

*** Greeting**

Responsive, led by Chris Sparks

God of glory, you create all people in your image.

All are your Beloved, and all are worthy of our love.

You call us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.

Give us your Spirit, so that we may fulfill your dream for us.

Strengthen your love for us, that we may faithfully follow Christ, who redeems the world with love.

Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, and transform us by your grace. Alleluia!*** Opening Hymn**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" UMH 519 vv 1,3

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All, led by Chris Sparks

God of justice, we worship you in a world of injustice. The evils around us challenge our faith that you are in charge. But your grace is greater than our sin. Your justice is more powerful than our wrongdoing. Speak to us; renew our faith; rekindle our courage. In the spirit of those who have gone before us, lead us on. Make us your faithful people. Amen.**Children's Time**

Izzy Lopez

After Children's Time, children age 4 – 3rd grade are invited to go to Room 103 for Second Story while children 4th – 5th grade are invited to stay in the Sanctuary and follow along with their activity-filled bulletin.**Prayers of the People**

Rev. Marchbanks

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.****Words of Life**

Isaiah 58:6–12

Chris Sparks

Message for Today

"Beloved Community"

*** Response**

"What Does the Lord Require of You" TFWs 2174

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All, led by Chris Sparks

Beloved children of God, too often we see the world through a lens of scarcity. We look at all the things we do not have or wish for something bigger and better. And yet, our stories of faith tell us that the smallest things often become enormous when placed in God's hands. And so, we are invited to bring our "little" and watch how God can do great things to bless the entire community. Amen.**Offertory**

"For Everyone Born"

Trinity Singers

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table,
for ev'ryone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for ev'ryone born, a star over head.

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And God will delight when we are creators of justice and
joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.For young and for old, a place at the table
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.

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For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for ev'ryone born, the right to be free.

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All

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 94

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All

"For the Healing of the Nations" UMH 428 vv 1,2,4

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*** Benediction**

Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Rev. Marchbanks

*** Postlude**

Ed Snouffer, piano

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** You are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

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UMH denotes "United Methodist Hymnal".

TFWS denotes "The Faith We Sing" hymnal.

**Sanctuary Flowers**

This week's flowers are provided by

Paul and Jamie Mollenhauer

in memory of

Hilton and Barbara Mollenhauer.

To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers for Sundays throughout the year, please email Rebecca Witte at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.

We are creating a community ...

Access Friendship Book, Guest Form, and More



Scan this QR Code for links to the Friendship Book and Guest Form, prayer requests, giving online, bulletin, newsletter, and website. You can get to the same links by going to stjohnsaustin.org/connect.

Church Office Closed for MLK Day, Mon, Jan 19

The church office will be closed on Mon, Jan 19, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The office will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Tue, Jan 20.

Financial Commitments to Be Consecrated Next Sunday

At Saint John's, once a year we make our estimates of giving. You will receive a pledge card in the mail this week, in the bulletin next week, and online (as soon as now at stjohnsaustin.org/stewardship).

In worship next Sunday, January 25, we will invite you to consecrate your estimate of giving for the year. Please reach out to church staff if you have questions.

Mobile Blood Drive Onsite, Sun, Jan 25, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

The We Are Blood mobile blood van returns to Saint John's Sun, Jan 25, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Come before or between services to support our community and save local lives. To reserve your spot, visit bit.ly/sjbloodjan25. All donors will receive a gift certificate for a free small sub at Thundercloud Subs as thanks for their donation. Questions? Email Saint John's drive coordinator Brooks Barlow at bbarlow72000@gmail.com.

United Women in Faith Luncheon, Sun, Feb 1, 12 p.m.

Celebrate another year of fellowship, mission, and service at the United Women in Faith's annual luncheon at noon, Sun, Feb 1, in the Great Hall. The meal will be catered by La Mancha with a veggie meat option. Price is \$20 per person (\$7 for children 6-12). Register by Wed, Jan 28, at bit.ly/sjuwfluncheon2026 or by visiting the table in the Gallery today or next Sunday.

Sanctuary Flowers Still Needed until Lent

There has been a fantastic response to the call for snack volunteers with snack providers secured through February. However, there is still a need for people to provide Sanctuary flowers for Sunday worship from now until Lent. (During Lent we refrain from adorning the Sanctuary.) To volunteer as a flower provider, email Rebecca Witte at rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.

Love Offering for Rick Beard

As many of you know, our ever-faithful Director of Facilities, Rick Beard, will be retiring on Sun, Feb 15. We will celebrate Rick with a reception that day. Stay tuned for more details. If you would like to honor Rick with a Love Offering for all that he has done for Saint John's over the last 15 years, you may do so online (visit onrealm.org/stjohnsaustin/-/form/give/church and select "Love Offering" from the dropdown menu) or by dropping off a check or cash at the church. Please be sure to indicate on your check or envelope that it is for Rick's Love Offering.

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

Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator

Gary James, Sound Technician

Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator

Katie McKenna, Director of Communications

Ridley Marchbanks, Projections Coordinator

Ed Snouffer, Pianist

Chris Sparks, Liturgist

John Thomason, Bulletin Designer

Trinity Singers

Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development

Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

Tricia Hallock (9:00)

Kathleen Harrington (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

The Greeting and Morning Prayers are by

Rev. Steve Garnaas-Holmes.

The Offertory Prayer is from *Worship Ways*.



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Our Mission

We are creating a community where God's love changes people and God's people change the world.

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.



Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Our Earth Be Peaceful"

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Welcome

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

Introit

"My Lord, What a Morning"

Trinity Singers

You'll hear the trumpet sound,
To wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand,
When the stars begin to fall.

My Lord, what a morning, my Lord, what a morning;
Oh, my Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall, when the stars begin to fall.

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