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 Daughter of the Canaanite Woman
Peter Koenig

Peter Koenig is a Catholic artist whose goal in life is "to paint the drama, romance and poetry of the sacred book" (https://www.pwkoenig.co.uk/). The Canaanite woman kneels before Jesus to beg for her daughter's healing—her face shows her weariness and desperate plea. The disciples are visibly flustered with the woman while one tries to pull Jesus away from her. Jesus, nevertheless, stretches out his hand to help the woman and her daughter. This happens, however, only after she turns his insult to her into an opportunity to teach: "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table" (Matthew 15:27). May we all be as humble as Jesus to admit when we are wrong and treat others with respect and compassion.

Please Remember in Prayer:

St. John's Pastors, Staff, Small Council, and Ministries
St. John's Members who are homebound or in assisted care
Jonathan Krebbs
The Family of Glenn Stueve
The Family of Calder Thomas
The Family of Abby Reimer
The Family of Rick Nelson
The Family of David Robert Ralston
(Father of Allison Matherly-Pierce)

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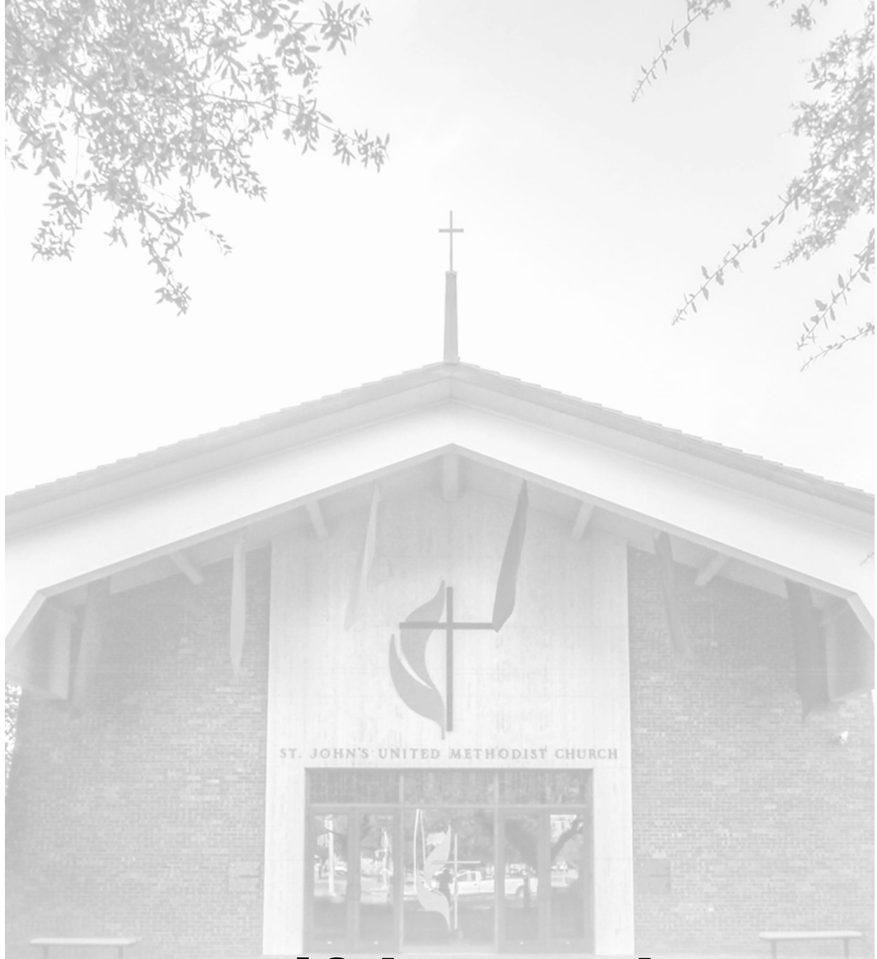

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16, 2026

10:30 a.m.

ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Revs. Josh Stueve and Ann Akin

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Sanctify Us by Thy Goodness — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship — Rev. Randy Cook
God of love, you create us, you love us, and you guide us.
God, we come to worship you.
Beloved Christ, you heal us and forgive us; you teach us and lead us.
Christ, we come to follow in your way of compassion.
Holy Spirit, you hold, empower, and unite us.
Holy One, we open our hearts to you. Transform us by your grace. Alleluia!

*Hymn No. 2237 — *The Faith We Sing*
As a Fire is Meant for Burning — BEACH SPRING

A Time for Young Disciples — Rev. Josh Stueve
Hymn No. 277 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Tell Me the Stories of Jesus — STORIES OF JESUS

As the children arrive
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
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
Reverie — Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hebrew Bible Lesson - Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7, p. 686 — Rev. Randy Cook
*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 15: 21-28, p. 17, N.T.
The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

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

Sermon — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prayer of Response — Rev. Ann Akin
A Canaanite woman started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." -Matthew 15:22

I wonder if the daughter ever knew how
tenaciously her mom sought her healing?
And, I wonder, how many people without
our knowing have prayed and advocated for us?
God, may we surround one another with a community of love and forgiveness, that we may grow in service to others. We pray for each other, that we may walk in the way that leads to life.

You are invited to pray in quiet for your neighbors

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 2213 — *The Faith We Sing*
Healer of Our Every Ill — HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Create in me a clean heart, O God — Carl F. Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
And hold me, uphold me with thy free spirit.

*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. 548 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
In Christ There Is No East or West — MCKEE

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve
May the grace of God bless us and shine upon us.
God's blessing goes with us.
May we sing for joy, for God's faithfulness and peace goes with us.
God's blessing goes with us.
May God continue to work in us - guiding, forming, and blessing us.
May God continue to bless us. Amen.

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
The Trumpets — Francois Couperin (1668-1733)

Altar flowers this morning are given by Rev. Dave & Dennie Treat in celebration of their 55th anniversary and Tricia Reed's birthday.

Parking Permits Now Available
Parking permits for the 2026-2027 Academic Year are now available for purchase on our website at www.stjohnslubbock.org.

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.

Supporting Raider Red's Food Pantry
We're helping out Raider Red's Food Pantry at Texas Tech! From August 30 through September 20 we'll be collecting various canned goods to help keep their pantry stocked. They currently need the following:

Peanut butter (creamy or crunchy)
Canned proteins (salmon, chicken, tuna, spam)
Pasta
Canned Beans
Ramen Noodles
Hygiene products (toothpaste, deodorant, soap, etc.)

Donations can be dropped off staring August 30 in the hallway.

Disciple Bible Study IV
This 32-week study concentrates on the Old Testament Writings, the Gospel of John, the Epistles of John, James, Jude, and, finally, Revelation. You do not have to have completed any of the previous Disciple studies to join this group!

A one-hour informational meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 31, 2026, in the Shepherd's Room.

The study begins Monday, September 14, 2026, and will meet from 6:00–8:00 p.m. each Monday.