

**\* Greeting** Responsive, led by Sarah Doty

Gracious God, we are grateful for your wisdom and justice revealed through the prophets.  
**We are grateful for your holy Word, spoken to us through the Old and New Testaments.**  
Your infinite grace is revealed to us through Jesus the Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Fill us with your Spirit that we might look to what’s ahead with hope, determination and love. Amen.**

**\* Opening Hymn** “I Come with Joy” All  
*(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)*

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**Prayer of Confession** All, led by Sarah Doty  
**Loving God, you bring wholeness and goodness to our lives and to our holy work together, yet in this world, we are easily distracted. We focus on that which is fleeting, finite, and futile. Yet, your grace never loses its focus on us. Even when we turn away from you, you continue to show us that which is eternal, infinite, and whole. Thank you for loving us and for inviting us to choose you, again and again. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance** Responsive, led by Sarah Doty  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
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*After Words of Assurance, children (preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade) are invited to go to Sunday school class in Room 103.*

**Song for Illumination** Kaylie Warfield and Deb Rupp  
“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
you alone, O Lord, are holy;  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia.

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**Words of Life** Sarah Doty  
Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 and Hebrews 1:1-2; 10-12

**Message for Today** Rev. Hilary Marchbanks  
“Fleeting”

**\* Response** “As the Deer” All  
*(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)*

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**Offertory Prayer** All, led by Sarah Doty  
**Giving God, you have shown us what is good. Bless the work of our hands and bless these gifts — that they may go to those who need it. We ask all this in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Offertory** “All Is Vanity” Kaylie Warfield and Deb Rupp  
Wisdom is good, it puts eyes in your head  
But it’s foolish to think it’ll save you from death  
Both the fool and the wise man are numbering their breaths  
And in the end, all this wisdom is just meaningless  
Pleasure is nice, the taste and touch  
But with all your indulgence you can’t get enough  
You can chase every pleasure around every bend  
But in the end all this chasin’ is just chasin’ wind  
CHORUS:  
Oooh all is vanity, Oooh all is vanity  
You feel eternity and it’s beating in your chest  
So you know in your soul it’s not all meaningless

Beauty is sweet to the beholder’s eye  
And you know it when you see it  
‘Cause it echoes the Light  
But age and opinion bid beauty goodbye  
And in the end the beholder just changes his mind CHORUS

If there is restlessness, could there be rest?  
If there is hunger, could there be fullness?  
If there is restlessness, there must be rest!  
If there is hunger, there must be fullness!

You feel eternity, and it’s beating in your chest  
So you know in your soul it’s not all meaningless

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**Holy Communion** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks  
*(Words are on the screen.)*

**The Prayer of Jesus** All, led by Rev. Marchbanks  
**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.**

**Communion Rail Offering**  
This month’s communion rail offering goes to MACares, a McCallum High School program that provides emergency financial assistance to students.

**Music During Communion** Kaylie Warfield and Deb Rupp  
“Give Me Jesus” “Abide with Me”  
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**Our Mission** All, led by Rev. Marchbanks


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

**\* Sending Hymn** “I Will Call upon the Lord” All  
*(Sing twice. Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)*  
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**\* Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

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

**\* Postlude** “I Will Call Upon the Lord” Ed Snouffer, piano  
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*UMH denotes “United Methodist Hymnal.”  
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## Sanctuary Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by  
Jane and Ted Sanders  
in celebration of  
their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers  
for Sundays throughout the year,  
please email Rebecca Witte at  
[rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto: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](http://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  
Carolyn Beaird, Communion Bread Baker  
Geleeia Brewer, Communion Steward  
Cina Crisara, Director of Music  
Sarah Doty, Liturgist  
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator  
Tricia Hallock, Connect Team (11:00)  
Gary James, Sound Technician  
Gayle Kneupper, Communion Steward  
Victoria Knight, Livestream Coordinator  
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator  
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications  
Jennifer Heath, Projections Coordinator  
Paul Mollenhauer, Connect Team (9:00)  
Ed Snouffer, Associate Director of Music, Pianist  
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer  
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development  
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections



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### Men's Covenant Group, Friday Mornings, 7 a.m.

The Men's Covenant Group meets Friday mornings at 7 a.m. in Jim's Restaurant, 9091 Research Blvd., for discussion, prayer, sharing, and breakfast. In August, they will study Max Lucado's book, *Ten Men of the Bible: How God Used Imperfect People to Change the World*. You are invited to join them! Questions? Email Mike Renquist at [mikereng@gmail.com](mailto:mikereng@gmail.com).

### August Events for United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith (UWF) invites all to two upcoming events:

#### UWF Unit Gathering on Education, Saturday, August 9, 1-3 p.m.

On Saturday, August 9, 1-3 p.m. Saint John's UWF will host Linda Jackson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Huston-Tillotson University. The meeting will be in the Great Hall.

#### UWF District Meeting, Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

*Gather, Grow, Give* is the theme of the UWF District get-together on Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Northwest Hills UMC, 7050 Village Center Dr. RSVP for this gathering by August 15 at [capitaltxumw.org](http://capitaltxumw.org) or by contacting Frances Pierson at [fapierson1949@gmail.com](mailto:fapierson1949@gmail.com). Questions? See the newsletter or email Cathy Barton at [catherineabarton2@gmail.com](mailto:catherineabarton2@gmail.com).

### Backpack Blessing / Cereal Celebration, August 17

On Sunday, August 17, all students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks for a traditional back-to-school blessing at both 9 and 11 a.m. services. Between services that Sunday, kids, youth, and families will enjoy building their own cereal bars with a variety of favorite cereals, fun toppings, and dairy-free options.

### Festival of New Beginnings, Sunday, August 24

After each worship service on Sunday, August 24, join us for the Festival of New Beginnings. There you can explore upcoming classes where you can grow in faith, learn something new, or connect with others. You will also be able to meet the teachers. For more information, email Director of Faith Development Shelley Walters at [shelley@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:shelley@stjohnsaustin.org).

### Thank You, Saint John's!

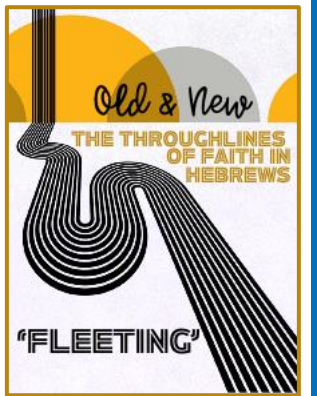
Once again Saint John's has shown its generosity in helping those in crisis in our community. Lydia Patterson donations totaled over \$16,000 and Kerrville Flood Relief donations exceed \$18,000! God's people truly change the world. Thank you, Saint John's!

### Volunteers Needed to Provide Snacks and Flowers!

Please consider signing up to provide snacks that ensure that the Great Hall continues to be a hub of hospitality on Sunday mornings! There are also openings to provide sanctuary flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. For questions or to sign up, contact Director of Connections Rebecca Witte at [rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org](mailto:rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org).

## Saint John's United Methodist Church

*At Saint John's United Methodist Church 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.*



## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost August 3, 2025

*Difficulty hearing in the Sanctuary? Please ask an usher for a listening device or see the pew card for information about using the ListenWIFI phone app.*

## Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

"I Come with Joy"

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## Welcome

Rev. Randy Knighten

## Introit "In Christ Alone" Kaylie Warfield and Deb Rupp

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ, I stand  
  
No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from his hand  
'Til he returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ, I'll stand

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