

**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.

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

Good Samaritan

John August Swanson

I first created the GOOD SAMARITAN in 1970, as a crayon sgraffito painting. It was one of my first attempts at telling a story in pictures, as a three-panel narrative. Now, 32 years later, after thousands of hours of experimentation and experience in various workshops in London and Southern California, I returned to this early work, to make a new interpretation of this drawing and the basic theme of the story.

It is remarkable that one can discover many new ideas in an old and familiar story. Sometimes it is necessary to take a long journey to rediscover earlier creative ideas that are so personal and connected to one's history. Many artists return their favorite themes throughout their careers, reinterpreting the same stories with fresh eyes: Rembrandt, Chagall, Degas, and Picasso, to list a few prominent names.

When viewing my GOOD SAMARITAN, the scenes can be studied as a group sequence, or looked at and considered individually.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound & Those in

Assisted Care

Robert Bodin

Cindy Martin

Brandi Spence

The Family of Nell Matthews

The Family of Amy Sue Minor

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 13, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering

Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude

Clint Barrick

Prelude No. 1

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship

Leilani Fillhard

God of generosity, you provide for us abundantly.

We open our hearts to your presence.

Loving Christ, you grant us deep, deep mercy.

We open our hearts to your healing.

Holy Spirit, you fill us with compassion and grace.

We open our hearts to your power. By your grace, make us grateful and merciful people. Amen.

*Hymn No. 475

The United Methodist Hymnal

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples

Marcy Stueve

Hymn No. 141

The United Methodist Hymnal

Children of the Heavenly Father

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

As the children arrive & depart:

1. Children of the heavenly Father

safely in his bosom gather;

nestling bird nor star in heaven

such a refuge e'er was given.

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

Allison Matherly & Coleen Sedberry, sopranos

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Thomas Dorsey(1899-1993)

Hymn text can be found on p.474 of The United Methodist Hymnal

Listening Prayer

Leilani Fillhard

God of love, you come to us in many ways. Open our hearts to hear and receive. Open our minds to wonder and grow. Open our souls to embrace and be changed. Speak your Word to us, and make us whole. Amen.


Scripture Lesson - Luke 10:25-37, p. 71-72, N.T.

Leilani Fillhard

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon	Rev. Josh Stueve
A Prayer based on Colossians 1	Rev. Ann Akin
May the Spirit give you a loving vision of the world. May you be in harmony with the Holy One, your life a gift to God. May you continually grow closer to God. Your life full of loving deeds. God's grace be strong in you. May you be prepared to endure everything with patience. May gratitude to God fill your heart: for as with all God's children, the Loving One has claimed you and given you light. God has rescued us from the dark tombs that encase us and brought us into love and grace, where we have life again, and we are set free. Alleluia!	
THANKSGIVING	
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve
*Hymn No. 2171 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	The Faith We Sing CHANNEL OF PEACE
*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. 427 Where Cross The Crowded Ways of Life	The United Methodist Hymnal GERMANY
Benediction	Rev. Josh Stueve
Go and do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Help us, O God, to humbly live your justice, love, and mercy. Amen.	
Please be seated for the Postlude	
Postlude Trumpet Tune in D major	Clint Barrick David Johnson (1922-1987)





Altar flowers this morning are given by Joylynn Harris in celebration of her brother's birthday. Happy birthday, Stephen!

PFLAG Monthly Meeting

The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's.

Homebound Communion Volunteers

We are looking for a few volunteers to help serve communion to the homebound members of St. John's. This is a meaningful way to extend care to those who are unable to be with us in worship. If you're willing to help or want more information, please contact pastor Josh at clergy@stjohnslubbock.org.

Access the Church Directory
You can access the 2023 St. John's directory on your smart device through the "My UCD" app. To do so, you'll need a unique identifier provided by St. John's. This is a randomly generated set of letters and numbers tied to your individual profile and helps keep the directory secure. Only those with a church-issued identifier can view the directory.

If you don't have an identifier or would like to be listed in the directory, contact Kyle at 806-762-0123 or openminds@stjohnslubbock.org.

Please take a moment to review your information in the directory and let Kyle know if anything needs to be updated.

Horizon Texas Conference Flood Update
The most effective way to help at this moment is through financial contributions. There will be a conference-wide offering to directly support relief and recovery efforts in the communities impacted by the floods, which span the Rio and Horizon Texas Conferences. Every gift, no matter the size, becomes a lifeline of hope. You can donate online at <http://bit.ly/4eHObex>

Please continue to lift up affected communities, families and first responders in your prayers. Pray for strength, for healing and for the courage to hope. As we walk alongside those who are grieving and rebuilding, may we be a source of light and a living testimony to the love that binds us together, even in the darkest valleys.

Let us be the Church, today and every day.

Together in Faith, Hope, and Love,
Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.
Horizon Texas Conference
The United Methodist Church

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