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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 Preacher—Juneteenth Memorial Eddie Dixon

Eddie Dixon's pieces are true to the spirit of Juneteenth, as news of freedom quickly spread amongst the freedmen and the enslaved. Mr. Dixon's pieces join his first sculpture for the Carver, "Go Forth," which is seated on the front plaza of the campus. Dixon literally exploded on the art world with his first commission—a sculpture of the only Black Fighter Pilot during World War I, Eugene Bullard, for the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Today, Mr. Dixon's art can be found in national historical sites, the Pentagon, West Point, U.S. Department of Interiors, U.S. State Department, the Smithsonian National History Museums, and in many museums, war memorials, and national parks throughout the United States and in more than fifty countries abroad.



Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
 St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
 Bella Cruz
 Rev. Janie Noble
 Jennifer Pierce
 Glenn Stueve
 Jonathan Krebs
 Madison Page
 Rev. Scott Campbell

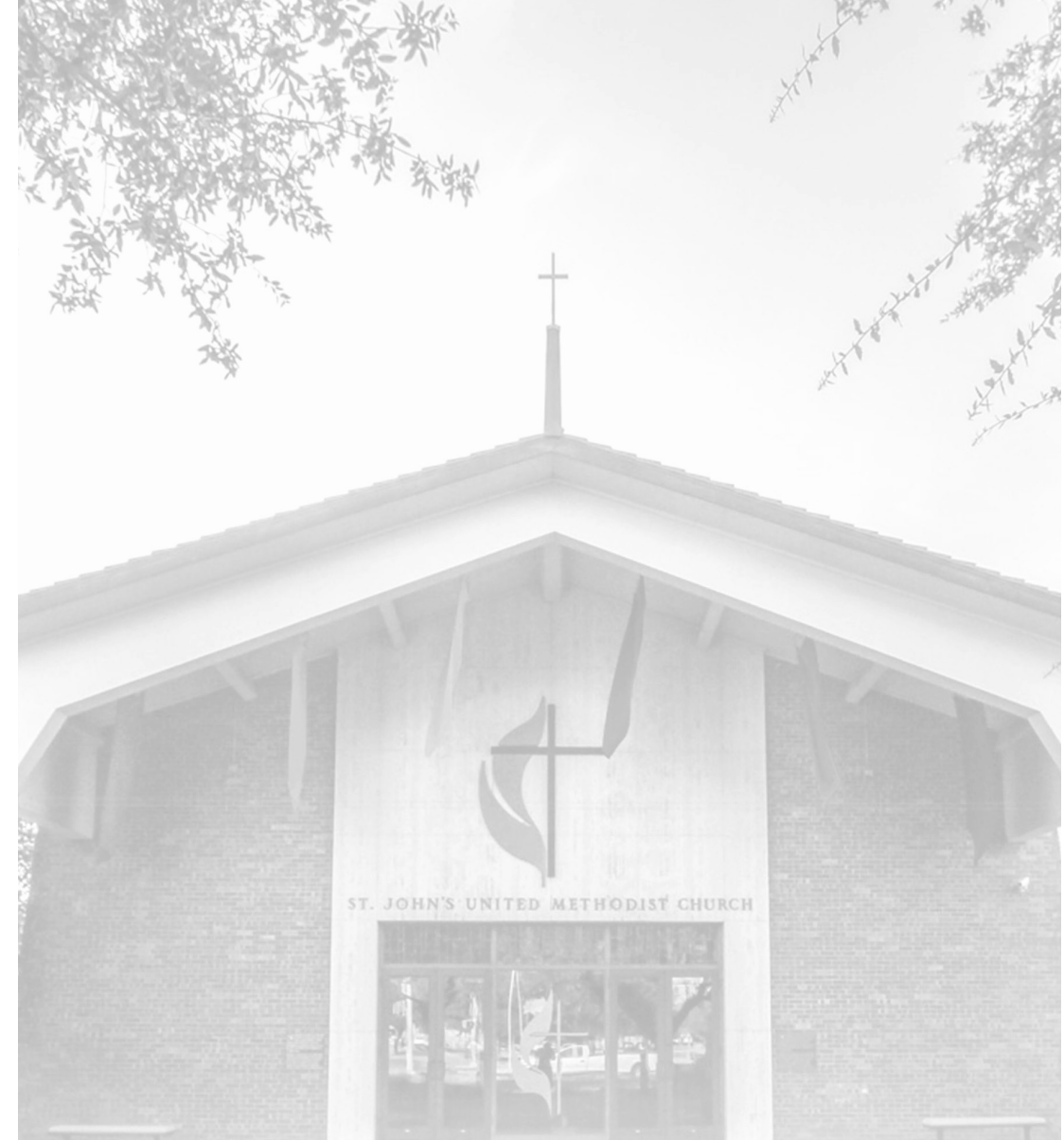
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Third Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, June 14, 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 and Ann Akin

Prelude Clint Barrick
Air from Suite No. 3 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship VelvetLee Elder
We gather today as people with unique experiences and perspectives.
Together, we worship our Divine Creator as one body.
One body that is made more complete when we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth of all persons.
We are one in Christ, one with each other and one ministry to all the world.
Let us open our hearts, arms and minds to God and one another.
May we listen for what the Spirit of the Living God has to say to us today.
May the good news of the gospel inspire and lead us into the world.
For we are called to be the church all the time and in all the places we are.

*Hymn No. 568 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Christ for the World We Sing ITALIAN HYMN

A Time for Young Disciples Jatawn Mahan
Hymn No. 277 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus STORIES OF JESUS

As the children arrive

Verse 1

Tell me the stories of Jesus
I love to hear;
things I would ask him
to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside,
tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

As the children depart

Verse 2

First let me hear how the children
stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing
resting on me;
words full of kindness,
deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

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. Ann Akin
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 Clint Barrick, piano
Melodie (Lyric Pieces) Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

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

**Please silence all cell phones and electronic devices.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 9:35 - 10:8, p. 9-10, N.T. VelvetLee Elder
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response Rev. Ann Akin
Sent Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." - Matthew 9: 37

Friend, you weren't merely born, you were sent.
You're not just living a life; you're on a mission.
Your purpose is not so small as to avoid death or even enjoy life, but to embody resurrection.
To offer healing and peace. To seed the world with love.
To be, in words and deeds, a proclamation - living proof - that the Reign of God is here.
All the love you've received has prepared you for this.
All the wisdom you've been given goes with you.
You are surrounded, supported, cheered, aided by millions, unseen yet connected, and present.
We are not-so-secret agents, infiltrating the Kingdom of Fear on behalf of the Realm of Grace.
You are sent, guided, and protected by the Spirit of Love.
Be not afraid. I am with you. Go.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 427 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life GERMANY

Anthem St. John's Chancel Choir
With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw (1875-1958)

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.
With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Declare ye this and let it be heard, Alleluia.

*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. 573 *The United Methodist Hymnal*
O Zion, Haste TIDINGS

Benediction Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude Clint Barrick
Allegretto (Organ Sonata No. 2) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

PFLAG Monthly Meeting

The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will hold their monthly meeting at St. John's in the Garden Room on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 p.m.

LubbockPRIDE & Worship Service & Celebration

St. John's will have a booth at LubbockPRIDE on Saturday, June 27. If you would like to volunteer at the St. John's booth, there is a sign-up list in the hallway.

On Sunday, June 28, we'll celebrate Pride Sunday with a special worship service at 10:30 a.m. & a hot dog/hamburger cookout after. Sign-ups are available in the hallway for veggies, sides, and desserts.



VBS at St. John's

Guided daily by Ollie the Arctic Seal, kids will gear up for frosty games, snowy surprises, hands-on lessons about faith, and will learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope.

Wednesday, July 8 - Friday, July 10
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help in all areas of Vacation Bible School, including group leaders, recreation, meal prep, and crafts.

Register a camper at: <https://bit.ly/SJUMCvbs2026>

Register to volunteer at: <https://bit.ly/SJUMCvbsvolunteer2026>

Paper registration forms are available in the hallway.