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
Thread of Faith
Howard Lyon

We have all been injured and known the desire to be healed. Whether those hurts are physical, emotional or spiritual, Christ beckons us to His presence to be healed. Here, the woman reaches towards the prayer shawl, tallit, or garment of Christ, and touching the threads of his garment she was healed.

Hers was an act of faith. By reaching out to Christ, she made a covenant to follow Him, and in return He healed her. She did not sit idly by the wayside, but actively sought out Christ. While we will endure hardships and injuries in this life, there is peace to be found in following Christ.

By doing so, we open the way for the atonement to heal our pains so that we too may "go in peace."

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
St. John's Sojourner's ministry and the Anwari Family
All Educators and Students
The Family of Jeffrey Orr
Justin Hughes
Kristie Mahan
Rafe Foreman
David Lanehart

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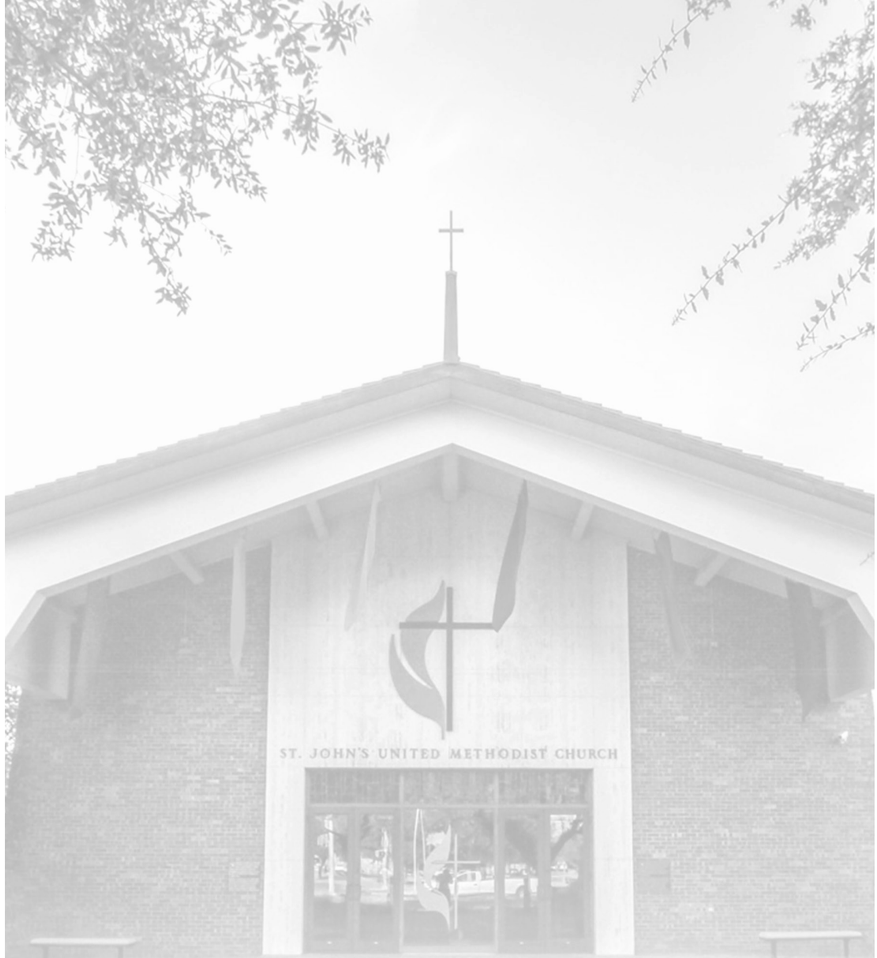

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 17, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude — Clint Barrick
My Faith Looks Up to Thee — Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

*Call to Worship — John Jordan
Here in this space, we wear our hearts on our sleeves.
There is no use in filters or walls. This space is an authentic space.
This space is a brave space.
For when it comes to God, we are always invited to bring our full selves into the room.
So come into this space with your hurt & your joy, your prayers & your dreams.
All of God's children are welcome here.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn No. 92 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
For the Beauty of the Earth — DIX

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A Time for Young Disciples — Frank Goode
Hymn No. 2233 — *The Faith We Sing*
This, This is Where Children Belong — RITCHIE

As the children arrive & depart:
1.This, this is where children belong,
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.

Prayers of the People — Rev. Ann Akin
God in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayers

The Lord's Prayer — Rev. Ann Akin
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 — Clint Barrick, piano
There is a Balm in Gilead — Afro-American Spiritual

Prayer for Illumination — Emmett Jordan
Holy God,
Today we will read stories of those who have known hurt - people who have carried shame, who have lived with grief and chronic illness, who have felt alone and ignored, who have seen the depths of suffering.
As we listen, we will be reminded of the hurt we have carried during these fragile days - memories and regrets co-mingling in our chests. And as we listen, we will be reminded that our neighbors, our siblings in faith, also come to this space carrying burdens.
So dust off our ears and stretch open the canvases of our hearts so that in our pain, we might lean into one another as we lean into you.
Pull us close. We are listening. Amen.

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

Hebrew Bible Reading - 1 Samuel 1:1-18, p. 244 — John Jordan

*Gospel Lesson - Mark 5: 21-43, p. 39-40, N.T. — Emmett Jordan
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith — Rev. Ann Akin
On my best days, I believe that God is there - standing in the sun with me, laughing a contagious laugh and cheering me on.
On my worst days, I believe that God is there - standing in the rain with me, holding me up and sharing in my grief.
No matter where I go - in joy or in loss, in pain or in love, in heartache or in gratitude - I believe that God is there, leaning in, noticing where it hurts, and carrying me through it.
And so, I believe we are called to care for each other as God cares for us. On your best days in the sun and on your worst days in the rain, I will do my best to be there for you too. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 474 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Precious Lord, Take My Hand — PRECIOUS LORD

Anthem — St. Johns Chancel Choir
Wayfarin' Stranger — 19th Century American Gospel Song

*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. 529 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
How Firm a Foundation — FOUNDATION

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
Family of faith, as you leave this place, may God grant you the curiosity to counter assumptions, the vulnerability to befriend, the bravery to speak your truth, the wisdom to listen, the strength to ask for help, the resiliency to choose love, even when it's hard, and the awareness of the Holy Spirit always beside you. Let us go in peace. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Abide With Me — arr. Dan Miller

The altar flowers today, given lovingly by her family, celebrate Leilani Fillhard's 85th birthday on Aug. 19.

***I've Been Meaning to Ask*...A Sermon Series**
August 10-31, worship at St. John's will be planned around a sermon based on the questions:

8/17: Where does it hurt? 1 Samuel 1:1-18 & Mark 5: 21-43
8/24: What do you need? Job 2:11-13 & 2 Timothy 4: 9-18
8/31: Where do we go from here? Ruth 1:1-22 & Acts 10

May this series help us to behold each other as images of the divine, cultivate courageous conversations, model a way of finding connection through curiosity, and strengthen our capacity for empathy & compassion.

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.

PFLAG Monthly Meeting
The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's.

Chancel Choir Rehearsals Start This Week
There's a place for you in the St. John's Chancel Choir! Join us for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Disciple III Bible Study
Disciple III Remember Who You Are is 32-week study on the major and minor Old Testament prophets and the thirteen Letters traditionally attributed to Paul.

This lay-led study will start on Monday, September 8 from 6:00—8:00 p.m. You do not need to have participated in Disciple I or II, all are welcome to join.

If you're interested in learning more or participating in this study, please meet with Jeff Watson or Lola Smith-Gentry in the Conference Room after worship.