

**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*

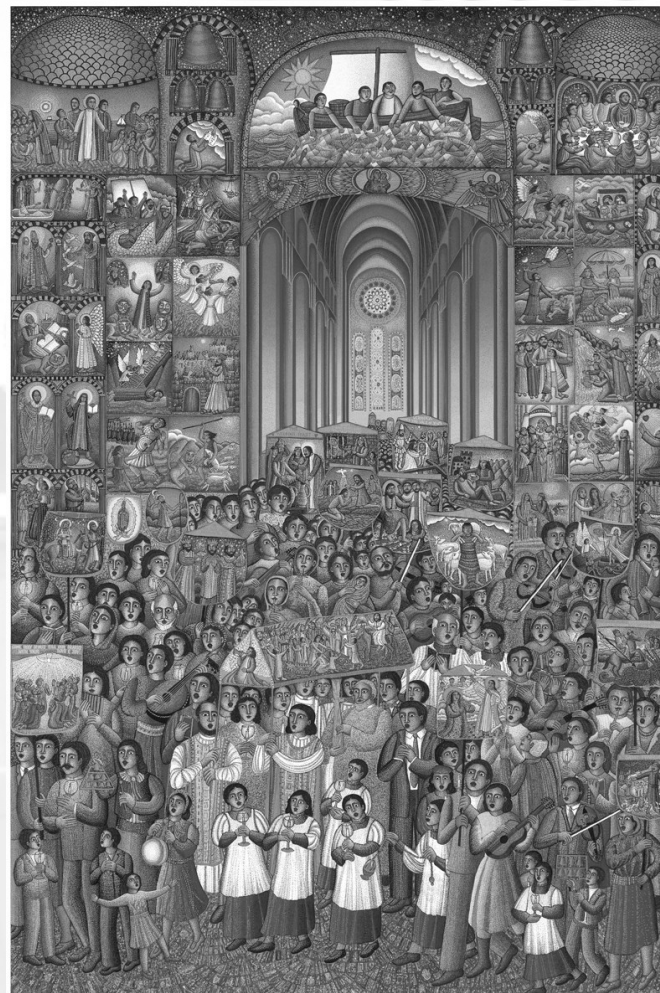
Kyle Collins  
*Director of Communications*

Trish Hernandez  
*Director of Childcare Ministries*

**From the  
Lectionary**  
*The Procession*  
John August  
Swanson

There are sacred places throughout the world for all beliefs, places that have special meaning in the lives of people who journey to get there. They experience a centering, a healing, and a safe place to remember and to hope. The journey or procession takes us out of our ordinary lives to experience a transcendental or universal connection. The outward walk reflects an inner journey. We have taken the steps to move to another space in the journey of our lives.

The great procession is a celebration of life and faith where the rich and poor march in unison; the strong carry the weak, and the weak humble the proud; those who know the dance teach those who are just learning; and a child lifts high the banner for all to follow in joy, in peace, in love. This is the reality, the spirit I want to make real in this work.



### 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 General Conference  
of the UMC

## WAYS TO GIVE

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

# Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 5

10:30 a.m.

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

## ENTRANCE

\*\*Gathering Revs. Ann Akin & Ken Peterson

Prelude Clint Barrick  
*Let Us Break Bread Together* Arr. David Hurd (b. 1950)

\*Call to Worship Roger Saathoff

Eternal God, you create us in beauty.  
**We sing your praise.**  
Loving Christ, you heal us and teach us and lead us with love and grace.  
**We sing your praise.**  
Holy Spirit, you live in us so we shine with your love.  
**We sing your praise. We worship in joy. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn No. 2236 *The Faith We Sing*  
*Gather Us In* GATHER US IN

Celebration of Graduates St. John's Chancel Choir  
Today we honor you who are graduating, for you are on a sacred journey.

**Your journey is not only the learning of your mind but the growing of your heart.**  
We celebrate the effort you have given to accomplish this.  
**And we ask God's blessing for the journey yet to come.**

May God always give you gifts of curiosity and discipline.  
**May God give you courage to explore new things.**  
May the Spirit work in you that in all you do you may serve God.  
**May the Spirit give you grace to do justice, to love kindly, and to walk humbly with God.**  
May you know always that Christ goes with you.  
**We who have made many journeys give you our blessing.**  
By the grace of God, we surround you with our prayers.  
**Our spirits will go with you. For we too are pilgrims, always learning, always by the grace of God beginning anew. Go in peace, and serve God with joy. Amen.**

Act of Praise Allison Matherly, soprano; Joel Nord, piano  
*Rise Up, My Heart, With Gladness* J. S. Bach

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination Roger Saathoff

**Christ our friend, you have chosen us for your joy. You have loved us. You have laid down your life for us. And you have commanded us so to love. Friend, in the stillness we sit with you. Hold us in your presence, that the warmth of your love may radiate in us**

New Testament Lesson - Acts 10:44-48, p. 130, N.T. Roger Saathoff  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Ann Akin

Affirmation of Faith No. 886 Rev. Ken Peterson  
*The World Methodist Social Affirmation* *The United Methodist Hymnal*

\*Gloria Patri No. 70 *The United Methodist Hymnal*

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*Offertory* John Ness Beck

## THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

Please approach the altar using the center aisle.

You may kneel or stand at the communion rail. Please speak your name to the servers so that you may receive the bread and cup by name. We receive by intinction. (As you receive the bread, hold it until the cup is offered. Dip the bread into the cup and then eat.)

When you are ready, you may return to your seat using the side aisles. If you are unable to come to the altar, please tell an usher so that we may serve you in your seat. Our communion bread is vegan, free of dairy, egg, and gluten. All people gathered to worship God are invited to receive the bread and the cup.

Communion Stewards: Joylynn Harris & Stets Bryant

Invitation to the Table Revs. Ann Akin & Ken Peterson  
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting A, p. 17  
Sharing the Bread and Cup  
Invitation to an Offering

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.**

Music for Communion St. John's Choral Scholars  
*Beati Quorum Via* Charles Villiers Stanford

*Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the Lord.*

Prayer After Communion Rev. Ken Peterson  
**Creative God, we thank you for revealing your love to us in bread and juice. We recognize your presence in us and all around us, and we ask that you continue to reveal your love for all Creation to the ends of the Earth through our lives. Make us your people and use us to reveal the inbreaking of your kingdom here and now: a world of justice and peace. Amen.**

\*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. Ken Peterson

**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. 2238 *The Faith We Sing*  
*In the Midst of New Dimensions* NEW DIMENSIONS

Benediction Rev. Ann Akin  
You have come to this Table in faith; go in peace.  
Know the God of peace goes with you.

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Postlude Clint Barrick  
*Saint Anthony Chorale* Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)



### Backyard Happy Hour Next Week

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.*