

*** Greeting** Responsive, led by Shari Holland
Creator God, we praise you.
Risen Christ, we greet you!
We were wounded, but you healed us.
We were oppressed, but you set us free.
Alleluia! Come again, Jesus! Heal us, and set us free!
Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace.
Alleluia!

*** Opening Hymn** “The Church’s One Foundation” All
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Shari Holland
God of gentle mercy, you are faithful and you raise us up. We come to you weighed down with cares and fears, with wounds and needs, and with hunger for your grace. Speak your Word and lay your hand upon us, so that we may be made whole again. We pray in the name of Jesus, your healer and your presence. Amen.

Children’s Time Izzy 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 Chancel Choir
“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.
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Words of Life Shari Holland
Exodus 19:16-25, Hebrews 12:18-29

Message for Today Rev. Hilary Marchbanks
“Steady and Shaken”

*** Response** “Christ Has Broken Down the Wall” All
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Offertory Prayer All, led by Shari Holland
Gracious God, we give you these gifts as symbols of our lives. Receive them with love, bless them with grace, and use them according to your will. Send these gifts and our very selves out into the world to do your work. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Offertory “Steal Away to Jesus” Chancel Choir
REFRAIN
Steal away, steal away; steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the thunder;
the trumpet sounds with-in-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

REFRAIN
Green trees a-bending, poor sinners stand a-trembling;
the trumpet sounds with-in-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

REFRAIN
My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the lightening;
the trumpet sounds within-a my soul.
I ain't got long to stay here.

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*** Song of Thanks** All
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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Blessing of Church Teachers Shelley Walters
and Rev. Marchbanks

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

*** Sending Hymn** All
“Let All Things Now Living”
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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

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

*** Postlude** Ed Snouffer, piano
“Christ Has Broken Down the Wall”

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TFWS denotes “The Faith We Sing” hymnal.

Sanctuary Flowers
This week's flowers are provided by
Larry and Lori Hutchison
in memory of
Lori's mother, Katie Hakes.
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
Ruby Airhart, Projections Coordinator
Cina Crisara, Director of Music
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Shari Holland, Liturgist
Gary James, Sound Technician
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Ed Snouffer, Pianist
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

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

Liturgy Notes

Today's liturgy is from *Unfolding Light*.



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changes people and God's people change the world.

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Festival of New Beginnings, Today, After Worship

After each worship service today, join us at tables throughout the church for the Festival of New Beginnings. There you can explore upcoming classes in which 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.

Family Breakfast, Sunday, September 7, Great Hall

Saint John's Children and Youth Ministry will host its first Family Breakfast starting at 10 a.m. on Sunday, September 7, in the Great Hall. Join other families for breakfast, activities, and fellowship. Questions? Email Children and Youth Coordinator, Izzy Lopez, at isabella@stjohnsaustin.org.

"The Tears of Things" Book Study Starts September 8

Join a three-week study of Richard Rohr's "The Tears of Things," a book that invites us to find God not just in triumph, but in the brokenness, imperfection, and messiness of life. The study will meet in-person and on Zoom Mondays, September 8, 15, and 22, 6:30 - 8 p.m., and will be led by Ed Wilder, Bob Walker, and Midge Epstein. The book is available online and in bookstores. Register at bit.ly/tearsofthings. Questions? Email Shelley Walters at shelley@stjohnsaustin.org.

Contemplative Retreat, Saturday, September 13

Start this new season with a time set apart in spiritual renewal and refreshment. Join us on Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and let the noise in your life settle, learn contemplative practices with our breath, our bodies, our words, and silence. All "levels" of experience with contemplative practices welcome. Registration limited to 28 people. Childcare available. Cost is \$12 for lunch. Register to attend at bit.ly/septemberprayerretreat. Questions? Email Shelley Walters at shelley@stjohnsaustin.org.

Volunteer for Storytime at Sammy's House

Sammy's House is a child development center that helps fill the gaps in services for children, especially those who are medically fragile or developmentally delayed. The center, located at 2415 Twin Oaks Dr. (less than a mile from Saint John's), is in need of volunteers to read stories to children on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. Help spark imagination, laughter, and a love for books through a short and meaningful visit. If you are interested in helping, please contact Randy for more information at randy@stjohnsaustin.org. Find out more about Sammy's House at sammyshouse.org.

JOY to View Movie "Perfect Days," Tuesday, 12 p.m.

BYO lunch and join the JOY senior adults group at noon on Tuesday, August 26, for a screening of "Perfect Days," a 2023 film described as "an absorbing slice-of-life drama." Popcorn will be provided! Register to join at bit.ly/joyperfectdays.

Saint John's United Methodist Church

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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.*



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 24, 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

"Let All Things Now Living"

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Welcome

Rev. Randy Knighten

Introit

"Glory and Honor"

Chancel Choir

Glory and honor, living God, to you, teacher of truth, our guide in all we do.

Your Spirit gathers us in common prayer, yours is the ministry of love we share.

O God, unsettle us, and make us grow, trusting you past the edge of what we know.

Send us, and give us courage to embrace struggle and blessing, poverty and grace.

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