

**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**  
*Good Shepherd*  
The Catacombs of Domitilla

The Catacombs of Domitilla are located along the ancient via Ardeatina and are among the largest in Rome; their origin dates back to some burial grounds built on a property belonging to Flavia Domitilla, related to the imperial family of Vespasiano. The underground cemetery developed between the second and third centuries A.D., and includes, in addition to the galleries and corridors on four different levels, a semi-underground basilica built at the end of the fourth century during the pontificate of Pope Damasus. Behind the apse there is a tunnel with a fresco depicting Santa Petronilla in an attitude of praying, introducing the deceased Veneranda into the sky.

The artwork in the catacombs includes this imagery of a Good Shepherd, the earliest in existence.

### 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  
*(Welcome Corps Sponsor)*  
The Upcoming General  
Conference of the UMC

## WAYS TO GIVE

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

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21

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 Clint Barrick  
*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

\*Call to Worship Gabriela Nord

Beloved, you shepherd us in love.  
**In your grace we feast, we rest, we travel this life.**  
Beloved, you shepherd us in love.  
**You lead us through death to new life.**  
Beloved, you shepherd us in love.  
**In your love we love one another.**  
**In our love we worship you. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn No. 140 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Act of Praise Rev. Ann Akin  
*Shepherd Me* Inspired by Psalm 23 Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

A Time for Young Disciples Wesley Orr  
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 us 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.*

A Prayer for the Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin  
United Methodist General Conference

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 Jack Hays, baritone  
*Deep River* arr. Moses Hogan

\*Gospel Lesson - John 10:11-18, p. 103, N.T. Gabriela Nord  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Gabriela Nord  
Psalm 23 ends, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long." Will you reflect on this with me by praying together:  
**Beloved, wherever I am, I am at home in you. Every moment I am in your presence, surrounded by your goodness. Your gentle mercy shadows me, clings to me, belongs to me. Your grace enfolds me. Your mystery breathes in me. Your love abides. I am at home in you.**

## THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Hymn No. 138 (vs. 1-2, 5-6) *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* ST. COLUMBA

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*Love's Redeeming Work Is Done* Eric H. Thiman

\*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. Ann Akin

**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. 2130 *The Faith We Sing*  
*The Summons* KELVINGROVE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

**May the peace of Jesus Christ go with you,  
wherever he may send you.  
May he guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.  
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you.  
May he bring you home rejoicing once again through our doors.**

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

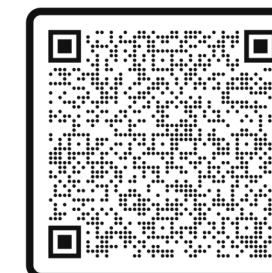
Postlude Clint Barrick  
*Earth and All Stars* David Johnson (1922-1987)



*Altar flowers this morning are given by Mary Hamilton  
in memory of her sister, Lucia Gene Walker,  
and brother-in-law, Pat Hamilton.*

### Discipleship Ministries' Guide to GC

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



### Backyard Happy Hour Next Month

Bring your favorite drink(s), an appetizer/finger food to share, and a foldable chair for a fun social hour. Hosted by Jim & Mary Crites at their home located at 4617 8th St.

Friday, May 10 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Childcare will be provided at the church from 5:00—8:00 p.m.

### Lubbock Chorale Concert Tonight

The Lubbock Chorale will be performing Mozart's "Requiem" at St. John's this evening at 6:00 p.m.

Scan the QR code using the camera app on your phone to purchase a discounted ticket exclusive to St. John's.



### Supplemental Worship Material Packets

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



*\*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.  
\*\*Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.*