

* **Opening Hymn** “Rise and Shine” All
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Morning Prayer All, led by Anne McFarland
Loving God, for all the blessings of this life, we give thanks to you. We give thanks for families, friends, colleagues, neighbors, and the church. We give thanks for the people who nurture us so that your love may take root within us and grow strong. We give thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

Song (11:00) “This Little Light of Mine” Grace Garden
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This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine, etc.
Don't let anybody blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine, etc.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, etc.
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Children’s Time Shea Wilkins

Song (11:00) “Bubblin’” Grace Garden
B-b-b-bubblin', b-b-b-bubblin', b-b-b-bubblin', b-b-b-bubblin' ...
Jesus' love is a-bubblin' over, Jesus' love bubbles in my soul.
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B-b-b-bubblin', b-b-b-bubblin'...
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After Children’s Time, children are invited to go to Sunday school class.

*9:00 am: Preschool - 5th Grade in Room 103
11:00 am: Preschool - 3rd Grade in Room 103
4th and 5th Grade in Room 119*

Prayers of the People Rev. Randy Knighten

The Prayer of Jesus All, led by Rev. Knighten
Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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.**

Song for Illumination All
“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”
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Words of Life John 20:24-31 Michael Alverson

Message for Today “Belief” Rev. Marchbanks

* **Response** “This Is the Day” All
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Offertory Prayer All, led by Brooke Schroeder
Loving God, bless these gifts we share. Use our offerings to share your grace with the world. May these gifts be a witness to what we believe about your love bringing wholeness to the world. Amen.

Offertory Kaylie Warfield, soloist
“What a Wonderful World”

I see trees of green, red roses, too;
I see them bloom for me and you,
and I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

I see skies of blue and clouds of white,
the bright blessed day, the dark sacred night,
and I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky,
are also on the faces of people going by.
I see friends shaking hands, saying "How do you do!"
They're really saying, "I love you."

I hear babies cry, I watch them grow;
They'll learn much more that I'll ever know,
and I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."
Yes, I think to myself, "What a wonderful world."

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* **Song of Thanks** All
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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* **Our Mission** All, led by Rev. Marchbanks

* **We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Rev. Marchbanks

* **Sending Hymn** “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” All
(Lyrics are on the screen and in the hymnal.)


TFWS 2145 vv 1,3,2,1
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* **Grace Garden Benediction** All
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“Shalom”	“Go Now in Peace”
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* **Sharing the Peace of Christ** Rev. Marchbanks

* **Postlude** “This Little Light of Mine” Ed Snouffer, piano
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* *You are invited to rise in body or spirit.*
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Sanctuary Flowers
This week's flowers are given by
Kim Watts and Mike Bellamy
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Kim's brother, Sam Watts.
To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers for Sundays throughout the year, please email Rebecca Witte at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.

Ways to Give

We offer many ways to give to support Saint John's.

1. Text "SJUMC" to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit stjohnsaustin.org/giving to make an online donation using a credit/debit card, or bank draft.
3. Church members may log on to their mySaintJohn's account via the web or by the Realm Connect app.
4. Leave a donation in the offering plates as they are passed or in the offering box located in the Gallery, or mail a check.

Participating in Worship Today

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks, Senior Pastor
Rev. Randy Knighten, Outreach Ministries Pastor
Michael Alverson (*Grace Garden alum*), Liturgist
Beck Burger (*Grace Garden alum*)
Lindsey Cook, Grace Garden Director
Cina Crisara, Director of Music
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Anne McFarland (*former Grace Garden parent*), Liturgist
Stephanie McFarland (*Grace Garden alum*), Liturgist
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Will Rowes (*Grace Garden alum*), Projections Coordinator
Brooke Schroeder (*Grace Garden alum*), Liturgist
Ed Snouffer, Pianist
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Kaylie Warfield, Hymn Leader and Soloist
Shea Wilkins, Grace Garden Assistant Director
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

Paul Mollenhauer (9:00)
Robert Elder (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

The Greeting is adapted from *Liturgies Outside*.
The Morning Prayer is adapted from
UMC Discipleship Ministries.



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Butterfly Fest: Fundraiser for Grace Garden, May 3

Grace Garden Preschool invites all ages to participate in their spring fundraiser event, Butterfly Fest, at Saint John's, Saturday, May 3, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The event features food, games, crafts, face painting, bounce houses, and more! Admission is \$10 per adult and \$20 per child. An online silent auction will be open from this Sunday at noon until 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 3. Auction items include restaurant gift certificates, kid classes, yoga, massage, and beauty treatments, tickets to premier Austin events, and more! Proceeds from Butterfly



Fest and the online auction will go towards classroom refresh projects. Scan this QR code to buy tickets for Butterfly Fest or to participate in the online auction. Questions? Contact Grace Garden Director Lindsey Cook at lindsey@ggaustin.org.

Grace Garden Enrollment Opportunities

Grace Garden still has a few remaining spots open for toddlers – 2nd graders for their summer camps in June. Additionally, enrollment is now open to new families for the 2025-2026 school year! Contact director Lindsey Cook to ask questions and schedule a tour.

Join the Hill Country Ride for AIDS This Saturday

Join the Saint John's Pedalers this Saturday, May 3, in Krause Springs for the 26th Annual Hill Country Ride for AIDS. Questions? Contact Chris Sparks at cmsparks@gmail.com. To register or donate, go to bit.ly/sjhillcountryride2025.

JOY Umlauf Sculpture Garden Tour, Tuesday, May 6

Join our older adult group JOY at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, for a docent-led tour of the Umlauf Sculpture Garden, including the permanent collection and also their current exhibition, *Beyond the Bombshell*, the artwork of Farrah Fawcett. Saint John's will cover the tour cost. Register at bit.ly/joyumlaufgarden. Questions or need help registering? Contact Katie McKenna at katie@stjohnsaustin.org.

Contemplative Retreat, Saturday, May 10

Come to Saint John's Saturday, May 10, 9 a.m. – noon, for time set apart in spiritual renewal and refreshment. As we let the noise in our lives quieten, we will learn contemplative practices with our breathing, bodies, words, and silence. Childcare available. Register at bit.ly/maycontemplativeretreat. Questions? Contact shelley@stjohnsaustin.org.

Service Quest: Summer Camp for 3rd – 5th Graders

Service Quest is a camp for rising 3rd – 5th graders on Monday, June 23 – Wednesday, June 25, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Campers will share God's love in community service for local non-profits including Hope Food Pantry and Foundation Communities. There will be fun activities too! The cost is \$50 and includes snacks, lunches, transportation, and all activities for the week. Sign up now at bit.ly/servicequest2025!

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Second Sunday of Easter Grace Garden Sunday April 27, 2025

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Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

"What a Wonderful World"

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Welcome

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks, Lindsey Cook

Introit

Kaylie Warfield, soloist

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole wide world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

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* Greeting

Responsive, led by Stephanie McFarland

God asks us to seek shalom wherever we are.

When we gather in worship, shalom is found in our community.

Jesus taught us to "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself."

May we be reminded today to turn toward God and neighbor.

The Holy Spirit encourages us and leads us to share God's goodness with the world.

May we listen to the Spirit's leading in worship today, and carry God's love into the world. Amen.