

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

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Director of Music Ministries

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Clint Barrick Organist

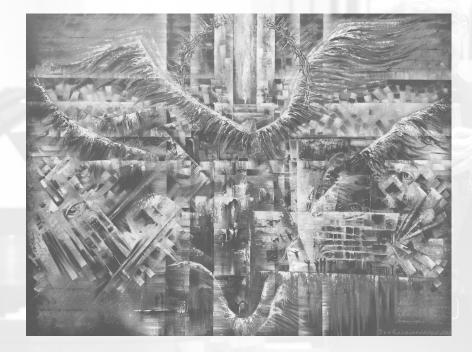
David Cranford Facilities Manager

John Dotts

Assistant Facilities Manager

Kyle Collins Director of Communications

Trish Hernandez Director of Childcare Ministries



From the Lectionary

Unconditional Love Olena Brzhosniovska

Olena Brzhosniovska is a contemporary artist based in Chernivtsi, Ukraine.

"The Creator of the entire visible and invisible world gives a person talents and inspiration. I think that the task of an artist is to learn how to receive

messages from the outside world and his inner world. And transfer them to canvas and paper. The more sincere the artist can convey this message, the more liveliness in the picture and the easier it is to convey the meaning and mood to the viewer.

This piece, based on John 3:16, conveys a cross, crown of thorns, a spiritual battle and Christ's victory over death and evil. The crimson wings represent the Spirit and Sacrifice of Christ in the midst of the world."

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound The Texas Panhandle & Those Affected by the Wildfires

Disciples Bible Study

Jane Haynes

Leslie Cox

Unnamed Friend of the Congregation

Francine Nizigiyimana

(Welcome Corps Sponsor)

Nimo Gessey

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TEXT

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 10 10:30 a.m.



Address: 1501 University Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401 **Phone:** 806-762-0123 **Web:** stjohnslubbock.org Email: openminds@stjohnslubbock.org

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Bobby McMillan

Prelude Clint Barrick Lord Jesus, Shine in our Hearts Harold Darke (1888-1976)

*Call to Worship Jack Hays

God, you so love the world that you give your Beloved, that in giving our hearts to him we might find eternal life.

Great is your mercy, God! By your grace we are saved. Come, shed your light upon us, so that we may live in you.

*Hymn No. 188 The United Methodist Hymnal Christ Is the World's Light CHRISTE SANCTORUM

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Made Alive Rev. Bobby McMillan Rev. Steve Garnaas Holmes

You were dead through sin...

But God made us alive together with Christ.

—Ephesians 2:1, 4

A Time for Young Disciples Hymn No. 273 Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

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The United Methodist Hymnal

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As the children arrive:

1. Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness, blessing children small, washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing

As the children depart:

2. Take my hands, Lord Jesus,
let them work for you;
make them strong and gentle,
kind in all I do.
Let me watch you, Jesus,
till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands,
quick to work for you.

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer

good to all.

Rev. Josh Stueve

Pam Edwards

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 How sweet it is to hold my Savior's hand Youngkwang Joo

*Listening Prayer Jack Hays

God of grace, what is in darkness is not bad, but only hidden. Shine your light into our hearts' dark places so that we may see in the light of your grace, both the tragedy and treasure there. Shine the light of your mercy, so that we may see ourselves clearly. Amen. *Gospel Reading - John 3: 16-21, p. 94, N.T. The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Meditations on John 3:16

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Confession Rev. Bobby McMillan May God be with you.

And also with you.

Trusting in God's tender mercy, let us confess our sin to God with one another.

Loving God, in your light is the life of all beings; your judgment is light.
Out of the shadows, from dark, unseen places within us, we come into your light.
We open our hearts, to let in your light.
Help us see what has been hidden, the good

and the bad, and shine your mercy upon it. May your light embrace us, forgive us, heal us, and show us the way. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering

Rev. Josh Stueve

Jack Hays

*Hymn No. 297 The United Methodist Hymnal Beneath the Cross of Jesus ST. CHRISTOPHER

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir Immortal Love, Forever Full arr. Dan Kreider

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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 No. 292 The United Methodist Hymnal What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE

Benediction Rev. Bobby McMillan

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick Fugue on the Kyrie Francois Couperin (1668-1702)

Supplemental Worship Material Packets

Supplemental Worship Material Packets for the hearing impaired are now available in the Narthex. These packets include the text to the sermon and lyrics to the musical offerings each week.

Panhandle Fire Donations

As a way to care for the community, the NWTX Conference has set up a relief fund for those affected by the devastating fires in the panhandle. You can make a donation through Palm Sunday. Please make sure to designate your gift with "Panhandle Fire Donation".



Holy Week Worship Services

Join St. John's as we observe Holy Week, from the heights of Palm Sunday and the depths of Good Friday to the joy of Easter morning! Join us for:

Palm Sunday, 3/24 at 10:30 a.m.
Maundy Thursday, 3/28 at 6:00 p.m.
Good Friday, 3/29 at 6:00 p.m.
& Easter Sunday, 3/31 for a sunrise service at 7:30 a.m.
and traditional worship at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Activities

You're invited to join St. John's and bring your favorite dish to Easter Brunch on Sunday, March 31 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room!

Joylynne Harris is offering family portraits on Easter Sunday from 9:15—10:15 a.m. Sign-up for a quick session at the table in the hallway.

St. John's will have an
Easter Egg Hunt on
Easter Sunday after
the 10:30 a.m. worship
service. Please
consider donating pre-



filled eggs for this fun activity! Pre-filled eggs can be dropped off at the booth in the hallway.

*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.

**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.