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

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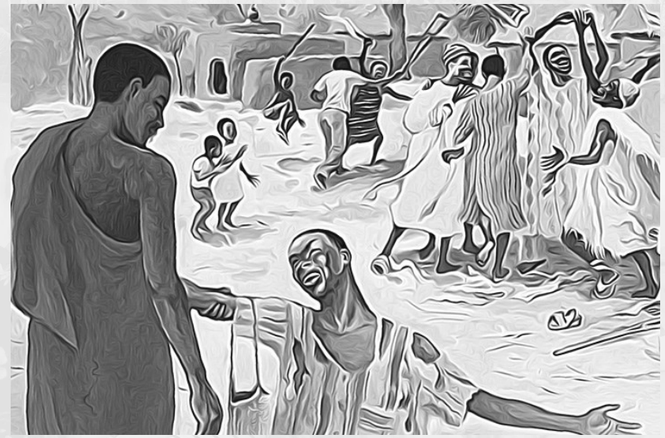

From the Lectionary
Healing of the Ten Lepers
JESUS MAFA

This image is from Jesus Mafa which is a 1973 collective effort to create images that reflect the life of Jesus in a particular culture – among the Mafa people in Cameroon. The identity of the artist was never revealed because images from the life of Jesus were recreated as a community effort with actors and set designers; the person who captured the image was one artist among many.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
David Lanehart
Nathan Holland
(brother of Nick & Joey Holland-Garcia)
Judy Butler
(cousin of Larry Howard)
The Family of Jose Portillo
(Larry Howard's former co-worker)

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 12, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Awake, O Sleeper — Max Miller (1927-2023)

*Call to Worship — Matthew DiLeo
Eternal God, Source of all life, for all Creation, and for your grace,
with grateful hearts, we thank you!
Risen Christ, for your love and healing touch, your dying and rising,
with grateful hearts, we thank you!
Holy Spirit, for your mystery, for your beauty, for your power in us,
with grateful hearts, we thank you!
May our lives be a prayer of thanks and praise!

*Hymn No. 66 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven — LAUDA ANIMA

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Reading - Psalm 66, p. 528 — Frank Anguiano

A Time for Young Disciples — Lola Smith-Gentry
Hymn No. 405 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Seek Ye, First the Kingdom of God — SEEK YE

As the children arrive
Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things
shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

As the children depart
Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and the door shall
be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

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

Lighting a Candle — Rev. Josh Stueve & Frank Anguiano
for Peace, Hope, and Justice

The light shines in the darkness.
We stand in this light, unshaken, knowing that the darkness has never overcome the light.

Let us recommit ourselves to walking in Jesus' ways of justice.
Empower us, Jesus, to boldly use
the freedom and power given to us
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves.

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.

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

Act of Praise — Lauren Ziegenhorn, Mezzo-Soprano & Zach Franklin, Baritone
I'll Fly Away — Arr. Joel Raney

*Gospel Lesson - Luke 17: 11-19, p. 80, N.T. — Matthew DiLeo
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Thanksgiving — Frank Anguiano
Creator God, for the gifts of Creation, for earth and sea, sky and stars, for plants and animals and all living creatures, and for food that you give us,
we give you thanks!
For the gifts of beauty, for art and music, for literature and drama, for the beauty of each culture and every language,
we give you thanks!
For the gifts of community, for all those who have come before us, for those who have taught us and provided for us, for all those who have helped us in our life's journey,
we give you thanks!
For family and loved ones, for love that has not failed us, for friends who have stood by us in hard times,
we give you thanks!
For the gift of Christ, your love embodied among us, and for the gift of faith, for our traditions, for scripture and teachings of wisdom, for the whole Body of Christ, all people who seek union with you throughout the world,
we give you thanks!
For your grace, walking with us each moment of our lives, for your forgiveness and your guidance, for your blessings even in the hardest of times, and your abiding presence, for your amazing love poured out into us and through us,
we give you thanks!
May we always be grateful.
May our lives be songs of humble, joyful praise!

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

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

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir, Naehyeog Kang, solo
It is a Good Thing to Give Thanks — arr. David Hurd

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord;
and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to tell of your loving kindness early in the morning,
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
on the psaltery and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp.
For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;
And I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord;
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High.

*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. 60 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath — OLD 113TH

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Prelude in A minor — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Altar flowers this morning are given by Emalie Endsley in memory of Brent Owens Endsley and his birthday on October 11 and in celebration of Rick Endsley and his birthday on October 12.

Ministry Fair Final Week
This is the last week of the ministry fair at St. John's. Come visit with the Animus, Aldersgate, Shepherd's, Journey, and newly formed Mosiac Sunday School classes.

Men's Breakfast
The next Men's Breakfast will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 18 at St. John's. All men of the church are invited to join.

Celebrating Dylan & Rachel
The St. John's youth parents will be hosting a shower for Dylan & Rachel on Saturday, October 18 from 1:00—3:00 p.m. at the home of Donna Chander (5001 95th St.). All are invited to join in celebration!

Reconciling Sunday Next Week
Our 27th anniversary of becoming a reconciling congregation will be celebrated during worship on Sunday, October 19.

Charge Conference
Charge Conference will take place on Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Grace UMC in Lubbock (11919 Frankford Ave.)