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
Burning Bush
Annette Fortt

"Annette Gandy Fortt is a printmaker and painter who lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. Her work reflects her surroundings and the people who inhabit them. It is also deeply influenced by her Christian spiritual moorings. After twenty-nine years working as an artist while also teaching in the public schools of Memphis, New York and Northern Maryland, she has retired to focus on her craft. Presently Annette is working on a series of pieces in pastel that were inspired by her trip to Ghana in 2007.Since receiving her Master of Fine Arts degree at New York's Pratt Institute in 1981, Annette has shown widely in invitational, solo and juried shows in the New York and Washington D.C. metropolitan areas. Her work is held in numerous private and public collections."

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
Kay Neal
The Family of Calder Thomas
The Family of Abby Reimer
The Family of Rick Nelson

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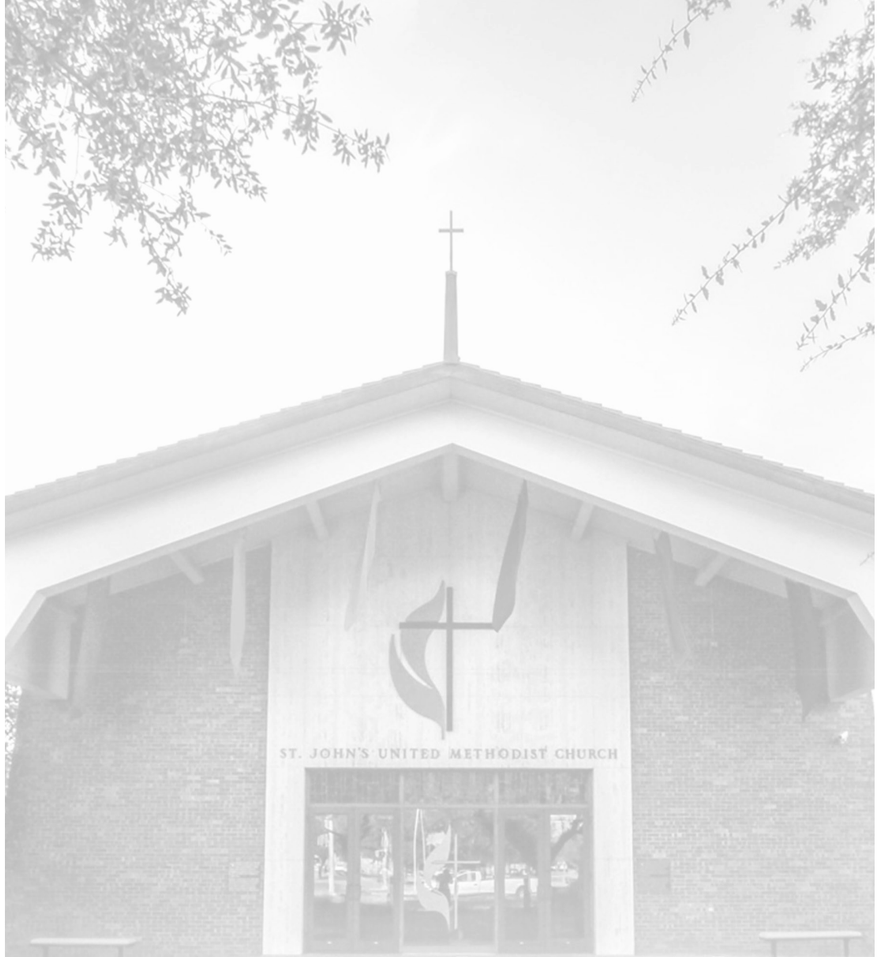

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

**Gathering — Rev. Josh Stueve

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Prelude in E minor, "Cathedral" — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

*Call to Worship — Rev. Dave Treat
God, you have heard the cries of your people.
You know the pain of those who suffer injustice.
You have called us to help set them free.
You have invited us to take up our cross and love despite the cost.
Give us compassion to hear the cries of the oppressed.
Give us courage to follow Jesus.
Speak to us, that our hearts, too,
may burn and not be consumed.

*Hymn No. 160 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart — MARION

A Time for Young Disciples — Johnny Nelson
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. 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 — Alex Neal, baritone
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy — Southern Harmony arr. Charles Webb

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Hebrew Bible Lesson - Exodus 3: 1-12, p. 50 — Rev. Dave Treat
*Gospel Lesson - Matthew 16: 24-26, p. 18, 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. Dave Treat
"Those who want to save their life will lose it."
I confess I seek my own well-being separate from others.
I confess I would rather be safe than loving.
"But those who lose their life for love's sake will find it."
Give me faith to risk for the sake of love.
Give me courage to choose justice over my security.
I give you my life, God, that you may
give life back to me, new and free.
"Take up your cross and follow me."
God, give me grace to follow Jesus,
by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 2130 — The Faith We Sing
The Summons — *KELVINGROVE*

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir, Emma Davis, descant
Take Up Your Cross — Thomas Keesecker

"Take up your cross," the Savior said,
"if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after me."

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall
bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart,
and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross;
heed not the shame,
and let your foolish pride be still;
the Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross,
and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear
the glorious crown.

*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. 159 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Lift High the Cross — CRUCIFER

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Fugue in E minor, "Cathedral" — J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Altar flowers this morning are given by Mary Vines. Mary & Darrell are celebrating 60 years of being members at St. John's.

Altar flowers are also given for Bob and Jane Haynes who would have been married 60 years on August 20.
We want to say thank you to St. John's for showing us love and grace as we grieve the loss of Bob in April.
Sincerest thanks from Jane, Deborah, Eric, and Cash.

Supporting Raider Red's Food Pantry
From August 30 through September 20 we are collecting supplies to stock their pantry. They request the following items:

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

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

Variety Show Auditions This Week
We're looking for all kinds of acts for our upcoming Variety Show—not just singers and musicians! Whether you tell jokes, perform magic, dance, juggle, recite poetry, do impressions, or have another special talent, we'd love to see what you can do.

Auditions will be Tuesday, September 1, at 6:00 p.m.at St. John's.

Game Day Parking
St. John's sells parking spots for $10 during TTU home games and we need volunteers to help work the parking lot! Scan the QR code to sign-up.

The first home game of the season is Saturday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. The parking lot will open at 2:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast
The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, September 12 at 9:00 a.m. in the Garden Room at St. John's. All men of the church are invited to join.