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.

Reconciling Ministries Network

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
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Clint Barrick
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Kyle Collins
Director of Communications
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Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary
Clare & Francis
Monastery of the Poor Clares

Clare's parents wanted a good life for their daughter, who was born in Assisi in Italy in 1194. But what they wanted for Clare was not what Clare had in mind. At age 15 she refused to marry. One day she heard St. Francis, who was also from Assisi, preach. At that moment, she knew what she must do with her life. She knew she wanted to be like Francis. She would live a humble life dedicated to Jesus.

At age 18, Clare ran away from her parents' home on Palm Sunday to become one of Francis' followers. Francis brought her to a Benedictine convent. Clare was given a brown robe and a rope for a belt. Sixteen days later, Clare's sister, St. Agnes of Assisi, joined her, much to their father's anger. He sent soldiers to try to remove Agnes from the convent, but she would not leave.

Under Francis' guidance, Clare became the founder of an order of nuns. They lived in a convent at San Damiano in Assisi. Today, this order of nuns is known as the Poor Clares. The nuns ate no meat and wore no shoes. They slept on the ground and were mostly silent. Yet, they were happy serving the Lord. Even Clare's mother, Ortolana, eventually joined the order.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound
Disciples Bible Study
Jane Haynes
The Family of Donna Albin
Gary Cunningham
Mary Jo Hamilton
Francine Niziyimana
(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

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 24

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — SyLinda Evans

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Prelude-Improvisation — Clint Barrick

*Opening Prayer — Matthew Dileo

God of wondrous love and glorious deeds, shower us with your love and quench our thirst for grace. Strengthen us with your Spirit of power and embolden us to live our faith. Humble us with the example of Christ and remind us to regard one another as beloved children of God. Amen.

*Hymn No. 145 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Morning Has Broken — BUNESSAN

Prayers of the People — Rev. Archie Echols

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 — SyLinda Evans, piano

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hebrew Bible Reading - Exodus 17:1-7, p. 64 — Matthew Dileo
*Gospel Reading - Matthew 21:23-32, p. 23-24, N.T. — Rev. Archie Echols

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

A Time for Young Disciples — SyLinda Evans
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. Ken Peterson

Affirmation of Faith — Matthew Diileo
Written by Rev. Jade Kaiser, enfleshed

We believe God is Love and from Love, all things are born.
No creature or creation falls outside of God's eternal embrace.

We believe forces of control and greed, prejudice and violence, seek to turn us against one another, against the earth, and against the Spirit of Christ.

We believe in the power of God, to make what seems impossible possible.
We believe in the Good News that sets the captives free.
We believe in proclaiming the truths that unsettle unjust power and encourage liberation.

We proclaim these truths in aspiration that
we might learn to live them in full.
We recognize, still, other truths remain hidden,
And we pray we may continue to grow in understanding, in love for all our neighbors, in hunger for justice, and in the steadfast practice of our faith.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Archie Echols

*Offertory Hymn, No. 340 v. 1,2,3 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy — RESTORATION

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
As Truly as God is Our Father — William Mathias

As truly as God is our Father, so just as truly is he our Mother.
In our Father, God Almighty, we have our being;
In our merciful Mother we are remade and restored.
Our fragmented lives are knit together.
And by giving and yielding ourselves, through grace,
To the Holy Spirit we are made whole.

It is I, the strength and goodness of Fatherhood.
It is I, the wisdom of Motherhood.
It is I, the light and grace of holy love.
It is I, the Trinity.
I am the sovereign goodness in all things.
It is I who teach you to love.
It is I who teach you to desire.
It is I who am the reward of all true desiring.

All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well. Amen.

*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. Ken Peterson

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. 117 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O God, Our Help in Ages Past — ST. ANNE (Croft)

Benediction — Rev. Ken Peterson

Share the Spirit. Encourage others in Christ. Go forth to give God's love and encouragement to the world.

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Trumpet Tune — David Johnson (1922-1987)

October Events

10/1—World Communion Sunday
10/7—PFLAG Monthly Meeting
10/14—United Women in Faith Monthly Meeting
10:14—Game Day Parking TBD
10/15—Fiesta Domingo
10/21—TTU Game Watch Party
10/21—LubbockPRIDE Trunk-or-Treat
10/22—Reconciling Sunday
10/26—Family Promise