

**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*

Clint Barrick  
*Organist*

Kyle Collins  
*Director of  
Communications*

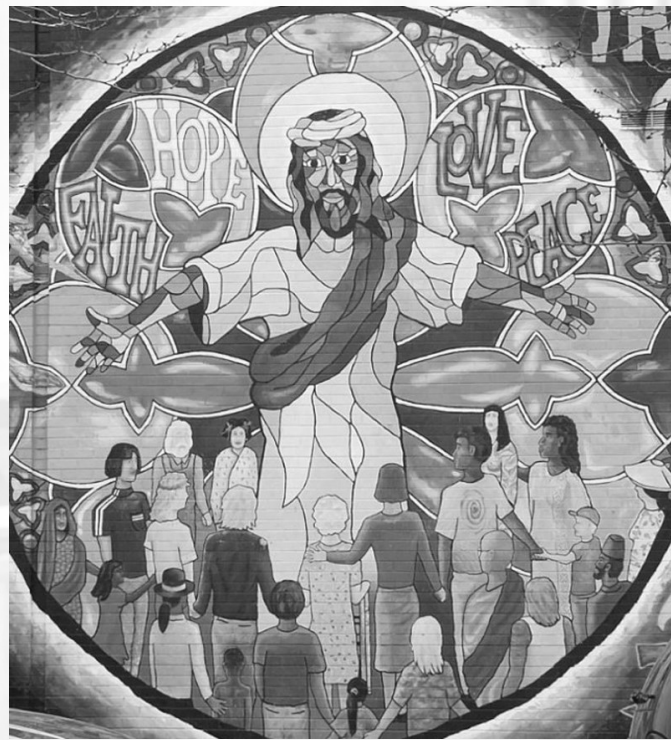
Rev. Ann Akin  
*Associate Pastor*

David Cranford  
*Facilities Manager*

Dr. Alan Zabriskie  
*Director of Music Ministries*

John Dotts  
*Assistant Facilities Manager*

Trish Hernandez  
*Director of Childcare Ministries*



### From the Lectionary

*Jesus Mural of Faith, Hope, Love, and Peace*  
Chicago, IL

This mural places Jesus centerstage with arms outstretched, welcoming all people to him. Incorporated into the figure of Jesus is a mosaic quality that undoubtedly represents his multifaceted nature as well as the ability for all peoples to claim him as their own. Surrounding him is a diverse group holding hands in unity. One of the scripture passages listed for this image gives us the second greatest commandment: "to love one's neighbor as oneself." In loving one another, we stimulate peace, faith, and hope for the war-torn and unjust world in which we live. This painting reminds us that it is in our love for one another—a love that seeks equality and justice for all—that we show true, deep, and abiding love for God as well.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound  
Disciples Bible Study  
Jane Haynes  
Leslie Cox  
The Family of Rita Pettigrew  
Dwight Finckbone  
Dale Wood  
Francine Nizigiyimana  
*(Welcome Corps Sponsor)*  
Nimo Gessey  
*(Welcome Corps Sponsor)*  
The Upcoming General  
Conference of the UMC

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

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 28

10:30 a.m.

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

## ENTRANCE

\*\*Gathering Rev. Ann Akin

Prelude Eunwha Kang  
*O Perfect Love* David N. Johnson

\*Call to Worship Sandy Goodloe  
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. 500 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart* MORECAMBE

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Ministry Moment VelvetLee Finckbone

A Time for Young Disciples VelvetLee Finckbone  
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.*

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 Sara Yancey, soprano  
*Majesty and Glory* Tom Fetke

Listening Prayer Margie Sorley  
**Loving One you are the vine; we your branches.  
Your Spirit flows through us, your Word lives in us.  
We open the veins of our souls that your grace may flow freely.  
May your grace bear fruit in us.**

Scripture Reading - Philippians 3:12, p. 198, N.T. Margie Sorley  
James 2:22, p. 230, N.T.  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Introduction of Guest Speaker Emalie Endsley

Sermon Rev. Karan Carlton  
*Pressing on Together*

Ministry Recognition United Women in Faith

## THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Ann Akin

\*Hymn No. 129 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Give to the Winds Thy Fears* FESTAL SONG

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*Thy Perfect Love* John Rutter

\*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. 452 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*My Faith Looks Up to Thee* OLIVET

Benediction Rev. Karan Carlton  
**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 Eunwha Kang  
*Let Us Love One Another* Kiyoung Kim



*Altar flowers this morning are given by Justin Hughes  
in memory of his grandmother  
Neysa Nell Beights*

## General Conference Update

Council of Bishops President Thomas J. Bickerton preached during opening worship for the postponed 2020 General Conference, encouraging delegates to commit to the revitalization of The United Methodist Church.

"Are you willing to move forward in a spirit of hope and embrace a season of reformation, commit to the revitalization of The United Methodist Church and work for a culture marked by compassion, courage and companionship?" Bickerton asked.



If not, he said, "Maybe you are in the wrong place."

Pictured above are the NWTX Conference delegates: Rev. Josh Stueve, Bishop Jimmy Nunn, and Mr. Randy Stutes.

## 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.

## 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.*