

**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

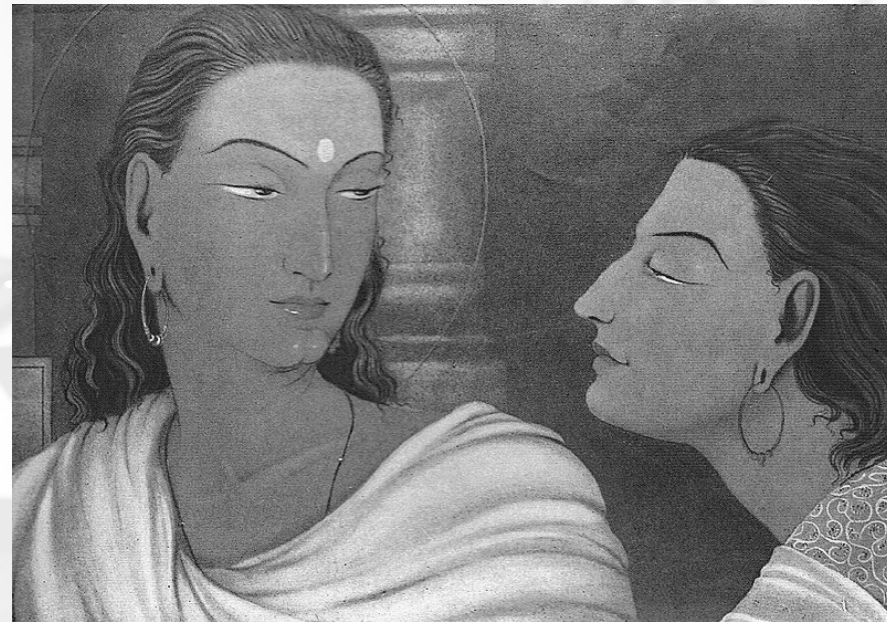
Kyle Collins

Director of

Communications

Trish Hernandez

Director of Childcare Ministries



### From the Lectionary

*Meeting With the Rich Young Ruler*

Frank Wesley

Artist Frank Wesley's most famous work is the *Blue Madonna* chosen as the first UNICEF Christmas Card. *Mary Magdalene Washing the Feet of Jesus* won the Pius Silver Medal in the Vatican and appeared in the American Life Magazine, and the image of the *Forgiving Father* has been widely used, even recently requested by the music band U2 for an HIV/AIDS campaign. But his legacy lies in giving his generation a genuinely Indian expression of their faith, in the process leaving the rest of us with a window to see God and ourselves afresh. In 2002 Wesley passed away in Australia, surrounded by his extended family. He was a man of intense integrity as a person, whose life and art and faith and human relationships were all in harmony.

### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound

Jane Haynes

Leslie Cox

Dwight Finckbone

Sally Abbe

Pat Cantrell

Matt Chapman

(A Friend of Allison Richard)

Abby Reimer

Francine Nizigiyimana

(Welcome Corps Sponsor)

Nimo Gessey

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



# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 13

10:30 a.m.

 **ST. JOHN'S**  
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# The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

## ENTRANCE

\*\*Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick  
*Dear Jesus, In Whose Life I See* Catholic Songbook 1774

\*Call to Worship Allison Richard

God of life, you invite us and we come.

**Jesus, Beloved, you call to us and we draw near.**

We release all we have been clinging to, and open our hands to you.

**We release all and set it at your feet.**

We lay our anxieties, hopes and possessions in your hands.

**Do with them as you will, for the sake of the world.**

We let them go. We are here.

**We are here. We are open. We worship you.**

\*Hymn No. 110 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN FESTE BURG

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Poetry Reading Rev. Josh Stueve  
*"What We Need Is Here"* Wendell Berry

A Time for Young Disciples Pam Edwards  
Hymn No. 405 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Seek Ye First* SEEK YE

**As the children come forward:**

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added  
unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!*

**As the children depart:**

*Ask, and it shall be given unto you;  
seek, and you shall find,  
knock, and the door shall be opened  
unto you.  
Allelu, Alleluia!*

Prayers of the People | The 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 Matthew Dileo, baritone  
*Climbin' Up The Mountain* Patsy Ford Simms

Scripture Reading - Mark 10:17-31, p. 46, N.T. Allison Richard  
The word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith

**We give our hearts to you, God, Creator of all, giver of life, Source of all that is; whose love is faithful, whose grace is abundant, whose heart is generous with mercy.**

**We follow Jesus, the Christ, the embodiment of God's love, who taught and healed, who fed the hungry, who set us free from our fears and wants. He was crucified and died; but you raised him to life.**

**We live by the Holy Spirit, your Word unfolding in us, that leads us to gratitude, compassion, courage and generosity. We believe in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the community of the Body of Christ, and the mystery of eternal life. In gratitude to God, we commit ourselves to lives of abundant love, for the sake of the world, in the name of Christ, who lives and reigns with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

## THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Hymn No. 430 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* MARYTON

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir  
*For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter (b. 1945)

\*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. 399 *The United Methodist Hymnal*  
*Take My Life, and Let It Be* MESSIAH

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

*Please be seated for the Postlude.*

Postlude Clint Barrick  
*Prelude in C minor* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)



*Altar flowers this morning are given by Emalie Endsley in memory of Brent Owens Endsley and his birthday on October 11, 1985.*

## Reconciling Speakership Series

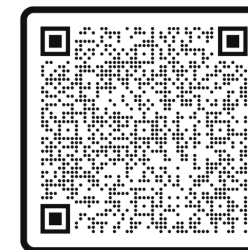
St. John's is proud to host pastor and author Colby Martin as he guides us on a journey of exploration to discover that being a Christian and being affirming of LGBTQ people are not mutually exclusive endeavors.

*Not an Oxymoron* leaves listeners trusting that their instincts to love all people just as they are align perfectly with God's heart for creation.

Colby will speak at St. John's on Saturday, October 26 at 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 27 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

## PFLAG Monthly Meeting

The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will meet at St. John's on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room.



## Game Day Parking

We need volunteers to help work the parking lot on Saturday, October 19. The parking lot will open at 11:00 a.m. Sign up by scanning the QR code or by emailing Jay or Coleen Sedberry at [jay.and.coleen@gmail.com](mailto:jay.and.coleen@gmail.com)



## SOUP LUNCH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 11:30 A.M.

## Potluck Lunch On Reconciling Sunday

On Sunday, October 27 there will be a soup lunch in the Garden Room after the 10:30 a.m. service. You're invited to bring a crockpot of soup, toppings, bread, or a dessert. A signup list is available in the hallway.

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

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

