WE'RE SO GLAD YOU JOINED US TODAY!

Welcome to St. John's!

Welcome to worship at St. John's United Methodist Church.

You are welcome and celebrated in this faith community!
If you are a first time attendee or a long-time member;
If you are black, brown, white or anything in between;
If you are gay, straight, bisexual, lesbian, or transgender;
If you are a Native American or an immigrant friend;
If you are male or female, young or old, abled or differently-abled, rich or poor;
No matter what you believe or doubt;
No matter where you are on life's journey;
You are a gift of the Creator God. Together, we are family of God,
because we are gathered in the name of the One who makes us one.

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 welcome all people to join us in our journey together toward greater understanding and mutual respect.

We welcome children and enjoy their participation in all aspects of congregational life. For caregivers of small children, a changing table is available in the front bathroom and the library is open if you need a quiet place to tend to your little one. A nursery with certified workers is available for infants through age 5 at the southeast corner of the building if you need respite. Ushers will be glad to direct you to any of these resources.

Meet Our Staff.

To contact a member of our staff please call 806-762-0123, visit us online, or send us an email at openminds@stjohnslubbock.org

Rev. Josh Stueve
Senior Pastor
Rev. Ann Akin
Associate Pastor
Dr. Alan Zabriskie
Director of Music Ministries

Clint Barrick
Organist
David Cranford
Facilities Manager
John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Kyle Collins
Director of Communications
Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary
Cathedral of Christ the Light
Craig Hartman

When Christ was transfigured, appearing in radiant glory with Moses and Elijah, the disciples wanted to build booths for them. When we build churches today, such as the strikingly transcendent interior of the Cathedral of Christ the Light, are we trying to "build a booth" to contain God? Or are we transformed ourselves when worshiping in a church of great beauty?

The Cathedral, located on the shores of Lake Merritt in Oakland, is designed with the symbolic representation of Jesus Christ at its core.

The 58-foot high image within the Omega window (pictured here) is created by natural light passing through aluminum panels that have been pierced with 94,000 holes. This image is a depiction of Christ in Majesty, borrowed from the sculpture of Christ in the central doorway of the west entrance to Chartres Cathedral in France. The use of natural light in the Oakland Cathedral symbolizes the movement of salvation history, climaxing with the tangible, powerful, presence of Christ. As the sun moves across the sky, the movement of light transforms the worship space.

Please Remember in Prayer:

Members:
St. John's Homebound
Jane Haynes
Bob & Donna Albin

Friends and Family:
Food Voucher Clients
Those affected by COVID-19
Lee Edwards
Dolly Shuey

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 15

10:30 a.m.

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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine — Orlando Gibbons

Call to Worship — Bryce Taylor
We are called to be light,
we come this day to shine.
We are called to follow Christ,
we come this day to serve.
We are called to love God,
we come to worship and praise.

*Hymn No. 332 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Spirit of Faith, Come Down — BEALOTH

Prayers of the People | The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Ann Akin
God in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayers.

Our Father who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Act of Praise — Hwanwook Lee, baritone, Eunwha Kang, piano
내 삶의 이유라(The Reason I live)

Jesus is everything to me, my strength and my joy, my eternal hope.
He is the reason that I live, cause there's true life in His name.

Lord, You alone I'll follow to the end.
Lord, You alone are to be exalted on high.

All the days of my life I will sing and praise Your name and Your goodness.
The power of Your great name, the eternal living God
Is the reason that I live.

Whether I live or I die, it must be for Your great Name
Now I surrender all to You, Lord please accept this soul.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament Lesson - Isaiah 49: 1-7, p. 679 — Bryce Taylor
*Gospel Lesson - John 1: 29-42, p. 92, N.T.
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A Time for Young Disciples — Alec Cattell
Hymn No. 707 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Hymn of Promise — PROMISE

**You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.*
***Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*

As the children come forward
1 In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

As the children depart
3 In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

THANKSGIVING

Affirmation of Faith No. 882 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version — Rev. Ann Akin

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Ann Akin

*Hymn No. 593 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Here I Am, Lord — HERE I AM, LORD

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Sing Praise to Him — arr. Mack Wilberg

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts, p. 94

Sing praise to him who reigns above,
The Lord of all creation,
The source of pow'r, the fount of love,
The rock of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul he fills
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills.
To him all praise and glory!

What his almighty pow'r hath made
His gracious mercy keepeth.
By morning glow or evening shade
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might,
Lo! all is just and all is right.
To him all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
But, thru all grief distressing,
An ever-present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
He leads his own, his chosen band.
To him all praise and glory!

Thus, all my toilsome way along
I sing aloud thy praises,
That men may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart!
Both soul and body bear your part.
To him all praise and glory!

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!

SENDING FORTH

Reception of New Members — Rev. Josh Stueve
We rejoice to welcome you as members of
Christ's Holy Church, and we bid you welcome
to St. John's United Methodist Church.
With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers,
our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

*Hymn of Faith, No. 2130 — *The Faith We Sing*
The Summons — KELVINGROVE

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
Shine brightly, for you are the light of the world.
Shine with light and love.
Shine for all to see.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Trumpet Tune — Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

Chili Cook-Off
Save the date and plan to attend the Chili Cook-Off on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Garden Room! Awards and prizes will be handed out to winners in special categories such as meatless, spicy, and surprise ingredient. A signup list can be found in the hallway on Sunday mornings.

Altar Flowers
The 2023 altar flower calendar is posted in the church office on the bulletin board. You can also sign up by sending your name, arrangement requests, and honoraria information to *openminds@stjohnslubbock.org*.

Sign up early to request the dates you wish. If a date of importance to you has already been filled, you may contact the church office, to request that a second arrangement be ordered.

Arrangements are $75 and are yours to take home after the service. Flowers not removed by Monday at noon will either grace the sanctuary for the remainder of the week or be taken to a local nursing home. Thank you for helping us to glorify God by sharing some of the beauty of God's creation.