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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

Job And His Three Friends

James Tissot

Jacques Joseph Tissot was a French painter, illustrator, and caricaturist. He was born to a drapery merchant and a milliner and decided to pursue a career in art at a young age, coming to incorporate elements of realism, early Impressionism, and academic art into his work. He is best known for a variety of genre paintings of contemporary European high society produced during the peak of his career, which focused on the people and women's fashion of the Belle Époque and Victorian England, but he would also explore many medieval, biblical, and Japoniste subjects throughout his life. His career included work as a caricaturist for Vanity Fair under the pseudonym of Coïdê.

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
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All Educators and Students

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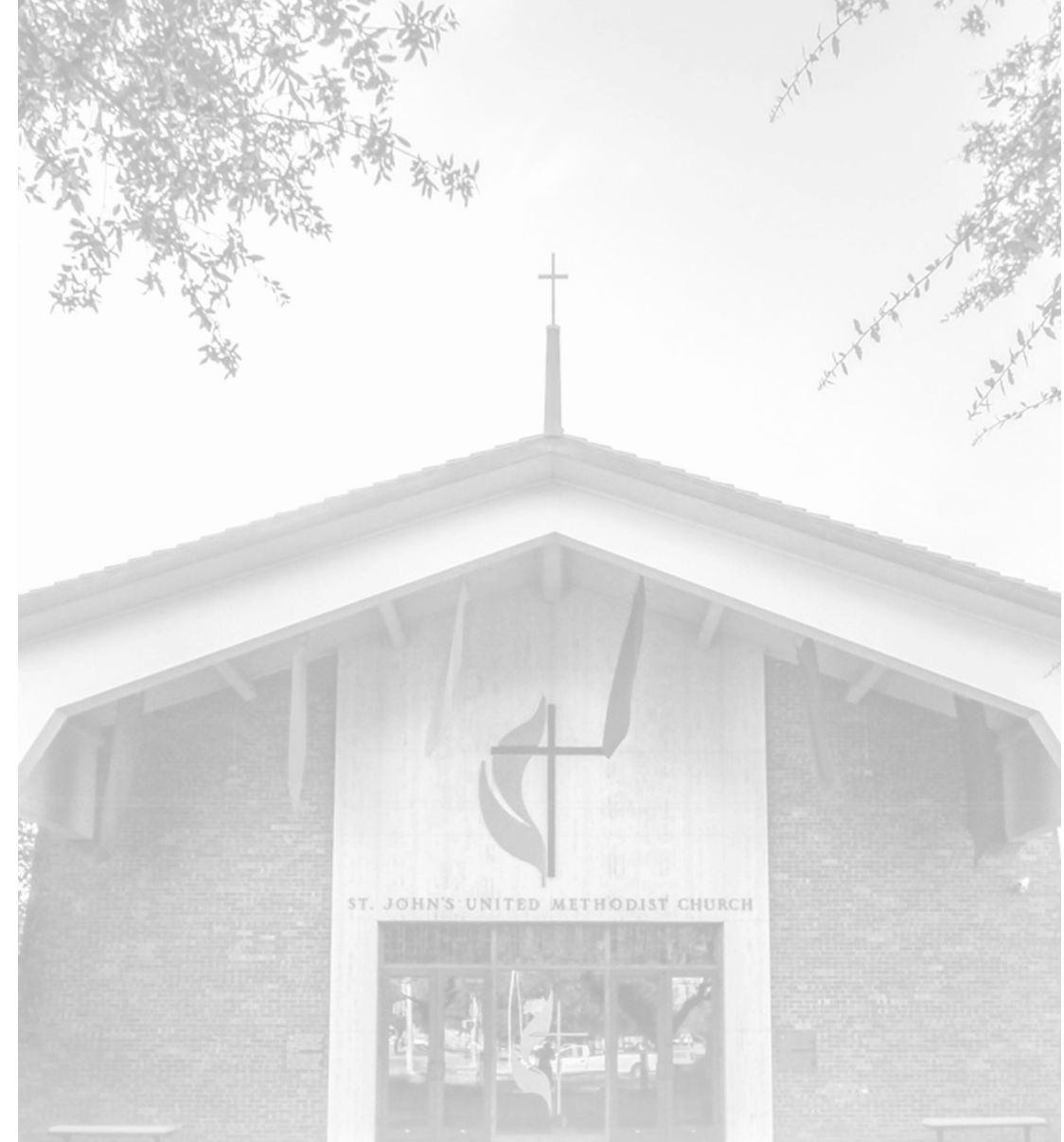


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ST. JOHN'S
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 24, 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 <i>O Young and Fearless Prophet</i>	Clint Barrick John B. Dykes (1823-1876)
*Call to Worship Come to us, O God. Come to us! Come to us in loud praise or in a still, small voice. Through friends or through strangers. In this time of worship or as quickly as you can. For we are seeking you. We are always seeking you. With grateful hearts cracked open by love, we pray. Amen.	Jadyn Sedberry
*Hymn No. 577 <i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> CWM RHONDDA
PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE	
A Time for Young Disciples Hymn No. 2233 <i>This, This is Where Children Belong</i>	Rev. Josh Stueve <i>The Faith We Sing</i> RITCHIE
As the children arrive & depart: <i>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.</i>	
Baptismal Covenant II - p. 39 <i>Ellie Reese Woodard</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> Rev. Ann Akin
Hymn Response No. 2051, st. 1 <i>I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry</i> <i>I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.</i>	<i>The Faith We Sing</i>
Prayers of the People God in your graciousness/mercy Hear our prayers	Rev. Josh Stueve
The Lord's 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 <i>How Great Thou Art</i> <i>Words can be found on p. 77 in The United Methodist Hymnal</i>	Allison Matherly, soprano arr. Lloyd Larsen (b. 1954)
Old Testament Lesson - Job 2:11-13, p. 454	Jordyn Sedberry
<i>*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.</i> <i>**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.</i>	

New Testament Lesson - 2 Timothy 4: 9-18, p. 213, N.T.	Jadyn Sedberry
The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	
Sermon	Rev. Josh Stueve
Affirmation of Faith We believe in relationships.	Rev. Ann Akin
We believe in asking hard questions, in showing up for one another, and in sitting together through the pain.	
We believe in listening with grace, learning with curiosity, and apologizing with sincerity.	
We believe in asking for help, saying what we need, and trusting that no degree of vulnerability could strip us of God's love.	
We believe in trying our best and offering grace when our best is not enough.	
And we believe that God is in all relationships - modeling for us the value of community through the relationships of the Trinity.	
So we love today, and we strive to love even more tomorrow. Let it be so. Amen.	
THANKSGIVING	
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve
*Hymn, No. 2222 <i>The Servant Song</i>	<i>The Faith We Sing</i> THE SERVANT SONG
Anthem <i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	St. John's Chancel Choir arr. Mack Wilberg
<i>My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His Name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed, Beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, When I forsake His ways, And leads me for His mercy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.</i>	<i>The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days; O may Thy house be mine abode, And all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest While others go and come, No more a stranger, nor a guest, But like a child at home. No more a stranger, nor a guest, But like a child at home. No more a stranger, nor a guest, But like a child at home.</i>
<i>When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay; One word of Thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows; Thine oil anoints my head.</i>	
*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. 581 <i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> BEACH SPRING
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.	
<i>Please be seated for the Postlude</i>	
Postlude <i>The Rejoicing</i>	Clint Barrick G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
	
<i>Altar flowers this morning are given by Mike & Mary Hamilton in celebration of their 65th anniversary, the birthdays of Lee & Jamey Price, Beth Fay, and Felicity, our great granddaughter.</i>	
Raider Red's Food Pantry Thank you for supporting Raider Red's Food Pantry, TTU students, and the Lubbock community! Your donations make a real difference in the lives of students facing food insecurity.	
FUN Committee Bring your ideas and creativity– we're gearing up for fall planning and looking for new members for the FUN Committee! Our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room.	
College Ministry Cookout Our college ministry students are hosting a cookout on Friday, August 29 at 5:00 p.m. in the St. John's yard to mark the new semester. All students are welcome.	
Game Day Parking Did you know that St. John's sells parking spaces in the parking lot during TTU football games? Spaces are \$10 and can be purchased when the lot opens 4 hours before kick-off.	
	We need volunteers to help work the lot on game days! Signup by scanning the QR code or by emailing Jay or Coleen Sedberry at jay.and.coleen@gmail.com
The first home game is Saturday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m. The parking lot will open at 2:30 p.m.	