

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
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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

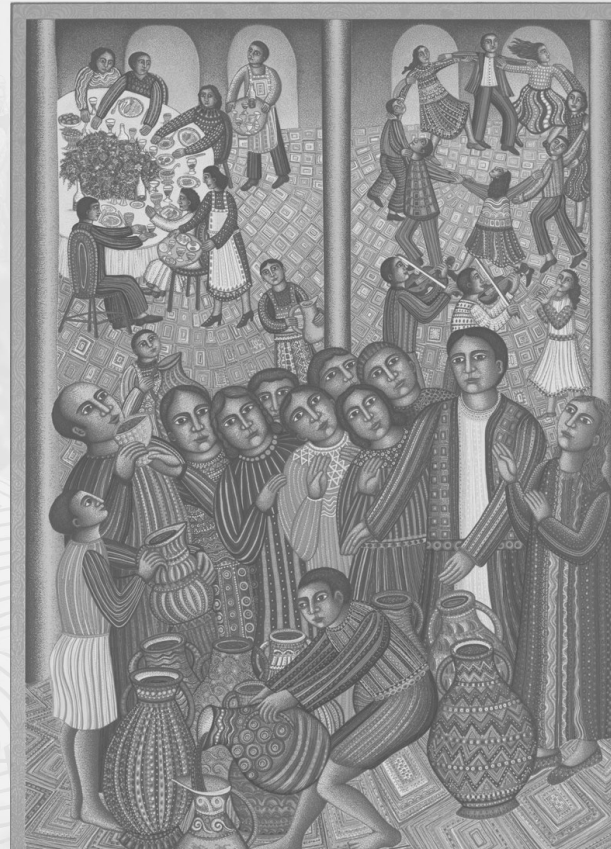
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From the Lectionary *The Wedding Feast* John August Swanson

As I built the layers of colors during the printing process for this serigraph, I tried to create a build-up of color on the faces of each character in the scene. What happened as an outcome of this is a more intense look—it recreates the drama that is part of icons and Byzantine painting. There is an unusual design that unites and yet creates three different spaces. This design is on the tiles of the floor.



They are almost like semicircles around each activity: the meal at the wedding table, the dancing, and the excitement around the wine jars. Somehow one can look at them as being separate rooms or one large room with these tiles—separating and yet uniting them. The three pillars help create this framework as well.

The wedding feast at Cana celebrates life. The newlyweds want all of us to share in their joy. They bring together their community. We are all invited to their feast. Guests celebrate the couple, the promise of new life in the fruitfulness of love, and the mystery of life itself. They eat, drink, and dance with gusto, toasting "To Life."

Please Remember in Prayer:

- St. John's Homebound
- Jane Haynes
- Myrna Shuey
- Dwight Finckbone
- Gary Pate
- Abby Reimer
- The family of Pat Cantrell
- Julie Shirey
- Pat Fuller
- Roy Goodloe
- The family of Alice Jo Jackson
(The mother of Sally Jo Jackson)

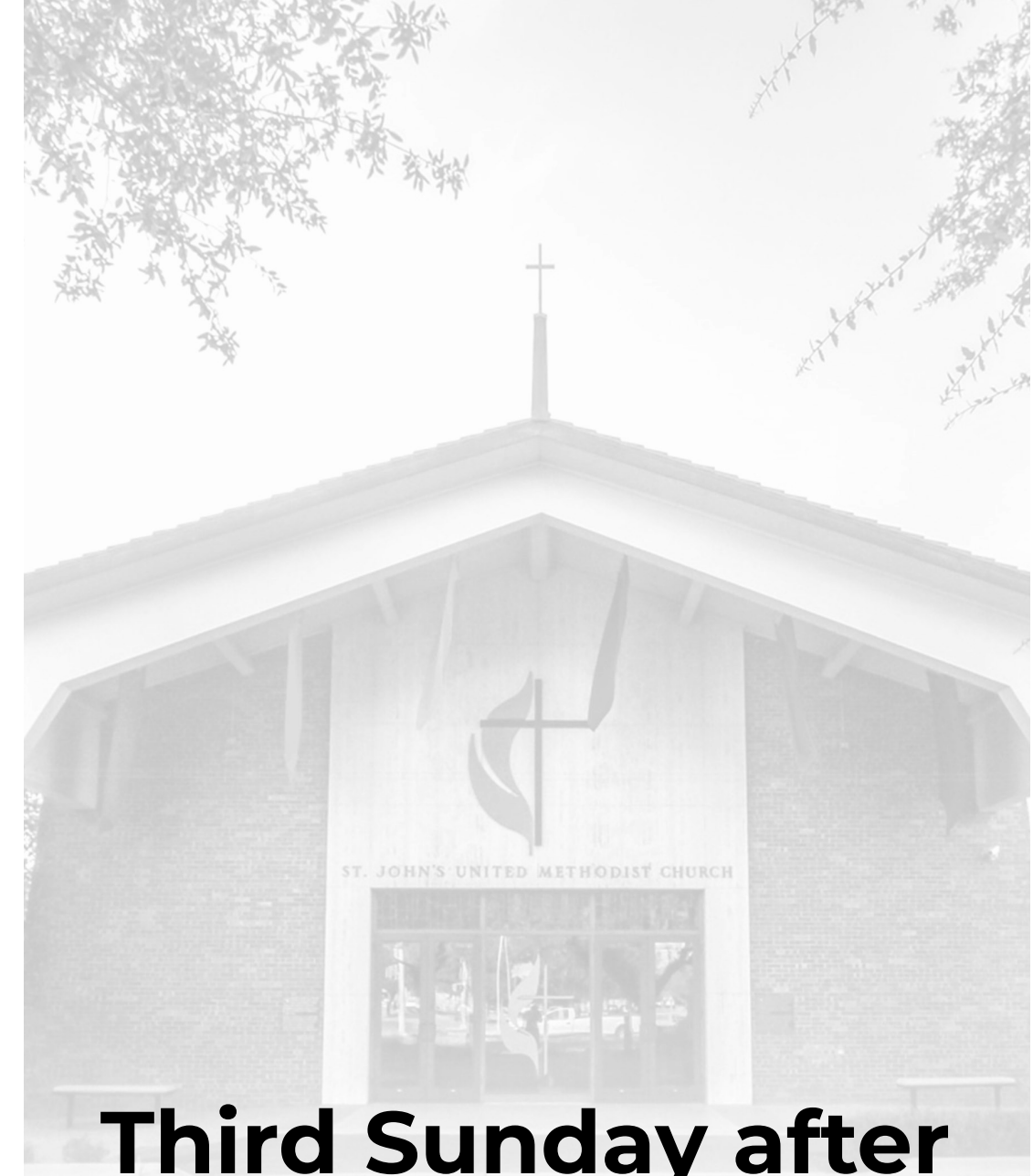
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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Sunday, January 26, 2025

10:30 a.m.



Address: 1501 University Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401
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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick
Prelude on an Old Hymn Tune Gordon Young (1919-1998)

*Call to Worship Rachel Shipley

God of miracles, You have turned water into wine!

The ordinary into the beautiful.

Scarcity into abundance.

Despair into confidence.

And you turn us once again into your people:

No one into Someone.

Scattered pieces into one Body.

Ordinary lives changed into worship. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 400 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples Pam Edwards
Hymn No. 611 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise STUTTGART

As the children arrive:

1. *Child of blessing, child of promise,
baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water God has sealed you
unto love and grace divine.*

As the children depart:

2. *Child of love, our love's expression,
love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits,
into joy and laughter lead.*

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 Greg Brookes, clarinet
Carol Gerald Finzi

Listening Prayer Rachel Shipley

Gracious God, the waters of purification have been changed into the wine of celebration. Give us grace to accept your love. Give us openness to hear your transforming Word.

*Gospel Lesson - John 2: 1-11, p. 91, N.T. Rachel Shipley
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith No. 883 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada Rev. Ann Akin

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

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

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
O Taste and See Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
Blest is the man that trusteth in him.*

*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, 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. 548 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
In Christ There Is No East or West MCKEE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

Go now, with your trust in Christ who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God's love.
We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

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



Chili Cook-Off Today

Join the FUN Committee for a Chili Lunch after the 10:30 a.m. worship service this morning!

Choral Scholar Fund

Consider making a donation to the Choral Scholar fund at St. John's this semester. We currently have 8 singers who receive scholarships through this program.

Don't Miss Dinner for 8

Enjoy good conversation and wonderful company around the dining table with new and old friends. "Dinner for 8" is a unique opportunity to share in a delicious meal provided by the 8 participants. Each month from February to April, couples and /or individuals will enjoy a new group of eight for an opportunity to commune and fellowship with other wonderful St. Johners. Sign-up sheets are available in the hallway.



Small Group Study

You're invited to join a 10-week DISCIPLER Bible study group "Invitation to Psalms". An initial meeting will be at St. John's on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m. The official study will begin on Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Reading just two chapters of Psalms a week, participants will discover the life-altering stories that will invite them to follow Christ as true disciples.

Sign up sheets are located in the hallway. Contact Rev. Archie Echols (806-368-6763) for more information.

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