

**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.

Rev. Josh Stueve

Senior Pastor

Rev. Ann Akin

Associate Pastor

Clint Barrick

Organist

Tim Algate

Choral Conductor

David Cranford

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Rachel Blackwell

Director of Youth Ministries

Kyle Collins

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Communications

Trish Hernandez

Director of Childcare Ministries

From the Lectionary

You Are Worthy

Lauren Wright Pittman

How often does society wish us to feel like we are wasting soil? The whole capitalist system lurches forward, powered by our collective sense of unworthiness and our searching for worth based on what we produce. This parable upends the notion that we are what we produce, and speaks truth: you are worthy. You deserve rest and care simply for existing. What a gift!

In this image, I wanted the fig tree to look unremarkable, surrounded by the hands of the Gardener reaching down to lovingly massage the soil. The sleeves contain patterning of simplified visual references to everything a plant needs to not only survive, but to thrive. Starting close to the roots and moving upward, the patterns include water, air, sunlight, nutrients, and space. The emphasis in this image is on what is happening below the surface, in the depths of the dirt. The roots stretch toward the hands of the Gardener as the specks of dirt seem to also image the stars of the vast universe. Within us, despite what we produce, despite what can be seen at the surface, we contain multitudes. We bear the image of God, and our mere existence makes us worthy of Sabbath and the loving arms of the Gardener reaching out to provide us with everything we need.



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 Krebs

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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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 19, 2026

10:30 a.m.

The Worship of God - 10:30 A.M. Service		
ENTRANCE		
**Gathering	Rev. Josh Stueve	
Prelude	Clint Barrick	
*Call to Worship (inspired by Psalm 139)	Greg Carley	
All-loving God, We gather in with praise and thanksgiving for who you are, and for all you have done for us. You love and know us, our whole life long. No matter where we go or what we do, Your love encircles us - gently leading, guiding, and blessing. You love and know us, our whole life long. May your spirit move in and through us as we worship: examine our attitudes and actions, lay bare the things we need to confess, challenge us with your scripture, and guide us on to paths that lead to life. You love and know us, our whole life long. Alleluia!		
*Hymn, No. 92 <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> DIX	
A Time for Young Disciples Hymn No. 405 <i>Seek Ye First</i>	Lola Smith-Gentry <i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> SEEK YE	
As the children arrive <i>Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!</i>	As the children depart <i>Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find. Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!</i>	
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 God in your graciousness/mercy Hear our prayers.	Rev. Josh Stueve	
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 <i>In the Garden</i>	Paul Shuey, Baritone C. Austin Miles (1868-1946)	

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE		
*Gospel Lesson -Matthew 13:24-30, p. 14, N.T. The word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.	Greg Carley	

Sermon	Rev. Josh Stueve
Prayer of Response <i>A Farmer In a Field</i>	Greg Carley Rev. Carolyn Gillette
A farmer in a field sowed good and healthy seeds. But in the cover of the night, somebody planted weeds.	
The wheat grew tall and strong, but thistles flourished, too. The workers saw the mix of them and wondered what to do.	
The farmer wisely said, "They'll grow as one today, But when we harvest all the wheat, we'll throw the weeds away."	
O Lord, we want to know why evil prospers here — Why, next to love and justice, grow such hatred, pride and fear.	
God, may we humbly see the harvest still is yours; And one day we'll be blessed to find that love is what endures.	
THANKSGIVING	
Invitation to an Offering	Rev. Josh Stueve
*Hymn, No. 147 <i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> ROYAL OAK
*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. 694 <i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i>	<i>The United Methodist Hymnal</i> ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR
Benediction	Rev. Josh Stueve
<i>Please be seated for the Postlude</i>	
Postlude <i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	Clint Barrick Francis Jackson (1917-2022)

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

PFLAG Monthly Meeting
The Lubbock chapter of PFLAG will hold their monthly meeting at St. John's in the Garden Room on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.



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.

Altar Flower Calendar
The altar flower sign-up list is available in the church office. Arrangements are \$75 and are yours to take home after the service. Thank you for helping us to glorify God by sharing some of the beauty of God's creation!

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