

**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

Clint Barrick

Organist

David Cranford

Facilities Manager

John Dotts

Assistant Facilities Manager

Rachel Shipley

Director of Youth Ministries

Kyle Collins

Director of

Communications

Trish Hernandez

Director of Childcare Ministries



### From the Lectionary

*Looking for Peace*  
Eduardo Kobra

Born in 1975 in a poor neighborhood in São Paulo, Kobra began his career at 12 years old and, since then, has become one of the most recognized street artists in the world. With more than 5,000 murals over five continents. He currently holds the record for the largest graffiti mural in the world.

Kobra is involved in social causes, such as food collection campaigns and initiatives aimed at bringing art to poor communities, especially children who have no access to basic amenities. In 2021, he started the Kobra Institute, which aims to bring art to vulnerable people in Brazil. During the pandemic, he led an initiative together with the private sector to raise funds to build oxygen plants for COVID-19 patients

### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound  
Jane Haynes  
Leslie Cox  
Dwight Finckbone  
Sally Abbe  
Pat Cantrell  
A Friend of Alan Winner  
Abby Reimer  
Francine Nizigiyimana  
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Nimo Gessey  
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## WAYS TO GIVE



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



# Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 29

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  
*Blessed Jesus, We are Here* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

\*Call to Worship Jack Hays  
Creator God,  
**you are what we need.**  
Loving Christ,  
**you show us the way.**  
Breath of Life,  
**by your grace we shall live.**  
**We worship you with praise and gratitude. Alleluia!**

\*Hymn No. 577 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*God of Grace and God of Glory* RHONDDA

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Poetry Reading Jack Hays  
*"Cut It Off"* Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

A Time for Young Disciples VelvetLee Elder  
Hymn No. 393 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

### As the children come forward & as they depart:

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*  
*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*  
*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer Rev. Ann Akin  
God in your graciousness/mercy  
**Hear our prayers.**

**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 Zach Franklin  
*Doxology* Mark Hayes

\*Gospel Lesson - Mark 9: 38-50, p. 45, N.T. Jack Hays  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Rev. Ann Akin

**God of mercy, we confess  
our hands, our feet, our eyes cause us to stumble.  
Hidden forces work at the roots of our sin.  
Bring them to light, God,  
and cover them with your mercy.  
Reveal what we must let go of,  
what harmful things we must cut off,  
what we can live without.  
Heal our wounds,  
forgive our sin,  
and renew in us your perfect love.**

## THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Hymn, No. 467 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Trust and Obey* TRUST AND OBEY

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

\*Doxology No. 94 and Presentation of Gifts  
**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, whose 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. 413 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*A Charge to Keep I Have* BOYLSTON

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Postlude Clint Barrick  
*Fugue in D minor* Francois Couperin (1668-1733)



### St. John's Presents Play in October

Join St. John's on Saturday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. for a special evening featuring a thought-provoking short play centered around the relationship among three women navigating the challenges of life to meet their basic needs. Following the play, stay for a soulful concert of live music.

Proceeds from ticket sales (\$10 per person) will support Family Promise of Lubbock. Ticket information and more can be found at [familypromiselubbock.org/events](http://familypromiselubbock.org/events)

The play will also be presented during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 6.

Starring Mallory Flores, Danna Djinigou, & Kinna McInroe, with music by Joy Harris. Written by Norman A. Bert & directed by Alan Winner.

### Sign-Up Table in the Hall

Visit the sign-up table in the hall outside the Sanctuary to learn more about upcoming events including the following:

Wednesdays of Wonder which is returning on Wednesday, October 9 from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

A Men's breakfast on Saturday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m.

A workday supporting the South Plains Food Bank sponsored by United Women in Faith on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Joining the handbell choir for upcoming rehearsals

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

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