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
The Sower
Vincent Van Gogh

Van Gogh had a special interest in sowers throughout his artistic career. All in all, he made more than 30 drawings and paintings on this theme. He painted this sower in the autumn of 1888. We witness the farmer out in the fields, doing the work, sowing his seed courageously, humbly, generously. An act of faithfulness and hope. At the time, Van Gogh was working together with Paul Gauguin (1848-1903). Gauguin believed that in his work Van Gogh should draw less on reality and more on his imagination.

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
Jonathan Krebbs
Bella Cruz
Jennifer Shirey
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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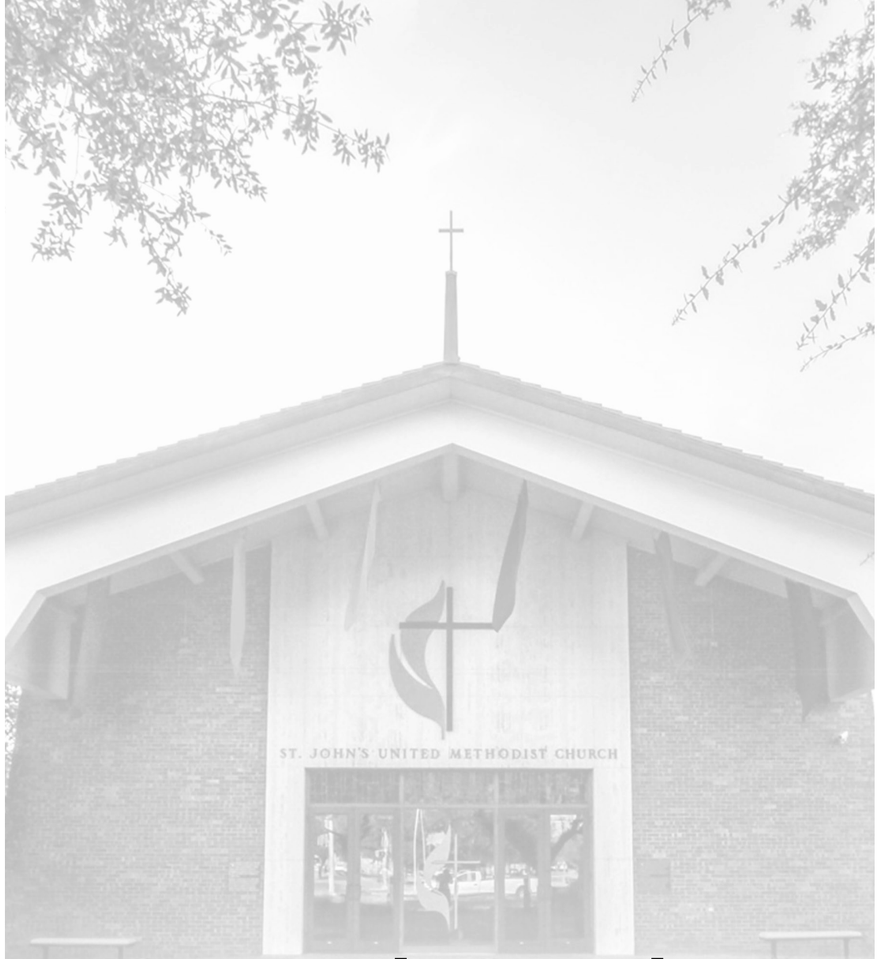

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude — Ralph Tamper
Arioso — James H. Rogers (1857-1940)

*Call to Worship — Sara Yancey
God of truth, sow the seed of your Word in our hearts.
We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts.
Loving Christ, sow the seeds of healing
and growth in our bodies and souls.
We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts.
Holy Spirit, sow the seeds of your love in our lives.
We receive your grace with glad and generous hearts. Alleluia!

*Hymn, No. 451 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Be Thou My Vision — SLANE

A Time for Young Disciples
Hymn No. 405 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Seek Ye First — 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 ye shall find.
Knock, and the door
shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

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 — Leslie Cranford, Dan Powers, Lory Powers, Alan Winner, and Ralph Tamper, piano
Let Not Your Heart be Troubled — Oley Speaks arr. Lucien G. Chaffin

Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God.
Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God,
believe also in me, ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you;
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid;
ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto to you;
not as the world giveth, give I unto you.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*Gospel Lesson -Matthew 13:1-9, p. 13, N.T. — Sara Yancey
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response — Sara Yancey
"A sower went out to sow their seed." - Matthew 13: 3
You may be asking: "sow what?"
(Sorry I couldn't help myself)
Our contributions may seem small,
our growth slow, our impact scattered.
Know this...we have seeds.
Each seed is an act of faithfulness and hope
in the hands of the Spirit of Surprise,
the Lord of the Harvest, the Great Sower.
Sow your seed. Even amidst fear and doubt, pain and grief.
Offer it to God and see what springs up.
Dare to trust the message that the Kingdom of Heaven comes by seeds.
So, what seeds are in your hands and heart?
What are you holding that needs to be shared?
Who needs to be encouraged to stop hiding and start sowing?

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 707 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Hymn of Promise — PROMISE

*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. 664 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Sent Forth by God's Blessing — THE ASH GROVE

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Ralph Tamper
Joyful Recessional — Cyrus Mallard (1927-2017)

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

Last Day to Sign Up for Dinner for 8
This is the last day to sign up for Dinner for 8. Groups will hold their dinners during August, September, and October. You can sign up by:

1. Using the sign-up sheet in the hallway on Sunday mornings
2. Calling the church office (806-762-0123)
3. Sending Kyle an email at communications@stjohnslubbock.org

United Women in Faith Presentation
United Women in Faith will be hosting a presentation on Saturday, July 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the Garden Room to recap and discuss the national United Women in Faith Assembly held earlier this year. Keynote speakers at the assembly were Stacey Abrahms and her mother, Rev. Carolyn Abrahms, who is retired UMC clergy. All are invited to join.

Ice Cream Social
Join in celebrating the start of Josh and Marcy's fifth year at St. John's with an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 26 at 4:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Sign-ups for ice cream and toppings are available in the hallway.