

*** Greeting** Responsive, led by Jack Kozack

God, you are the love that never ceases,
The creator that designed the universe,
The hope that cannot be quenched,
The gift of reconciliation,
The encourager who guides us.
We come together to worship you, O God. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn** “Gather Us In” All

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Morning Prayer All, led by Jack Kozack

Gracious God, you are our blessed creator. Create in us anew and bring hope to our souls. Remind us again that we are made in your image, and that you call us good. Remind us of the wonderful ways you have cared for us when we were lost. Open our hearts to receive your loving Spirit. We ask this in Christ’s name. Amen.

Children’s Time Izzie Lopez

After Children’s Time, children (preschool – 5th grade) are invited to go to Sunday school class in Room 103.

Prayers of the People Rev. 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 Deb Rupp, soloist

“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”

God has spoken by the prophets,
spoken the unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the One, the righteous Lord!

'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holdeth fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first and God the last.

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Words of Life Amos 7:7-14 Jack Kozack

Message for Today Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

“Who You Are”

*** Response** “Here I Am, Lord” All

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Offertory Prayer All, led by Jack Kozack

God, you have created us with the capacity to do incredible things for one another. In this world full of ache and loss, we have the ability to be healers, to hold grief, to create art, and to build justice. And so let us gather together what we have, these sacred gifts and all our offerings, and see what you might do among us. Amen.

Offertory “A Living Prayer” Deb Rupp, soloist;
Ed Rupp, guitar

In this world, I walk alone
With no place to call my own.
But there's one who holds my hand
The rugged road through barren lands.

The way is dark, the road is steep,
But He's become my eyes to see.
The strength to climb, my griefs to bear.
The Savior lives inside me there.

Chorus:
In Your love, I find release,
A haven from my unbelief.
Take my life and let it be
A living prayer, my God, to thee.

In these trials of life, I find
Another voice inside my mind.
It comforts me and bids me live
Inside the love the Savior gives.

Chorus

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*** Song of Thanks** All

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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*** We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Rev. Marchbanks

*** Sending Hymn** “My Life Flows On” All

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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ** Rev. Marchbanks

*** Postlude** “My Life Flows On” Cina Crisara, piano

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Sanctuary Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by
Dan and Pat Ross
in honor of
their family.

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 an offering plate as it is 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
Cina Crisara, Director of Music, Pianist
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Jack Kozack, Liturgist
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Deb Rupp, Soloist
Ed Rupp, Guitarist
Ed Snouffer, Associate Director of Music
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

Brooks Barlow (9:00)
Tricia Hallock (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

Greeting is by Beth Merrill Neel.
Morning Prayer is by Nancy C. Townley of *Ministry Matters*.
Offertory Prayer is by Rev. M Jade Kaiser of *enfleshed*.



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changes people and God's people change the world.

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Kerrville Area Flood Relief

Many have asked how to help in the midst of the devastation and loss in the Kerrville area. While we continue to lift up in prayer those impacted by the flood, especially those who are grieving the loss of life, we have also set up a way to donate financially to relief efforts. To give in this way, visit onrealm.org/stjohnsaustin/-/form/give/church and select "Kerrville Relief Fund" from the dropdown menu. If you are interested in recovery work, sign up for training and shifts at riotexas.org/hill-country-flood.

Devotional Journal for Processing the Recent Floods

Children and Youth Coordinator Izzy Lopez has put together a devotional journal to help process feelings about the recent tragic floods. Although created with young people in mind, it is a helpful resource for people of any age. We are so grateful to Izzy and hope that the journal can be of help to you and your family. You can download the journal at bit.ly/godwithuscentraltexas.

Volunteers Needed for AVEY Middle School Camp

Austin Voices for Education and Youth (AVEY) needs volunteers to staff free camps being offered for 6th-8th grade students from Burnet, Dobie, and Webb Middle Schools. These schools are on the front lines of AISD's potential campus closures. Volunteers (adults, college, high school-aged students, and middle school students with a parent present) are needed July 22-24 and 29-31, 9.am.-2 p.m., to help with academic and enrichment activities, serving meals, and set-up and clean-up. The camps are held at Dobie Middle School, 1200 E. Rundberg Ln. To sign up to volunteer, visit bit.ly/AVEYsummercamp.

RTMS School Supplies and Backpack Project

The Risk-Taking Mission & Service Committee (RTMS) is seeking to collect 100 backpacks filled with needed school supplies for deserving students. The Seekers Sunday School class has provided a generous head start by providing all of the backpacks. Now, it's time for the rest of us to fill them! You can use the Amazon shopping lists below to select items and have them shipped directly to Saint John's. **The deadline for receipt of the supplies is Sunday, July 27.**

- The elementary school supply list is at bit.ly/4nBtpT.
- The high school supply list is bit.ly/44RGVaS.

Questions? Email Kathleen Harrington at kathleen@kathleenharringtontherapy.com. Thank you!

Pollinator Garden "Plants of the Week"

Have you been properly "introduced" to the plants in the new pollinator garden at the front of our church? Saint John's member (and certified green thumb) Jane M. Bost has been providing informative and whimsical "bios" of each plant in the weekly newsletter. Visit stjohnsaustin.org/saint-johns-green-team to read them all online.

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we affirm that all persons are of sacred worth,
and we welcome everyone,
without exception, to participate fully
in the church's life and ministry.*



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025

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Gathering Music "Gather Us In" Cina Crisara, piano

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Welcome

Rev. Randy Knighten

Introit "Child of God" Deb Rupp, soloist

No matter what people say,
say or think about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what people say,
say or think about you,
You are a child, you are a child of God.

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