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.

Reconciling Ministries Network

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

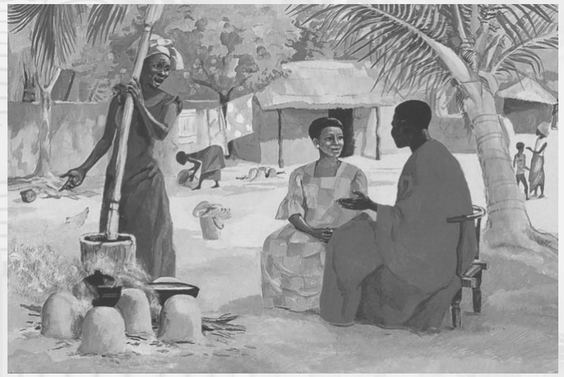
Tim Algate
Choral Conductor
David Cranford
Facilities Manager
John Dotts
Assistant Facilities Manager

Rachel Shipley
Director of Youth Ministries
Kyle Collins
Director of Communications
Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary
Martha & Mary
Jesus Mafa

This image is from Jesus Mafa which is a 1973 collective effort to create images that reflect the life of Jesus in a particular culture – among the Mafa people in Cameroon. The identity of the artist was never revealed because images from the life of Jesus were recreated as a community effort with actors and set designers; the person who captured the image was one artist among many.

Martha's mouth and gaze reflect her complaining about her sister to Jesus; Mary's face reflects that she is listening – to Jesus, not to her sister who appears to be talking over Jesus. He's still mid-sentence, gesturing in conversation!



On the left side of this painting you see people working, Martha and someone in the background, and on the right side you see Jesus sitting and talking with Mary, and the artist has included a background image of a woman having a conversation with a child. The artist has given us the two sides: Martha's side and Mary's side. Where do you find yourself in this painting? We can't see Jesus' face, but we can see the expressions on the women's faces.

How have your features been composed this week?

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Homebound & Those in Assisted Care
Robert Bodin
Cindy Martin
Brandi Spence
The Family of Gary Pate

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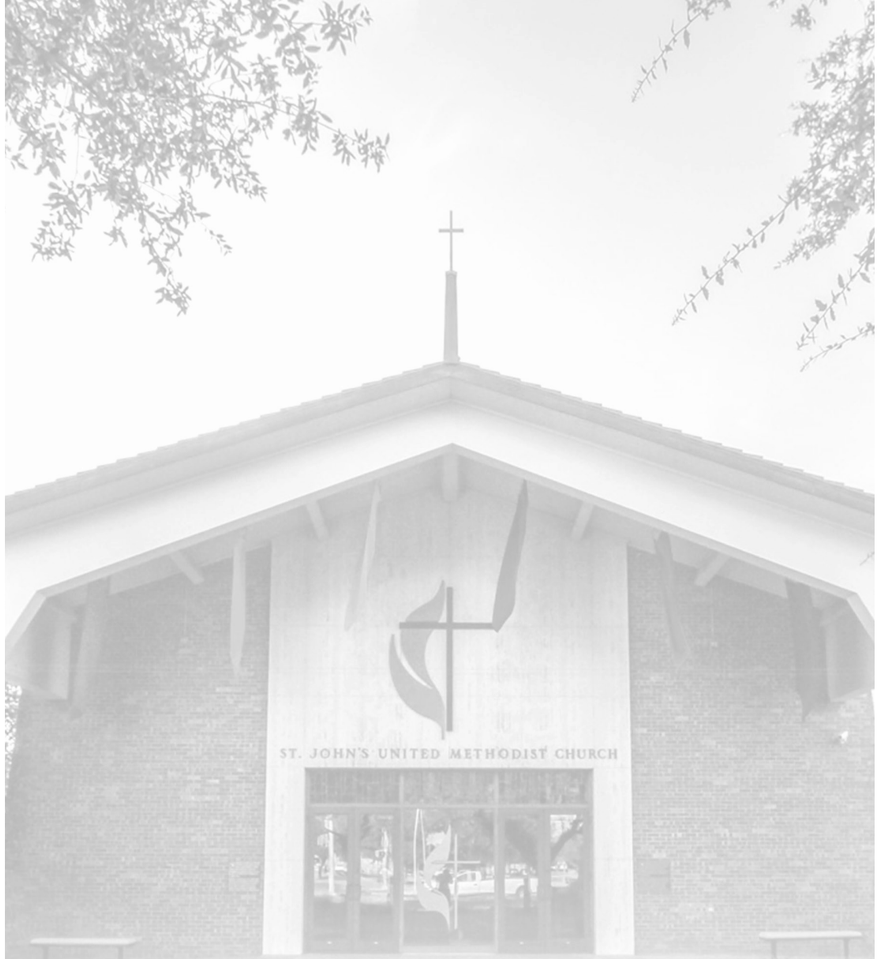

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 20, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Rev. Ann Akin

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Lullaby — Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

*Call to Worship — Frank Anguiano
Creator God, you welcome us into your home.
You receive us and we receive your grace.
You sit with us and share quiet moments.
You speak your Word to us, and we are changed.
You feed us with the energy of your love, and give us courage.
So we sit with you; we listen to you; and, changed, we go forth with your good news into this world.

*Hymn No. 103 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise — ST. DENIO

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples — Lola Smith-Gentry
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 — Matthew Dileo, baritone

Listening Prayer — Frank Anguiano
God, I am concerned with many things, but there is only One Thing, and it is you.
Be my One Thing now and always. May I always be at your feet, listening.

Scripture Lesson - Luke 10:38-42, p. 72, N.T. — Frank Anguiano
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon — Rev. Ann Akin

Prayer of Response — Frank Anguiano
Jesus, we are in your presence, listening.
By your mercy, show us how to be loving.
Jesus, you who love and serve the world.
You give us the perfect gift; to be loving.
In each hurting one I meet, O Christ, it is you I greet.
Make my faithfulness complete, to be loving.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Ann Akin

*Hymn No. 451 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Be Thou My Vision — SLANE

*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. Ann Akin
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. 559 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation — WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Benediction — Rev. Ann Akin
Gracious God, we give you our lives, symbolized in our gifts. Receive them with love, bless them with grace and use them according to your will. Send us now with that grace to share it with all the world, in the name and spirit of Christ. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

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

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

Office Closed This Week
The church office will be closed Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25. We will resume normal hours on Monday, July 28. Pastor Josh will be back in time to preach on Sunday, July 27.

Have You Registered for VBS?
Join us for Discovery on Adventure Island at St. John's UMC — a two-day Vacation Bible School filled with hands-on fun as we explore how God's light shines in each of us.

When: July 31 & August 1 from 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. On August 2 we will have an end-of-summer celebration pool party at the Texas Tech Leisure Pool.

Register your camper at https://bit.ly/SJUMCvbs2025

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.

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/4eH0bex

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. Let us be the Church, today and every day.

Together in Faith, Hope, and Love,
Bishop Ruben Saenz Jr.
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