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

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
Great Catch
John August Swanson

"To me, this story is rich in symbols and ideas. It is about our search for life. We go through the darkness of night, experiencing our discouragement, sometimes wanting to give up. Then we hear a voice within, or a friend or mentor says, "Try again." In this story we learn about work, patience, waiting, and trying hard. We are reminded, too, of the inexhaustible resources within each of us.

The image projects unity in the almost circular net. The teeming fish and waves form a variety of colorful patterns almost quilt-like. The sun is the symbol of light and life. The sunlight reflects on the clouds, the sail, and the faces of the fishermen. They are weary yet surprised and excited to see this abundance of fish of every size and color. In the upper right corner, the moon pulls in her net of star to symbolize the night leaving. In the center, the sun rises as the birds soar above the boat."

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound
Jane Haynes
Dwight Finckbone
Gary Pate
Phyllis and Frances Goode
Julie Shirey
Paul Holligan
Rev. Janie Noble

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ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4, 2025

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
O Jesus, I Have Promised — Arthur H. Mann (1850-1929)

*Call to Worship — Gregory Brookes
Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed!
Risen Christ, you come to us, hidden and unrecognized, and you bless us.
We greet you with awe and wonder.
You give us your gifts, and nourish our souls.
We welcome you with gratitude and joy.
You give us the spirit of your peace, and call us to love.
We serve you with faith and hope. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 674 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
See the Morning Sun Ascending — UNSER HERRSCHER

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

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 — Gregory Brookes, clarinet, Mandy Algate, flute
Arietta — Paul Koepke

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson - John 21:1-14, p. 115, N.T. — Gregory Brookes
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Affirmation of Faith No. 882 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version — Rev. Ann Akin

*Hymn No. 70 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Gloria Patri — MEINEKE

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Love's Redeeming Work is Done — arr. Eric H. Thiman

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.)

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

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: Pam Edwards & Coleen Sedberry

Invitation to the Table — Rev. Josh Stueve & Rev. Ann Akin
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting A., p. 17
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Invitation to an Offering

Music for Communion — St. John's Choral Scholars
The Deer's Cry — Arvo Part

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down,
Christ in me, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks of me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me,
Christ with me.

Hymn No. 2269 — *The Faith We Sing*
Come Share the Lord — DIVERNON

Prayer after Communion — Rev. Ann Akin
Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Send us into the world now to follow Christ, to feed your sheep, to embody your love, in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 95
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. 173 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies — RATISBON

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
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
Prelude in A minor — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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 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.