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

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
Feeding the Multitudes
Cara B. Hochhalter

This story is told in all four gospels, giving it significance and describing a situation to which we can all relate. It is late, people are hungry and there is seemingly not enough food. The disciples want to send the crowd away to buy food in the villages, but Jesus says something that seems impossible. He tells them to feed the people themselves. In this metaphorical miracle, Jesus takes the five loaves and two fish, he blesses them—giving thanks to God, breaks the bread, and then gives them to the disciples to feed the people. After all are fed, there are twelve baskets of broken pieces left...It is heartbreaking to think of the amount of hunger in the world when we are told that there is enough. We see so much waste. Perhaps Jesus wanted us to recognize the miracle of sharing and our own abilities to help others, focusing on abundance and not scarcity...

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
The Family of Glenn Stueve
Jonathan Krebbs
Marion Denson
(Mother of Debra Denson-Whitehead)
The Family of Roxie Hughes
(Sister-in-Law of Justin Hughes)
The Family of David Robert Ralston
(Father of Allison Matherly-Pierce)

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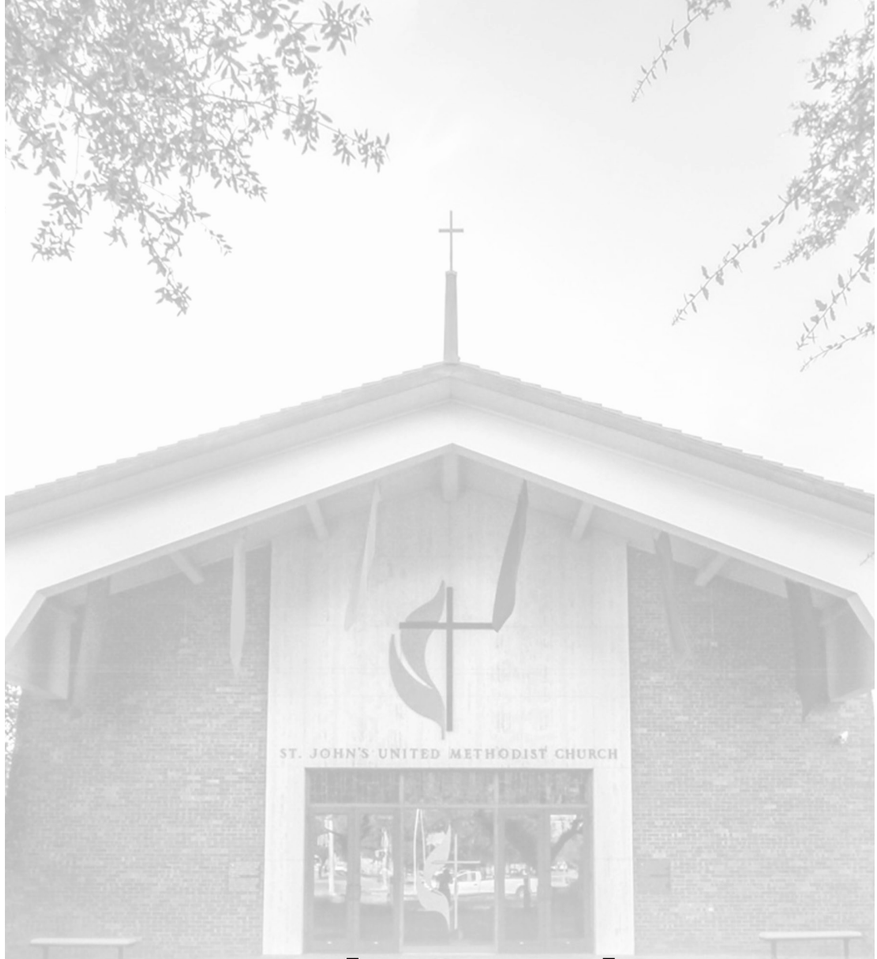

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 2, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Revs. Ann Akin & Josh Stueve

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

*Call to Worship — Allison Matherly-Pierce
Come, all you who are thirsty!
Come, all you who are hungry!
Come to the waters.
Come to the hillside.
Buy wine and milk, without money and without cost.
Take these fish and these loaves–take as much as you want.
We know the rain comes down from heaven, making the earth bud and flourish.
We have heard that all ate and were filled–5,000 men, plus women and children.
Come, all of you who fear there is not enough.
Come and know the abundance of our God.
- Joanna Harader, *Spacious Faith*

*Hymn, No. 384 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — BEECHER

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 — Paul Shuey, baritone
My Lord, What a Morning — arr. William Farley Smith (1941-1997)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson -Matthew 14:13-21, p. 16, N.T. — Allison Matherly-Pierce
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Ann Akin

Prayer of Response — Allison Matherly-Pierce
Send the Crowds Away — Steve Garnaas-Holmes

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.)

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

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: Dylan & Rachel Blackwell

Invitation to the Table — Revs. Ann Akin & Josh Stueve
The Great Thanksgiving, Musical Setting D, p. 23
Invitation to the Offering

Communion Anthem — St. John's Summer Choir
In Remembrance — Buryl Red

Hymn for Communion
Hymn No. 629 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart — GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

Prayer After Communion — Rev. Ann Akin
Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Ann Akin
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. 617 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
I Come with Joy — DOVE OF PEACE

Benediction — Rev. Ann Akin
As we go out into the world the words of Jesus go with us:
"Give them something to eat. What do you have?"
And so we go, committed to do what we can.
Being good stewards of the gifts God has given us, being agents of love and justice in a world that sorely needs both.
As you go to live and serve, remember that you do not go alone.
We are not alone. We live in God's World. Thanks be to God. Amen.
- Gord Waldie, *Worship Offerings*

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Jerusalem — Hubert Parry (1848-1918)

Altar flowers this morning are given by Joylynne Harris in honor of her new job and great uncle John Morehead's birthday.

United Women in Faith Monthly Meeting
United Women in Faith will hold their next monthly meeting on Saturday, August 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Conference Room at St. John's. VelvetLee Elder will lead the program "Well With Our Souls" based on 3 John 1—6.

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 9 St. John's will honor and recognize those in the education field at our annual Blessing of the Backpacks worship service. All are invited to join and receive a free backpack tag. Backpack tags will also be available in the hallway for the rest of August.

Bee Here Ministry Fair
Save the date for this year's Bee Here Ministry Fair! On Sunday, August 23, you're invited to explore various ministry booths and discover the areas that align with your passions, talents, and interests. Whether it's nurturing the youth, supporting outreach programs, or lending your creative skills to worship, you'll find your perfect fit.

After the 10:30 a.m. worship service, we will have a sandwich lunch in the Garden Room. Sandwiches and sides will be provided by the church. The congregation is invited to bring their favorite cookies to share.