



**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**10:30 A.M.**

 **ST. JOHN'S**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# WELCOME

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**you are not only welcome here, you are celebrated here!**

We acknowledge that you are a gift of the Creator,  
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St. John's has been affiliated with Reconciling Ministries Network since 1998, when we adopted a statement affirming the sacred worth of all God's children, including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. We celebrate our diversity, and we welcome all people to join us in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

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# THE WORSHIP OF GOD 10:30 A.M.

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## ENTRANCE

Gathering

Rev. Kevin Young

Prelude

*Prelude in E minor, "Cathedral"*

Clint Barrick  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Call to Worship

Sarah Nuckolls

Let us gather as a people who are strengthened by the food with which Christ feeds us.

**Let us gather with glad and generous hearts, overflowing with the extravagant spirit of Jesus.**

Let us gather as those who live by the Word of God made flesh; truthfully, and with divine assurance.

**Let us gather, greeting one another in the paths of God, where God's spirit confirms the faith that grows in us, and fills us with light.**

Lift up your hearts to God, people of God.

**We lift them up with gladness, thankfulness, and joy.**

Hymn of Praise, No. 636

*Christian People, Raise Your Song*

*The United Methodist Hymnal*

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

*1. Christian people raise your song,  
Chase away all grieving;  
Sing your joy, and be made strong,  
Our Lord's life receiving;  
Nature's gifts of wheat and vine  
Now are set before us:  
As we offer bread and wine  
Christ comes to restore us.*

*2. Come to welcome Christ today,  
God's great revelation;  
He has pioneered the way  
Of the new creation.  
Greet him, Christ our risen King  
Gladly recognizing,  
As with joy we greet the spring  
Out of winter rising.*

Prayers of the God's Family based on Psalm 17

Rev. Kevin Young and Worshipers

Hear a just cause, Most High; attend to our cry; give ear to our prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let our vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try our hearts, if you visit us by night, if you test us, you will find no malintent in us; our mouths do not transgress.

**Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge. As for us, let us behold your face in righteousness; and every morning, when we awake, we shall be satisfied. For we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.**

Act of Praise

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

Leslie Cranford and Gini Wilbanks, Leilani Fillhard, piano

FOR THE BREAD (KINGDOM)

*1. For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.*

*2. By this pledge that you do love us,  
by your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.*

*3. With our sainted ones in glory  
seated at the heavenly board,  
may the church that's waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.*

*4. In your service, Lord, defend us,  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world where you have sent us,  
let your kingdom come, O Lord.*

# PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Lesson from the Hebrew Scripture Genesis 32:22-31

Craig Rutherford

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.

Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."

So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."

Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."

Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."

The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

For the gift of holy scripture.

**Thanks be to God.**

A Time for Young Disciples  
Hymn No. 277  
*Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

Avery Hendrickson  
*The United Methodist Hymnal*  
STORIES OF JESUS

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

Sermon

*Ambush*

Rev. Kevin Young

Hymn of Response, No. 184  
*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

*The United Methodist Hymnal*  
DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*1. Of the Father's love begotten,  
ere the worlds began to be,  
he is Alpha and Omega, he the  
source, the ending he  
of the things that are, that have  
been  
and that future years shall see, ev-  
ermore and evermore.*

*2. O ye heights of heaven, adore  
him; angel hosts, his praises sing;  
powers, dominions, bow before  
him, and extol our God and King;  
let no tongue on earth be silent,  
every voice in concert ring, ever-  
more and evermore.*

*3. Christ, to thee with God the Fa-  
ther, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,  
hymn and chant and high thanks-  
giving, and unwearied praises be:  
honor, glory and dominion,  
and eternal victory, evermore and  
evermore.  
Amen.*

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Kevin Young

Christ invites all to his table all who freely open their hearts to God. Secure in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Kevin Young and Worshipers

Gracious God, our focus is Jesus. Always. Of course. But not always so much so that we can emulate him, but so that we can understand our motivations for doing what we do. When we ask *how Jesus did so much, we hear the real question, "Why did Jesus do so much?"*

**We come now, asking that we might ever align with the *why* of what Jesus did. Fill our imaginations with images of being fed, of caring, of acting with compassion, so that we might fill the empty spaces in our world with food, and caring, and compassion, for the same reasons that Jesus filled the empty spaces. We pray in his name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Kevin Young

God's steadfast love never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. Be washed in grace and forgiveness, for this is the gift of God.  
**Amen.**

The Peace

God's peace be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another signs of divine peace.

*Worshippers are invited to share expressions of peace through posts, or texts, or with gestures that are safe among those with whom you may be viewing this livestream.*

Offering

Rev. Kevin Young

Prayer of Dedication

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.  
Let us pray:

Offertory Anthem

*Os justi*

Anton Bruckner

*Os justi meditabitur sapientiam:  
et lingua ejus loquetur judicium.  
Lex Dei ejus in corde ipsius:  
et non supplantabuntur gressus ejus.  
Alleluia.  
Inveni David servum meum,  
oleo sancto meo unxi eum.  
Alleluia.*

*The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,  
and his tongue speaks what is just.  
The law of his God is in his heart:  
and his feet do not falter.  
Alleluia.  
I have found David, my servant;  
I have anointed him with my holy oil.  
Alleluia.*

Doxology and Presentation of Gifts

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting E, pg. 25

*The United Methodist Hymnal*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a good and right... And so, with your people on earth, and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their neverending hymn:

**(All sing) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you...

...as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**(All sing) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Because your Spirit is poured out on us...

...Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, eternal God, now and forever.

**(All sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Friends, this is the body and the blood of Christ, given for us all. Take and eat, remembering him.

Music for Communion

*Christus factus est*

Anton Bruckner

*Christus factus est pro nobis obediens  
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.  
Propter quod et Deus exaltavit illum et dedit illi no-  
men,  
quod est super omne nomen.*

*Christ became obedient for us unto death,  
even to the death, death on the cross.  
Therefore God exalted Him and gave Him a name,  
which is above all names.*

## SENDING FORTH

Acts of Faith

Rev. Kevin Young

Hymn of Faith, No. 480

*The United Methodist Hymnal*

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

1. *O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths  
its flow may richer, fuller be.*

3. *O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.*

2. *O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze  
its day may brighter, fairer be.*

4. *O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms  
red life that shall endless be.*

Benediction

Rev. Kevin Young

Go now to walk with God who sometimes needles us to change, provokes us to try harder, and wrestles a way through our defenses in order to instill in us commitment, surrender, and faith to move mountains. Go with wonder, filled with grace and peace, to live as children of God. **Amen.**

*Please remain online for the Postlude.*

Postlude

*Fugue in E minor, Cathedral"*

Clint Barrick  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## My Prayer For the New School Year

Please consider making a 1 sentence video or written statement completing this 1-sentence prayer? "My prayer for this new school year is..." Your 1-sentence prayer will be included in our Blessing of the Backpacks worship service on August 16th and August 30th. There are several ways to send in your prayer.

Comment your prayer on the main posts in St. John's Connex or Realm

Fill out this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/Ao1owvXaypWJy8nF7>

Send in a video of you speaking your prayer. Please send in your video to [communications@stjohnslubbock.org](mailto:communications@stjohnslubbock.org) no later than Friday, August 7th.

Thank you for contributing to a meaningful worship experience as we begin a new school year that is unlike any before.



## Blessing of the Backpacks

Clergy and staff have been working on our Blessing of the Backpacks service since early July and are excited to finally announce the plans for this meaningful service.

August 16th will be our first service for our Elementary/Junior High/High School students.

This year, our dedicated team will be putting together a care package for anyone who wants one consisting of some hand sanitizer, a few face masks, and an encouraging backpack tag that can be personal-

ized. You can sign up to receive a care package on this Google Form at <https://forms.gle/zh5qFhpcG64cduY77>

After the service, anyone and everyone who would like to pickup a care package are invited to meet some of our staff at St. John's from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We'll bring it to you and wish you the best for the school semester. Tags can also be picked up Friday, August 21, or Saturday, August 22, just give us a call and let us know you're outside.



## School Supply Drive

As part of our commitment to the Lubbock community, each year, St. John's donates school supplies to Ramirez Elementary. Things look a little bit different this year but there are three ways you can help us support Ramirez:

- You can give a donation of funds to school supplies on our website at [www.stjohnslubbock.org/giving](http://www.stjohnslubbock.org/giving) and select the fund for Ramirez Elementary.
- You can order school supplies on the St. John's Amazon wishlist. This list follows the supply list from Ramirez and will be shipped to the home of a staff member where it will be kept safe until distribution. Click here <https://a.co/7y5jdqy>
- You can bring items that you have directly purchased to the St. John's office during normal office hours (8:30 a.m. - Noon & 1:00 - 4:30 p.m.) the week of August 10 - 15. Instructions will be outside on how to safely give your gifts.

Thank you for your continued support of St. John's and it's ministries!

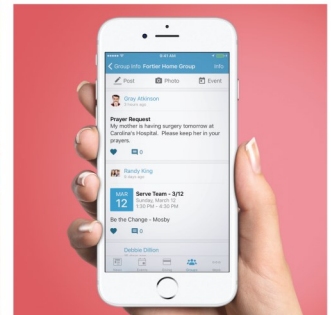
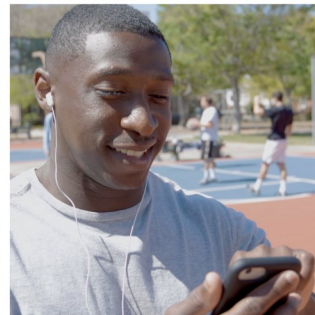
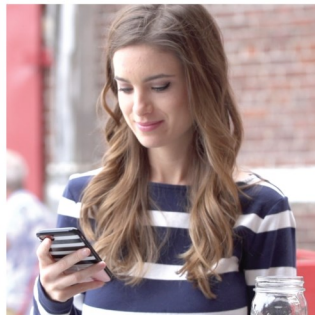
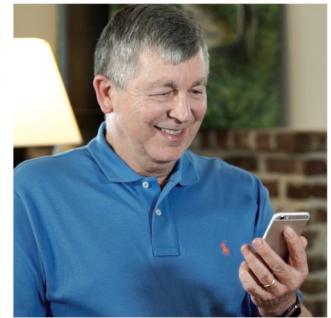
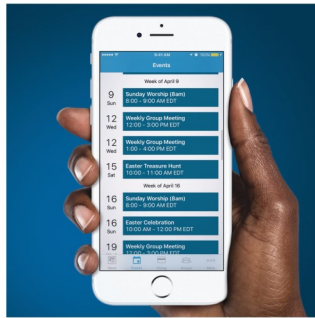
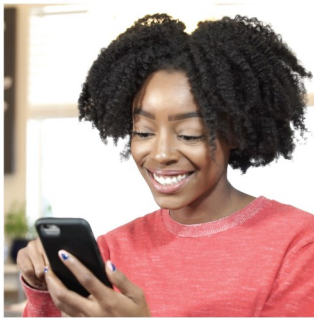


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*"Israel"* Mike Moyers

A Painting depicting the night when Jacob wrestled with God. After the match was over, Jacob was given the name "Israel," which means "God Wrestler." This painting is intended to remind us of our tendency to struggle and wrestle with God's calling, mystery, and sovereignty."

"It is an honor and a joy to share my work with you. For years, I have illustrated, designed and directed many book covers, ads, logos, commercials and campaigns. However, my deeper side is the life of a fine artist. I love to paint with the palette knife to keep my work loose, textured and bold. You will see that I paint all kinds of subjects.

My deepest passion, however, is to use fine art to communicate matters of faith. I firmly believe that art is a communion with the soul. Through my art, I strive to make known the beauty and wonder of life and faith. The pieces in this exhibit are inspired by things that have touched my life in a meaningful way. They range from plein air and impressionism to abstract and conceptual. My hope is to successfully communicate those inspirations so that you might be touched as well."

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