

**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

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

Potter

Else Berg

Based on Jeremiah 18:1-11

Else Berg was born in Ratibor in Silesia on February 19, 1877, the youngest daughter of a Jewish cigar manufacturer. Because she wanted to become a painter, she started an art education in Paris in 1895. Among other things, she was taught at the studio of J.C. Laurens, where the French artist Henri Le Fauconnier was one of her fellow students.

During the Second World War, her Jewish origins made it difficult to exhibit work. Initially, they felt safe in Amsterdam, but they refused to wear the "Yellow Badge" when it became mandatory and went into hiding in Baambrugge. On November 12, 1942, Else Berg and her husband, Mommie Schwarz, were arrested and deported via Westerbork to Auschwitz on November 16, where they were murdered three days later.

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

Justin Hughes

Kristie Mahan

David Lanehart

Kathy Keese

The Family of Danny Byrd

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering

Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude

Clint Barrick

My Lord, What a Morning

William Farley Smith (1941-!997)

*Call to Worship

Dylan Blackwell & Rachel Shipley

Creator God, we praise you!

We thank you.

God, you search us and know us; you are all around us, within us and among us.

Make us aware your presence is everywhere.

Let us be with you now, God, in worship.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 139

The United Methodist Hymnal

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

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

Jeannie Barrick, soprano

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer

Dylan Blackwell & Rachel Shipley

Creator God, you are the potter; we are the clay.

Shape us by your Word. Fashion us with your divine skill. By your grace re-make us in your image. Speak to us, and your Word will call us to new life. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Dylan Blackwell & Rachel Shipley

Psalm 139: 1-7, 13-18, p. 577—578 & Jeremiah 18:1-6, p. 720

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Josh Stueve

*Affirmation of Faith No. 882

The United Methodist Hymnal

The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

Rev. Ann Akin

*Hymn No. 70

The United Methodist Hymnal

Gloria Patri

MEINEKE

Anthem

St. John's Chancel Choir

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Terre Johnson

*Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after thy will,
While I am waiting, yielded and still.
Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,
as in thy presence, as in thy presence humbly I bow.
Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!
Power, all power surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, touch me and heal me, Savior divine.
Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way!
Hold o’er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me.*

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: Rev. Dave & Dennie Treat

Invitation to the Table Rev. Josh Stueve & Rev. Ann Akin
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting E, p. 24
Sharing the Bread and Cup
Invitation to an Offering

Music for Communion

Hymn No. 2268 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
As We Gather at Your Table RAQUEL

Hymn No. 2269 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Come, Share the Lord DIVERNON

Prayer after Communion Rev. Ann Akin
Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery in which you have given yourself to us. In the love of Jesus you have salted us with your love, that we may serve you for the sake of justice, with courage and compassion. May this mystery live in us always. 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. 438 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Forth in Thy Name , O Lord DUKE STREET

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
Prelude in Classic Style Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Choral Scholarship Benefit Concert
You're invited to join St. John's on Sunday, September 21 at 5:00 p.m. for a concert of sacred and classical works featuring our Holtkamp organ, the St. John's Chancel Choir, and solo performances.

Rooted in the hymns of the United Methodist Church, this evening will honor the musical heritage of St. John’s and benefit the Choral Scholarship Program, which invests in young musicians as they grow in faith and skill. A reception in the Garden Room will follow. All donations will go to the choral scholarship fund at St. John’s.

St. John’s 101—Your Input Is Needed
We’re putting together a new monthly video series that answers common questions about our worship—things like “Why do pastors wear stoles? Why do we stand for the Gospel? What do the banners mean?”

Before we launch, we'd love your input! Vote for your favorite series idea or share your own. Your feedback will help shape how we share these stories and traditions with the whole church.

Take the survey by scanning the QR code or visiting the survey at <https://bit.ly/StJohns101>



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! Sign up by scanning the QR code or by emailing Jay or Coleen Sedberry at jay.and.coleen@gmail.com

The next home game is Saturday, September 13 at 2:30 p.m. The parking lot will open at 10:30 a.m.

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