

**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](mailto: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 *Christ on Gethsemane* JESUS MAFA

JESUS MAFA was an initiative undertaken in the 1970s to help teach the gospel in Northern Cameroon. French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christian communities in Cameroon to create an enormous catalogue of paintings depicting the life of Jesus as an African man. The plan was to build a resource that would help Mafa people to teach from the Bible in a way that connects with their community.

### 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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## WAYS TO GIVE

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79401

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

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 17

10:30 a.m.

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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service					
ENTRANCE					
**Gathering	Revs. Josh Stueve & Dave Treat				
Prelude <i>Early Will I Seek Thee</i>	Clint Barrick J. S. Bach (1685-1750)				
*Call to Worship	VelvetLee Finckbone				
Eternal Mystery, Ground of our being, <b>you are the soil from which we grow.</b> Risen Christ, Loving Presence, <b>you are the courage with which we die.</b> Holy Spirit, Radiant One, <b>you are the joy with which we are raised.</b> <b>In mercy, receive our praise, our prayers and our lives,</b> <b>and transform us in the spirit of compassion. Amen.</b>					
*Hymn No. 451 <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> SLANE				
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE					
A Prayer of St. Patrick	Rev. Dave Treat				
<b>Christ be with us, Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us, Christ on our right, Christ on our left, Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise, Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of us, Christ in every eye that sees us, Christ in every ear that hears us. Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Christ, May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.</b> (SAINT PATRICK, IRELAND, 5TH CENT., ALT.)					
A Time for Young Disciples Hymn No. 273 <i>Jesus’ Hands Were Kind Hands</i>	Marcy Stueve <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> AU CLAIRE DE LA LUNE				
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Prayers of the People   Lord's Prayer	Rev. Josh Stueve				
<b>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.</b>					
*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk. **Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.					

Act of Praise	SyLinda Evans-Reagor
*Listening Prayer	VelvetLee Finckbone
<b>I will be your seed, O God; for you are my soil. Let me fall into you. Let me be buried in you. May your love break me open and rise in me, that I may bear the fruits of your Spirit. Amen.</b>	
*Gospel Reading - John 12: 20-33, p. 106-107, N.T.	VelvetLee Finckbone
The word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
Sermon	Rev. Josh Stueve
Prayer of Response	Rev. Dave Treat
“Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,” Jesus said, “it remains just a single grain.” <b>But if it dies, it bears much fruit.</b> God of love, we come to worship, that we may bear the fruit of love in our lives. <b>Therefore we come to die and be buried in Christ.</b> “Those who love their life lose it,” Jesus said, “and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.” <b>We come to let go of our desires and attachments, to let go of the life of appearances, so that with empty hands we may receive the infinite life you give us.</b> We worship that your grace may flourish in us. <b>We worship that we may bear the fruit of your love. Amen.</b>	
THANKSGIVING	
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve
*Hymn No. 707 <i>Hymn of Promise</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> PROMISE
Anthem <i>Help Us, O Lord</i>	St. John’s Chancel Choir Aaron Copland
*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 95	
<b>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.</b>	
SENDING FORTH	
Reception of New Members	Rev. Josh Stueve
<b>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.</b>	

*Hymn No. 452 <i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> OLIVET
Benediction	Rev. Dave Treat
May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.	
<i>Please be seated for the Postlude</i>	
Postlude <i>Prelude in D Minor</i>	Clint Barrick J. S. Bach (1685 -1750)
	
<i>Altar flowers this morning are given by Larry Howard in memory of his mother, Juanita Howard of Littlefield, TX.</i>	
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 8:15 & 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 a come -and-go Easter Brunch on Sunday, March 31 from 9:00 - 10:15 a.m. in the Garden Room! 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.	