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 longtime 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 differentlyabled, 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.

Reconciling Ministries Network

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.

Meet Our Staff

To contact a member of our staff please call 8067620123, 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

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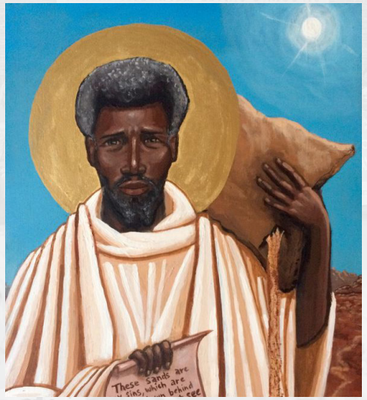

From the Lectionary
Moses the Ethiopian
Kelly Latimore

St. Moses was a slave of a government official in Egypt who dismissed him for theft and suspected murder. He eventually became the leader of a gang of hundreds of bandits who roamed the Nile Valley spreading terror and violence. After a failed robbery attempt he sought to hide from local authorities, taking shelter with some monks in a colony in the desert of Scete, near Alexandria. The dedication of their lives, as well as their peace and contentment, influenced Moses deeply.

He soon gave up his old way of life and joined the monastic community at Scete. In time St. Moses proved to be effective as a prophetic spiritual leader. When a brother committed a fault and Moses was invited to a meeting to discuss an appropriate penance, Moses refused to attend. When he was again called to the meeting, Moses took a leaking sack filled with sand and carried it on his shoulder. When he arrived at the meeting place, the others asked why he was carrying the sack. He replied, "These sands are my sins, which are running down behind me and I cannot see them, and yet I have come this day to judge shortcomings which are not mine..." On hearing this, the assembled brothers forgave the erring monk.

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 St. John's Confirmation Class
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Kay Neal
Leslie Cox
Donna Echols
Sally Abbe
The Family of Rick Nelson
The Family of Abby Reimer

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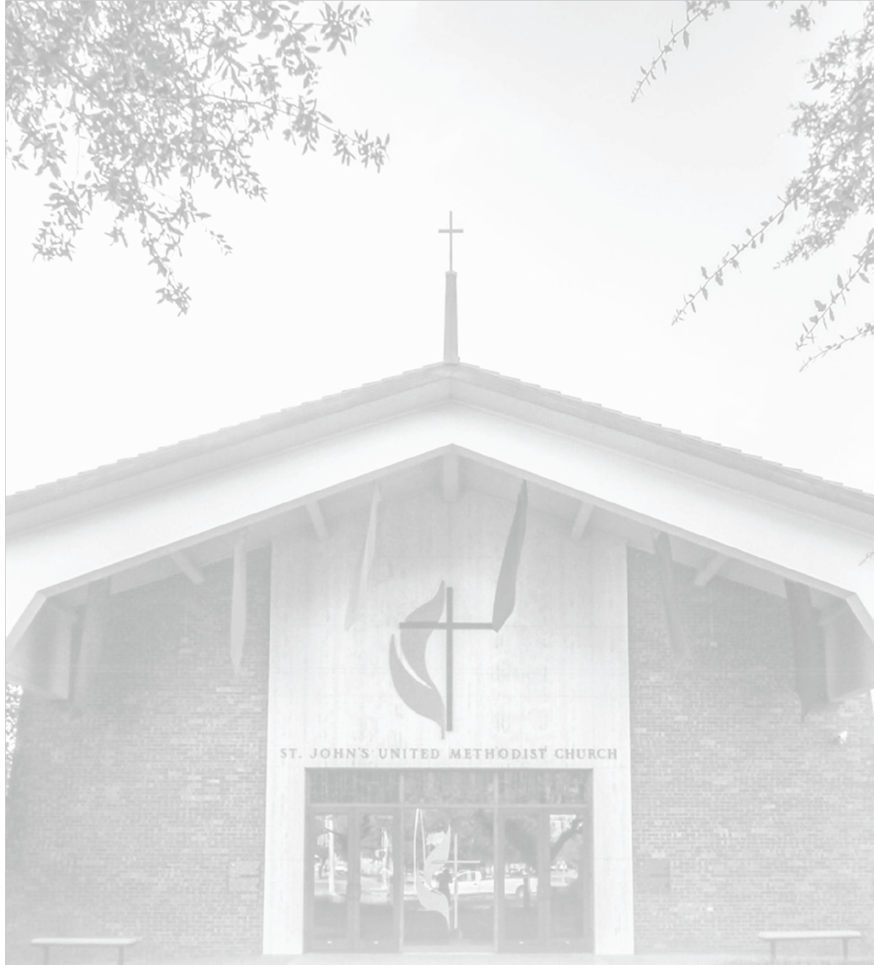

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 20, 2026

10:30 a.m.

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

ENTRANCE

Gathering — Revs. Josh Stueve & Ann Akin

Prelude — Clint Barrick
Blest Be the God of Israel — Basil Harwood (1859-1949)

*Call to Worship — Sarah Nuckolls
God of love, in the wonders of Creation
you feed our souls.
In the gifts of community, and those we love,
you feed our souls.
In your forgiveness, and the nourishment of your grace,
you feed our souls.
Through the gifts of prayer and scripture and worship
you feed our souls.
Today, we remember how you provided manna for the Israelites in the desert and how You sent Christ for our hungry souls.
So, as your scripture is read and your Word proclaimed,
feed our hungry souls. Amen.

*Hymn No. 132 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
All My Hope Is Firmly Grounded — MICHAEL

A Time for Young Disciples — Zoe Bradley
Hymn No. 2233 — *The Faith We Sing*
Where Children Belong — RITCHIE

As the children arrive & depart:
This, this is where children belong
welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.

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 — Jeannie Barrick & Lory Powers, sopranos
I Waited for the Lord — Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Scripture Lesson - Exodus 16: 2-18, p. 62-63 — Sarah Nuckolls
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

Poetry Reading — Rev. Ann Akin
Eat Bread and Understand Comfort — Mary Oliver

THANKSGIVING

Invitation to an Offering — Rev. Josh Stueve

*Hymn, No. 731 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken — AUSTRIA

Anthem — St. John's Chancel Choir
Grace — arr. Mark Hayes

Amazing grace!
How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
I once was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And that grace
my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour when I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snaresI have already safely come:
This grace hath brought me safe thus far,And surely grace will lead me home. I shall go home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, the glorious sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise, Than since the day we first begun.

*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, who 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. 671 — *The United Methodist Hymnal*
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing — SICILIAN MARINERS

Benediction — Rev. Josh Stueve

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Postlude — Clint Barrick
Fantasia — Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)

Altar flowers this morning are given by Mary Hamilton in celebration of Mike Hamilton's 88th birthday.

Last Day to Donate to Raider Red's Food Pantry
Thank you to all who donated food and hygiene products to help support Raider Red's Food Pantry at Texas Tech! Donations will be delivered to the pantry this week.

Common Table Meal
St. John's will be providing the Common Table meal at Co-Op Church on Sunday, September 20. Thanks to our volunteers!

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!
Sign up by scanning the QR code or by emailing Jay or Coleen Sedberry at jay.and.coleen@gmail.com

The next home game of the season is Saturday, September 26 at 11:00 a.m. The parking lot will open at 7:00 a.m.

Ice Cream Social
Join in celebrating Josh and Marcy's fifth year at St. John's with an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Garden Room. Sign-ups for ice cream and toppings are available in the hallway.

Workday at the South Plains Food Bank
United Women in Faith is sponsoring a work day at the South Plains Food Bank(5605 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.) on Saturday, October 3 from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. Use this link to register:
https://vhub.at/stjohnsumc