

**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*

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*Director of Childcare Ministries*

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### From the Lectionary

*The First Two Disciples*

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

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# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 10, 2025

10:30 a.m.

| The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service   |   |  |
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| ENTRANCE  |   |  |
| **Gathering   | Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin                                    |  |
| Prelude   | Clint Barrick   |  |
| *Call to Worship  | Kamryn & Devon Chandler   |  |
| We are from this city and from others far away.<br><b>We are from big families and dinners made for one.</b><br>We are from stages of grief and stages of faith.<br><b>We are from hot summers and cold winters.</b><br>We are from kitchens with passed down recipes,<br>And front porches with old, familiar swings.<br><b>We are from the dust of the earth and the stars of the sky.</b><br>We are from a lot of places, but today we are here.<br><b>Today we are together.</b><br>Holy God, gather us in. |   |  |
| *Hymn No. 139<br><i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>  | <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i><br>LOBE DEN HERREN             |  |
| A Time for Young Disciples<br>Hymn No. 2233<br><i>This, This is Where Children Belong</i>   | Marcy Stueve<br><i>The Faith We Sing</i><br>WHERE CHILDREN BELONG |  |
| <b>As the children arrive &amp; depart:</b><br><i>1.This, this is where children belong,<br/>welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.<br/>Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:<br/>This is where children belong.</i>  |   |  |
| Prayers of the People<br>God in your graciousness/mercy<br><b>Hear our prayers</b>  | Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin                                    |  |
| The Lord's Prayer   | Rev. Ann Akin   |  |
| <b>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.</b>  |   |  |
| Act of Praise<br><i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i>   | Jeannie Barrick, soprano<br>Mark Hayes (b. 1953)                  |  |
| PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE   |   |  |
| Hebrew Bible Reading - Genesis 2: 4b-15, p.   | Devon Chandler  |  |
| *Gospel Lesson - John 1: 35-46, p.<br>The word of God for the people of God.<br><b>Thanks be to God.</b>  | Kamryn Chandler   |  |
| Sermon  | Rev. Josh Stueve  |  |

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

Affirmation of Faith  
**We believe that goodness can come from the dirt,  
that faith can come from doubt,  
that minds can be changed,  
that justice can begin with us,  
and that something good can come from Nazareth.  
We believe all these things, because we believe that God is  
more expansive than we have words for -  
showing up in the corners of our world so often ignored and denied.  
We believe that from this place of holy surprise,  
God invites us forward -  
beckoning hope, bravery, and curiosity from each of us.  
“Come and see,” God says.  
We believe. Help our unbelief.  
Amen.**

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| THANKSGIVING                                     |   |  |
| Invitation to an Offering                        | Rev. Josh Stueve                            |  |
| *Hymn, No. 451<br><i>Be Thou My Vision</i>       | <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i><br>SLANE |  |
| *Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 94       |   |  |
| <b>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;</b> |   |  |
| <b>Praise God, all creatures here below:</b>     |   |  |
| <b>Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>                       |   |  |
| <b>Praise God, the source of all our gifts!</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!</b> |   |  |
| <b>Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!</b>           |   |  |
| <b>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!</b>             |   |  |

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| SENDING FORTH   |   |  |
| Reception of New Members  | Rev. Josh Stueve                                  |  |
| <b>We rejoice to welcome you as members of<br/>Christ's Holy Church, and we bid you welcome<br/>to St. John's United Methodist Church.<br/>With you we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers,<br/>our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.</b> |   |  |
| *Hymn No. 144<br><i>This Is My Father's World</i>   | <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i><br>TERRA BEATA |  |

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

***I've Been Meaning to Ask...A Sermon Series***  
August 10-31st, worship at St. John's will be planned around a sermon based on the questions:  
  
8/10: Where are you from? Genesis 2:4b-15 & John 1: 35-51  
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 starting Sunday, August 10.

**Parking Permits**  
Parking permits for TTU students and employees will open on Wednesday, August 13. Permits for members and choral scholars are \$50 and are good from August 2025 - August 2026.

**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.