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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
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Assistant Facilities Manager

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



From the Lectionary

The Resurrection of Our Lord
Matthew Rosebrock

"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come see the place where he lay." The Resurrection means everything for you, me, and all of creation. Behold He is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

I am a pastor, theologian, and author interested in the intersection of theology and culture. I write and present regularly in academic and public settings concerning the roles of the visual arts, visual culture, aesthetics, and imagination in the theology of the Church.

I hold a B.A. in Studio Art from Concordia University Chicago (2005), M.Div. from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis (2010), and a Ph.D. in Theology from Fuller Theological Seminary (2017) with a concentration in Theology and Culture.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
Glenn Stueve
Selah Wright

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 **ST. JOHN'S**
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude St. John's Choral Scholars
Nunc Dimittis Esenvalds

*Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
secundum verbum tuum in pace:
Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum,
Quod parasti ante faciem omnium
populorum,
Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et
gloriam plebis tuae Israel.*

*Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et
semper, et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.*

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant
depart in peace
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen
thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the
face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles
and to be the
glory of thy people Israel.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and
ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.*

*Easter Proclamation Rev. Dave Treat

In love Christ became empty.
and obedient to death on a cross.
But Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed!
Christ is raised from the dead by the love of God!
The Crucified One is risen!
Christ has conquered by the cross!
Our hope is in Christ! Alleluia!
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not, will not, can not overcome it.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! ALLELUIA!

*Hymn No. 302 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ The Lord Is Risen Today EASTER HYMN

A Time for Young Disciples Frank Goode
Hymn No. 304 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Easter People, Raise Your Voices REGENT SQUARE

As the children arrive and depart:

*1. Easter people raise your voices,
Sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us Heaven's choices;
Heavenly music, let it ring,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter people let us sing.*

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Josh Stueve
God in your graciousness/mercy
Hear our prayer.

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 Jeannie Barrick, soprano
I Know that My Redeemer Liveth George Frederick Handel (1685-1759)
from *Messiah*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 28: 1-10, p. 33-34, N.T. Rev. Dave Treat
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Affirmation of Faith Rev. Ann Akin
God of love, you have raised Jesus from death to life!
Lead us always into newness of life.
Light of Christ, rising as the sun on a new day,
overcoming the darkness of sin and death,
**shine on our path, chase away all darkness,
and lead us to the heart of God.**
Light of Christ, rising in glory,
be the light of our hearts!
Spirit of Resurrection, grant us your grace.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
Let All The World in Every Corner Sing Vaughan Williams

*Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.*

*The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;
But above all the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!*

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: Kelley LaRue & Marcy Stueve

Invitation to the Table Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting E, p. 24 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Invitation to the Offering

Music for Communion St. John's Choral Scholars
In Manus Tuas Thomas Tallis

*In manus tuas, Domine,
commendo spiritum meum.
Redemisti me Domine, Deus
veritatis.*

*Into your hands, O Lord,
I commend my spirit.
You have redeemed me, O Lord, O
God of truth.*

Hymns for Communion
Hymn No. 618 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Let Us Break Bread Together LET US BREAK BREAD

Hymn No. 623 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Here, O My Lord, I See Thee PENITENTIA

Prayer After Communion Rev. Ann Akin
Gracious God, we thank you for the mystery that you give yourself to us. By the mystery of your love you have raised Christ from the dead. Love is alive in and among us. We rejoice and give thanks. 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, who 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. 303 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
The Day of Resurrection LANCASHIRE

Benediction Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin
God of love, you have raised Jesus from death to life!
Lead us always into newness of life.
Light of Christ, rising as the sun on a new day, overcoming the darkness of sin and death,
shine on our path, chase away all darkness, and lead us to the heart of God.
Light of Christ, rising in glory,
be the light of our hearts!
Spirit of Resurrection, grant us your grace.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude St. John's Chancel Choir
Hallelujah G.F. Handel



Altar flowers this morning have been graciously given by Justin Hughes in memory of his grandparents, Royce and Neysa Beights.