ellen Kendrick, our Connections Coordinator.



Winter Coat Drive!

Once again, St. John's UMC, through its Missions Committee, will soon provide new and gently used coats for school children aged pre-K through high school. We are setting up a bin in the Sanctuary lobby for new and gently used jackets and coats and another in the reception area near Kim's desk. Our wonderful Prayer Shawl Ministry has made 472 beautiful winter hats for the kids to help with this project. Thank you, Prayer Shawl Ministry! We plan to distribute the jackets and hats in mid to late October.

A New Partnership with Temple Beth Shalom: Welcome & Shalom!

We are excited to announce a new partnership with Temple Beth Shalom (TBS). TBS's preschool has been looking to expand for some time and began a conversation with us over the summer about renting four rooms from St. John's. Through the work of the Trustees, the Church Council, and legal counsel, St. John's has signed a lease agreement to offer space, and through this, hospitality, and connection as well. They are hoping to begin officially on January 01 of 2027 and will be working in the South Hallway to prepare. We celebrate new connections and strengthening friendships between our two communities of faith.

October 11, 2026

Trying To Fit God Into a Box: Week 1

