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

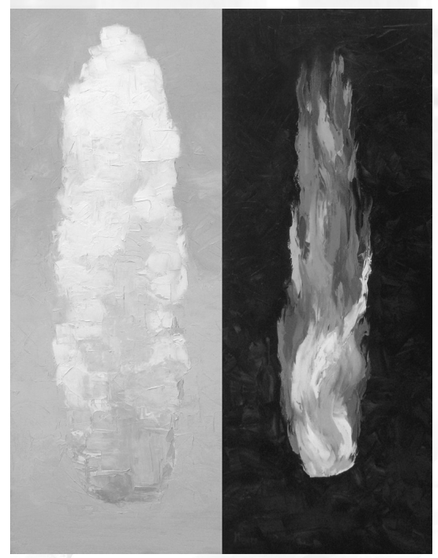
Kyle Collins
Director of Communications
Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary
Guidance Day And Night
Mike Moyers

"A diptych painting depicting pillars of cloud and fire which guided the Hebrews in the wilderness."

"It is an honor and a joy to share my work with you. 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."



Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound Disciples Bible Study
Jane Haynes
Bob & Donna Albin
Gary Cunningham
Mary Jo Hamilton
Francine Niziyimana
(Welcome Corps Sponsor)
Scott Drake
(Cousin of the Vines)
Peter Lovett
(Jeannie's Brother)
Angus & Janis Scott-Fleming
(Ian Scott-Fleming's Brother)
Lily Pierce
(Craig & Norma's Granddaughter)

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 10

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Adagio — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship — Sarah Nuckolls
We gather in the presence of God to encounter Love that sets us free.
We do not come seeking crumbs of justice
but a way of life that liberates.
As a community of faith, we practice courage
in resisting evil, injustice, and oppression.
The Spirit leads us to the power and truth God gives us.
Our faith is placed in Love Eternal that lifts weary spirits
and brings new life to hurting places.
With hope, we come to follow Christ.

*Hymn No. 127 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah — CWM RHONDDA

Prayers of the People — Rev. Josh Stueve
God, in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer
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 — Abbi Hobbs, mezzo soprano
The Lord is My Light — arr. Frances Allitsen

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hebrew Bible Reading - Exodus 14: 19-25, p. 61 — Sarah Nuckolls
*Gospel Reading - Matthew 18: 21-22, p. 20, N.T.
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A Time for Young Disciples — Rafe Foreman
Hymn No. 141 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Children of the Heavenly Father — TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

As the children arrive:
1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such
a refuge e'er was given.

As the children depart:
4. Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to
preserve them pure and holy.

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

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith — Sarah Nuckolls
As a gathered community of disciples, created by the hands of the Holy,
born with Divine purpose, and bound together
by the Spirit that breathes life into all things;
We affirm our commitment to the way of Jesus Christ,
who is the liberator of the oppressed, the bread of heaven,
God enfleshed.

With faith, we aim to live as Christ taught us.
We believe the resurrecting power of Christ cannot be overcome by evil, but persists to make life flourish, to birth beauty, and to tend gently to the aches of the world. We profess the transforming power of love and that we are still growing into the mystery of love.

In the company of the saints who go before us, we journey together by grace, seeking always to unlearn all that obstructs authentic relationships, listening for the guidance and wisdom of God's spirit, and praying earnestly for the day the Kingdom of God is born anew.

Until it is so, we live in hope, for God is with us.
(Adapted from the work of Rev. M. Jade Kaiser)

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Offertory Hymn, No. 390 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive — DETROIT

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Thou Gracious God, Whose Mercy Lends — arr. Mack Wilberg

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 94
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. 121 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy — WELLESLEY

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
As we go, let us remember:
God is the source of life, so worship God by living.
God is the source of love, so worship God by loving.
God is the ground of being, so worship God by
having the courage to be more fully human;
the embodiment of the Divine.
(Adapted from the work of Bishop Spong)

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Grand Chorus in Dialogue — Eugene Gigout (1824-1925)

Diez y Seis de Septiembre

This is the last day to RSVP for the Diez y Seis de Septiembre fiesta next week after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

Since this is a catered event, we can only prepare food for the exact number of people who RSVP. Plates are $15 per adult and $6.00 per child.
Please RSVP using the QR code or sign-up sheet in the hallway. If you would like to attend but cannot afford a meal, please talk with Rev. Josh Stueve for meal assistance.

WelcomeCORPS Update
St. John's continues to eagerly await the arrival of our WelcomeCORPS sponsor from Burundi, Francine Niziyimana. Please continue to pray for Francine and the millions of displaced people in our world.

Game Day Parking
Save the dates! Your help is needed to work the parking lot on TTU football game days.
Saturday, September 16—Kickoff at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 30—Kickoff TBD

Contact Jay or Coleen Sedberry at jay.and.coleen@gmail.com