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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

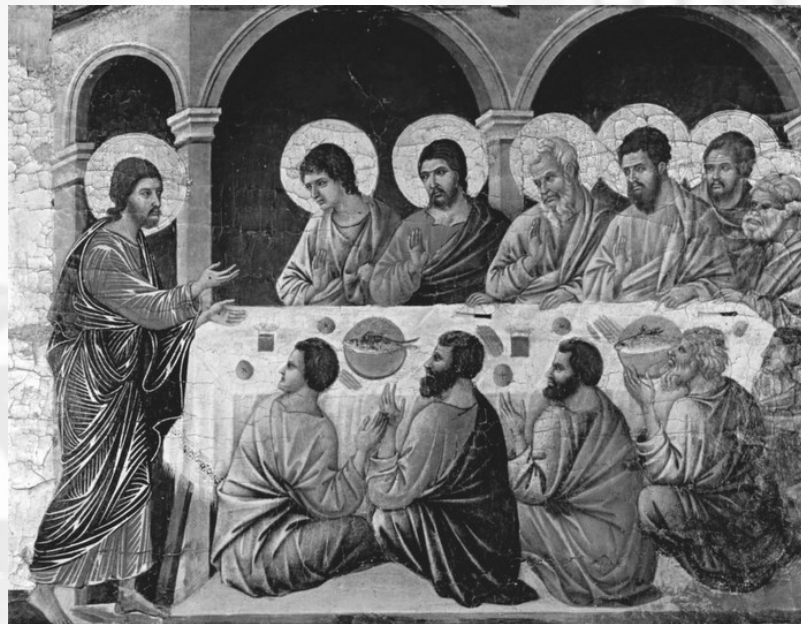
Clint Barrick
Organist

David Cranford
Facilities Manager

John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Kyle Collins
Director of
Communications

Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries



From the Lectionary

Christ Appears to the Disciples at the Table after the Resurrection
Duccio di Buoninsegna

Located in the Opera del Duomo Museum, a 6,000+ square meter surface structured into 28 rooms and divided over three floors: a spectacular setting capable of enhancing unique masterpieces in the world that for the first time are presented in an adequate and faithful way according to the sense for which they were created. A museum within a museum, a concentration of faith, art and history that has no equal in the world.

The Museum, located in Florence, Italy was founded in 1891 and in 2015 it was radically renovated. It is conceived as an educational path to discover the places and artists who gave life to the monumental complex of the Opera, the cradle of the Renaissance, and it is today one of the most important museums in the world, both for the value and the number of works of art kept inside, as well as for the architectural and technological avant-garde of its environments and its museographic equipment.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound
Disciples Bible Study
Jane Haynes
Leslie Cox
Dwight Finckbone
Dale Wood
Francine Nizigiyimana
(Welcome Corps Sponsor)
Nimo Gessey
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The Upcoming General
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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude St. John's Bell Choir
Crown Him with Many Crowns

*Call to Worship Matthew DiLeo
Grace and peace to you who gather to worship God.
We gather as unique and beloved people of God.
Know that you are accepted just as you are no matter who you are.
You are a gift of the Creator God.
We gather as one community in the name of the One who makes us one.
In our worship, may we grow into our faith
to go out into the world to share the love of God.
Let us make the world a better place - together.

*Hymn No. 384 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer Matthew DiLeo
**Risen Christ, body of love, flesh of grace, presence of God,
you are real; we are only becoming real.
By your Spirit, bring us along.**

A Time for Young Disciples Paul Bjerk
Hymn No. 304 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

As the children come forward

*Easter people raise your voices,
sounds of heaven in
earth should ring.
Christ has brought
us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let it sing.*

As the children depart

*Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.*

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin
**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 Bryce Taylor, baritone
Great Is Thy Faithfulness arr. Jack Schrader

*Scripture Reading - Luke 24: 34-49, p. 90-91, N.T. Matthew DiLeo
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Rev. Ann Akin

**We believe God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.**

**We believe God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.**

**We believe God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.**

**We believe God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.**

**We believe God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.**

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 707 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Hymn of Promise PROMISE

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus arr. Barlow Bradford

*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, who 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 No. 336 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me MEYER

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve
Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

Please be seated for the Postlude.

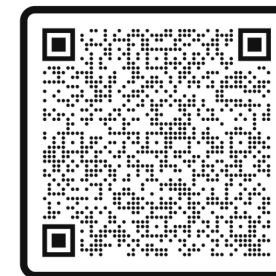
Postlude Clint Barrick
The Strife is o'er, the Battle won William Henry Monk (1823-1889)



*Altar flowers this morning are given by Joylynn Harris
in celebration of Spring and her St. John's family.*

Discipleship Ministries' Guide to GC

Scan the QR code to view UM Discipleship
Ministries' general guide to General
Conference.



Panhandle Fire Donation Update

Thank you to everyone who made a
contribution to the Panhandle Fire Fund
over the course of March. St. John's sent a
check for \$2,750 to the NWTX support fund which will be used to
help those in need.

Junk & Jewels Update

Donations for the Junk & Jewels sale have been pouring in and a
group of volunteers dedicated their Monday morning last week
to sorting and organizing donated items.

There will be more drop-off dates in the future including:

Sunday, June 2
Sunday, July 14
Sunday, August 11

**Save these dates on your calendar and plan to attend the sale
Thursday, September 5 through Sunday, September 8.**

More information will be coming next month!

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

***Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*