

**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*

Tim Algate

*Choral Conductor*

David Cranford

*Facilities Manager*

John Dotts

*Assistant Facilities Manager*

Rachel Shipley

*Director of Youth Ministries*

Kyle Collins

*Director of*

*Communications*

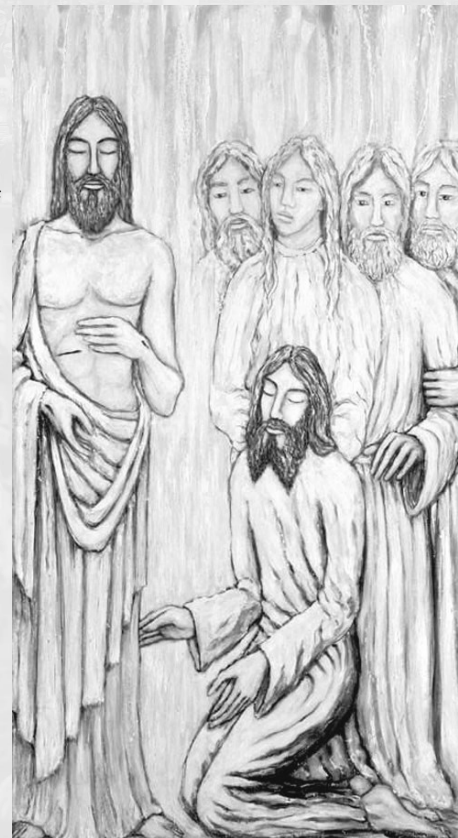
Trish Hernandez

*Director of Childcare Ministries*

**From the Lectionary**  
*Jesus Appears to Thomas*  
Jacek Andrzej Rossakiewicz

The Everlasting Art, a project that began in 1989, was directly inspired from readings of the Old and New Testaments. After 1989, Rossakiewicz started to create a series of evangelical paintings: Passion of Dunkirk and Saint John Passion. The Passion of Dunkirk is in the collection at the Modern Art Museum in Dunkirk, France.

Rossakiewicz about his art: "In my understanding, to express man's spiritual life is to create art. The subject of the painting doesn't matter. But the art has to originate in the inside, it has to be a result of man's life experiences. It cannot be simply planned; how to shock, how to draw attention to one's self, it cannot be done for money either. Because the spiritual and emotional state of an artist while painting, or working on a different work of art, is encoded in the painting and this energy is emanating from it."



### Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound

Jane Haynes

Dwight Finckbone

Gary Pate

Phyllis and Frances Goode

Rick Nelson

Dale B.

Julie Shirey

Paul Holligan

Rev. Janie Noble

## WAYS TO GIVE



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

# Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 27, 2025

10:30 a.m.



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

ENTRANCE

\*\*Gathering

Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude

Ethan Fasnacht

Arabesque No. 1, L. 66

Claude Debussy

\*Call to Worship

Loving God, this is the day that you are making.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

You have raised Christ from the grave and overcome death.

You have defeated the power of evil and oppression.

We long for your presence, and we open ourselves to your Spirit.

Christ, you are with us, and we give you thanks.

We look for signs of your rising; and we live in a world that longs for your living presence.

Breathe your Spirit into us, and raise us to new life, that we may be living evidence of your resurrection, the Body of your risen Christ.

Amen.

\*Hymn No. 312

The United Methodist Hymnal

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

LLANFAIR

A Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Josh Stueve

Hymn No. 304

The United Methodist Hymnal

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

REGENT SQUARE

As the children arrive and depart:

1. 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.

Prayers of the People | Lord's Prayer

Rev. Josh Stueve

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

Ethan Fasnacht

Prelude from Suite bergamasque, L. 75

Claude Debussy

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*Listening Prayer

Resurrecting God,

when the risen Jesus appeared to his disciples,

he offered them signs of peace,

and breathed his spirit on them.

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

<b>Breathe your Spirit into us, and grant us seeing hearts, that we may live as your faithful disciples, and offer peace and healing in a broken world. Amen.</b>		
*Gospel Lesson - John 20: 19-31, p. 115, N.T. The word of God for the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
Introduction to the Word	Rev. Josh Stueve	
Reflections	Gaby Nord, Allison Richard, & Rachel Shipley	
A Prayer for Graduates	Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin Today we honor you who are graduating, for you are on a sacred journey. <b>Your journey is not only the learning of your mind but the growing of your heart.</b> We celebrate the effort you have given to accomplish this. <b>And we ask God's blessing for the journey yet to come.</b> May God always give you gifts of curiosity and discipline. <b>May God give you courage to explore new things.</b> May the Spirit work in you that in all you do you may serve God. <b>May the Spirit give you grace to do justice, to love kindly, and to walk humbly with God.</b> May you know always that Christ goes with you. <b>We who have made many journeys give you our blessing.</b> By the grace of God, we surround you with our prayers. <b>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.</b>	
<b>THANKSGIVING</b>		
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve	
*Hymn No. 420 <i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> TRENTHAM	
Anthem <i>Eye Hath Not Seen</i>	St. John's Chancel Choir Evelyn Smith Swanson	
*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 95 <b>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!</b>		

SENDING FORTH

Reception of New Members

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. 318

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

The United Methodist Hymnal

TRURO

Benediction

Please be seated for the Postlude

Rev. Josh Stueve

Postlude

Sunrise on a Summer's Day

Ethan Fasnacht


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Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, May 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's. All men of the church are invited to join.

Summer Essentials

A HYGIENE DRIVE SUPPORTING OPEN DOOR



Summer Essentials for Open Door

We're supporting Open Door in their mission to support people experiencing poverty, homelessness, and sex trafficking. With summer weather on the way they're in need of the following travel-sized items:

Bugspray

Sunscreen

Lotion

Chapstick

Deodorant

Soap

Items can be dropped off at the bin in the Hallway from Sunday, May 4 through Sunday, June 1.