

**WE'RE
SO GLAD
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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 Blackwell

Director of Youth Ministries
Kyle Collins
Director of Communications
Trish Hernandez
Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary

Woman at the Well
Cara Hochhalter

"In many of the stories, Jesus, as peacemaker, reaches across societal boundaries to show God's inclusive love for all people."



The Rev. Cara B. Hochhalter is a United Church of Christ (UCC) minister. She received her Masters of Divinity from United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities in Minnesota, where she studied the intersections of art, theology and justice. She served the Charlemont Federated Church in Massachusetts for ten years and now lives in Hyde Park, New York.

The images in her book, *A Challenging Peace in the Life and Stories of Jesus* were created through the simple print-making process of carving out a block, applying ink and pulling a print. Cara says, "The interaction of light and dark is important in each image as we cannot have one without the other. The dark defines the light, and vice versa. I find this to be theological as we look to the whole—the light and the dark, the joy and the despair, the peace and the conflict—all under an umbrella of Divine Love that yearns for wholeness."

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
 St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
 Julia Christensen
 Glenn Stueve
 Selah Wright
 Brandi Spence
 Marilyn Reid
 The Family of Dorothy Ford
 The Family of Domingo Cervantez
 The Family of Bunny Kennedy

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**Third Sunday
in Lent**
Sunday, March 8, 2026
10:30 a.m.



Address: 1501 University Ave. Lubbock, TX 79401
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The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need arr. David Hurd (b.1950)

*Call to Worship Rev. Janie Noble

Creator God, we come, thirsty for your Word.

You offer to us flowing water, and we give you praise.

Loving Christ, we come to you hungry for your grace.

You touch living springs within us, and we give you thanks.

Holy Spirit, we come to you thirsty,

yet you hunger for us to be vessels for you.

You nourish us for service, and we give you our lives.

Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 127 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

A Time for Young Disciples Rev. Ann Akin
Hymn No. 141 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Children of the Heavenly Father TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

As the children arrive

1. Children of the heavenly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given.

As the children depart:

2. God his own doth
tend and nourish;
in his holy courts they flourish;
from all evil things he spares them;
in his mighty arms he bears them.

Following the message, children Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to
Sunday School for storytelling, arts & crafts & a snack.
We will meet at the church nursery.

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

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 Jack Hays, Tenor
I Wonder as I Wander John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Listening Prayer Rev. Janie Noble

Like the woman who came to draw water at a well,
we come to draw life from you, O God

Jesus, as you spoke to her, so you speak to us now.

Fill us with your grace, and help us to worship in spirit and in truth.

**May your grace become a spring of living water in us,
gushing up to eternal life. Amen.**

*You're invited to stand at moments in this service marked with an asterisk.

**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

A Reading of John 4: 5-42
Arranged for St. John's UMC by Alan Winner

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

*Poetry Reading Rev. Ann Akin
Ghazal: Woman at the Well Carolyn Wright

THANKSGIVING

*Invitation to the Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn No. 465 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Holy Spirit, Truth Divine CANTERBURY

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Behold And See arr. Roger Forester

(text from Lamentations 1:2)

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?

Behold and see, if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

*Doxology and Presentation of Gifts No. 95
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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. 431 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Let There Be Peace on Earth WORLD PEACE

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve
Loving God, your Spirit is within us, a flowing spring of love.
May we be a vessel of your grace,
an ample jug for the water of your love for all people.
Send us, refreshed, in the name and the company of Christ.
Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Postlude on the tune, DIADEMATA arr. Stacy Piontek

Reader's Theater

Rev. Josh Stueve

Rev. Ann Akin
Carolyn Wright

Rev. Josh Stueve

St. John's Chancel Choir
arr. Roger Forester

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Clint Barrick
arr. Stacy Piontek

Save the Date for VBS

Kids will become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, who is reporting on the events, Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope.

Join us for VBS July 8 –10 from 5:30—7:30 p.m. Open for campers ages Pre-K through 5th grade.

United Women in Faith Monthly Meeting

United Women in Faith will hold their next meeting on Saturday, March 14 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at St. John's. Margie Sorley will lead the program "Mapping Our Meanders."

Holy Week

Join St. John's as we observe Holy Week, from the heights of Palm Sunday and the depths of Good Friday to the joy of Easter morning! Join us for:

Palm Sunday, March 29 at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 5 for a Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. and
Traditional Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Easter Activities

You're invited to join St. John's and bring your favorite dish to Easter Brunch on Sunday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room!

St. John's will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please consider donating pre-filled eggs for this fun activity! Pre-filled eggs can be dropped off at the booth in the hallway.

Mental Health First Aid Training

In partnership with StarCare, St. John's will be hosting Mental Health First Aid Training on Saturday, May 2. Registrants will receive a link for a 2-hour virtual pre-coursework in early April to prepare for the training in May.

Sign up by scanning the QR code with the camera app on your phone or visiting the table in the hallway.

