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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

Clint Barrick
Organist

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Associate Pastor

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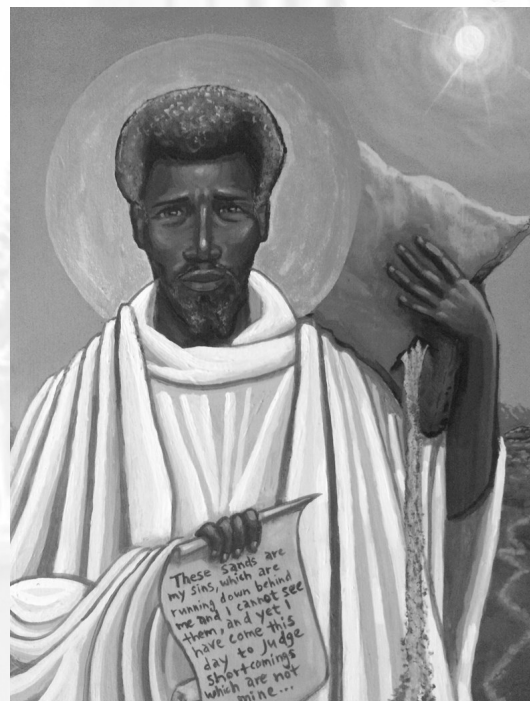
Dr. Alan Zabriskie
Director of Music Ministries

John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary *Moses the Black* Kelly Latimore

"I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge and practice. I want it to be a creative process, meditation, and practice that brings about new self-knowledge for the viewer and myself. Who are the saints that are among us here and now?"



I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules. There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue.

The other may have something to teach us about what we know, about who God is, the world we live in and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present."

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound
Disciple Bible Study
Jane Haynes
The Family of Donna Albin
Gary Cunningham
Mary Jo Hamilton
Francine Nizigiyimana
(Welcome Corps Sponsor)
Scott Drake
(Cousin of the Vines)
Lily Pierce
(Craig & Norma's Granddaughter)

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



Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 17

10:30 a.m.

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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service		
ENTRANCE		
**Gathering	Rev. Josh Stueve	
Prelude <i>The King of Love My Shepherd is</i>	Clint Barrick Trad. Irish melody	
*Opening Prayer	Marcy Stueve	
Guide our way, Caretaker God, in the wilderness of our lives. Offer us the bread of heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and be nourished in body and soul. Reveal your presence among us and show us the tender mercies of your love. In joy and jubilation, we pray. Amen.		
*Hymn No. 139 <i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> LOBE DEN HERREN	
Prayers of the People God, in your graciousness/mercy Hear our prayers	Rev. Josh Stueve	
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 <i>It is Well with My Soul</i>	Ethan Fasnacht, baritone Brenda Crofts	
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE		
Hebrew Bible Reading - Exodus 16:2-7a, 32-33, p. 62	Marcy Stueve	
*Gospel Reading - Matthew 20:1-7, 16, p. 21, N.T. The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		
A Time for Young Disciples Hymn No. 141 <i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	Pam Edwards <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA	
As the children arrive: <i>1. Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.</i>		
As the children depart: <i>4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.</i>		
Sermon	Rev. Josh Stueve	
*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk. **Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.		

Prayer of Response <i>A Blessing For An Unfinishable Day</i>	Marcy Stueve Kate Bowler
God, it seems that stopping is impossible. Dishes need to be washed. Kids need to be fed. Aging parents need to be cared for. Deadlines need to be met. Medicines need to be administered. Diapers always need to be changed. (They multiply if I sleep, after all.) Can you ease the burden of perfection? Free me from this fantasy of the better me—my new exercise regime, my sumptuous (healthy!) new recipes, the way the perfect placement of my living room furniture would flatter the afternoon light on my social media feed. God, make me more than perfect. Make me more than a job or role, or what I had planned for my golden years. Make me something less predictable than my to-do lists and daily calendar. In this culture of more, more, more, make me less. Less tidy and afraid, less polished and buttoned up, less prideful and judgmental. Turn down the volume of my expectations, and let me hear the birds sing another lovely truth: I am deeply and wholly loved. I am beautiful and somehow delightful even as I am unfinished.	

THANKSGIVING	
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve
*Offertory Hymn, No. 2126 <i>All Who Hunger</i>	<i>The Faith We Sing</i> HOLY MANNA
Anthem <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	St. John's Chancel Choir John Rutter
*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. 132 <i>All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> MICHAEL
Benediction	Rev. Josh Stueve
Go out from here as workers in God's upside-down kingdom, where the last are first and the first are last, where needs are met in miraculous ways, and there is grace enough for all! And may the blessing of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit surround you and sustain you in the coming days. Amen. <i>Please be seated for the Postlude.</i>	
Postlude <i>Toccata in F major</i>	Clint Barrick Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)
WelcomeCORPS Update St. John's continues to eagerly await the arrival of our WelcomeCORPS sponsor from Burundi, Francine Nizigiyimana. Francine has a tentative arrival date of October 5. More information will be sent out in the coming weeks about how St. John's can continue to support Francine in the coming months.	
Please continue to pray for Francine and the millions of displaced people in our world.	