

# 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

The Rich Fool **JESUS MAFA** 

Vie de Jesus Mafa (Life of Jesus Mafa) was an initiative undertaken in the 1970s to help teach the gospel in Northern Cameroon. French Catholic missionary François Vidil worked with Mafa Christian communities in Cameroon to create an enormous catalogue of paintings depicting the life of Jesus as an African man. The plan was to build a resource that would help Mafa people to teach from the bible in a way that connects with their community.

Vidil formed a team of local church leaders, theologians and a carefully selected artist. The team would spend time in Mafa communities, reading bible passages and getting people to reenact them. Vidil and his team would photograph their reenactments as the artist sketched them. These sketches and photographs became the basis of the final paintings in this collection.

## Please Remember in Prayer:

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

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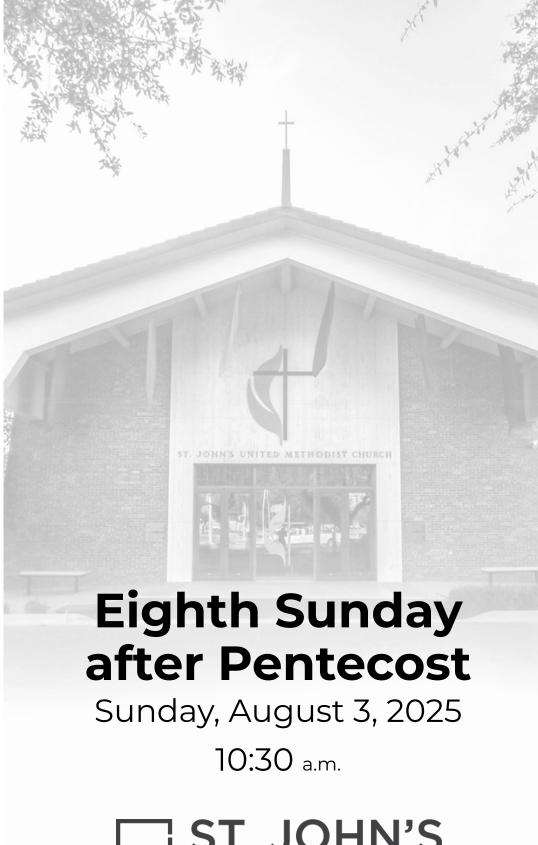






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## The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

#### **ENTRANCE**

\*\*Gathering Rev. Josh Stueve

Clint Barrick Prelude Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence French Carol Melody

\*Call to Worship **Brent Wester** 

All of Creation surrounds us, the great Circle of Life.

We are a part of the circle. We give thanks to you, O God our Creator! God has blessed us with all living things, and with the gift of love.

Christ, our Teacher, lead us in the path of love, the Way of Life.

Every living thing bears glory to God.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill us with your grace, that we may bear fruit and give glory to God, in our worship now, and in all of our lives. Alleluia!

\*Hymn No. 62, v. 1-5 All Creatures of Our God and King The United Methodist Hymnal LASST UNS ERFREUEN

#### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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

Rev. Josh Stueve

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 Lory Powers, soprano Balm in Gilead

Listening Prayer **Brent Wester** 

Holy One, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

Scripture Lesson - Isaiah 60: 1-3, p. 690

**Brent Wester** 

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Notes from Vacation Bible School VBS Students and Volunteers

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

\*Affirmation of Faith No. 882 The United Methodist Hymnal The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version **Brent Wester** 

The United Methodist Hymnal \*Hymn No. 70

Gloria Patri **MEINEKE** 

#### 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.) 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: Greg & Stacey Carley

Invitation to the Table The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting D p. 23 Sharing the Bread and Cup

Invitation to an Offering

Music for Communion

Hvmn No. 618 Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn No. 624 Bread of the World The United Methodist Hymnal LET US BREAK BREAD

Rev. Josh Stueve

The United Methodist Hymnal **EUCHARISTIC HYMN** 

Prayer after Communion

Rev. Josh Stueve God of grace, you have given us your Word and body. Now you send us out, with the grace to spread your love. Give us faith to go and

serve. In all we do, may your peace prevail, and peace be upon all whom we meet. Amen.

\*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. 2130 The Faith We Sing KELVINGROVE The Summons

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 Tell Out My Soul the Greatness of the Lord Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)



#### **Next Young(ish) Adult Group Meeting**

The next Young(ish) Adult Group meeting will be Saturday. August 9 at 5:00 p.m. at the parsonage for a build-your-own-taco

The Young(ish) Adult Group is for adults in their mid-20s to early 40s to share in the ups, downs, joys, and challenges of this season of life. You'll find community, encouragement, and a place to talk about faith, purpose, and everyday challenges.

#### Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 10 St. John's will honor and recognize those in the education field at our annual Blessing of the Backpacks worship service. All are invited to join and receive a free backpack tag.



#### **Supporting Raider Red's Food Pantry**

We're helping out Raider Red's Food Pantry at Texas Tech! From August 10 through 24 we'll be collecting various canned goods to help keep their pantry stocked. They currently need the following: Peanut butter (creamy or crunchy)

Canned proteins (salmon, chicken, tuna, spam)

Hygiene products (toothpaste, men's/women's deodorant) 1 lb. bagged beans (lentils, black, pinto, garbanzo)

1 lb. bagged rice

Donations can be dropped off in the hallway starting Sunday, August 10.

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