

*** Greeting** Responsive, led by Kay Gooch
As Abraham and Sarah sat at the tent door, God meets us here.
We welcome the presence of the Lord.
God spreads a table of grace,
refreshing our weary spirits and inviting us to rest.
Here, we give thanks to God, and worship God's holy name.
We do not leave this place unchanged.
We respond to the grace we have received by serving our neighbors.
Let us worship and serve the Lord with gladness! Amen.

*** Opening Hymn** All
"Come and Find the Quiet Center" TFWS 2128
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Kay Gooch
Gracious God, you set a table of welcome, challenging the world to share and give more freely. Make us disciples of your open table. We give thanks for this gift through Jesus the Christ, who offered himself for us. Amen.

Children's Time Izzy Lopez
Children are now invited to stay in worship with their families. Activity Bags are available to keep hands busy, and the Bethlehem Room and Nursery are available. During the hour between worship services, children 3rd grade and younger meet in Room 103 for activities while 4th and 5th graders meet in Room 119 for *Bible Detectives*.

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.

Words of Life Genesis 18:1-15 Kay Gooch

Message for Today Rev. Hilary Marchbanks
Next Stop: The Oaks of Mamre

*** Response** "A Place at the Table" All
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Offertory Prayer All, led by Kay Gooch
Loving God, remind us that true worship includes caring for the vulnerable, the hungry, and the oppressed. Open our eyes to the needs of the people in our community. Bless this act of worship, the sharing of our gifts, to your purposes. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Chancel Singers;
Mark Akens, Dylan Graves, Kaylie Warfield, soloists
"Nothing Is Impossible with God"
REFRAIN:
Nothing is impossible with God.
Nothing is impossible with God,
Who raises the lowly and strengthens the weary
With everlasting love.

Do not be afraid,
God has called you by your name.
As a servant of the Kingdom,
Spread the message of God's love.
The Lord has done wonderful things for me,
Done wonderful things! REFRAIN
Do not be afraid,
God is with you to the end.
As a witness of the Savior,
Share the promise of new life.
The Lord has done wonderful things for me,
Done wonderful things! REFRAIN

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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** All
"Standing on the Promises" UMH 374 vv 2,3,4
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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

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

*** Postlude** Ed Snouffer, piano
"Standing on the Promises"

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Sanctuary Flowers

This week's flowers are given by
Joan Upchurch
in celebration of
the June wedding anniversaries of
Kyle and Kimberly Upchurch
and of
Patrick and Kate Upchurch Ramey.
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 ...

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Volunteers Needed for Summer Boost Camp

Austin Voices for Education and Youth is holding an academic and enrichment boost camp and needs volunteers. Camp hours are Mon-Thu, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., now through Jun 25 at Burnet Middle School (8401 Hathaway Dr., 78757). Morning volunteers are mainly needed for student arrival, breakfast, set-up, and academic support while afternoon volunteers are needed primarily for enrichment activities, student choice activities, supervision, and clean-up. Interested in volunteering or have questions? Please contact David Balch at 512-695-6273.

Church Council Meeting, Tue, Jun 23, 6:30 p.m.

Church Council will hold its June meeting on Tue, Jun 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Passionate Worship Committee will give their annual report. All are welcome.

Pease Park Pride Picnic, Sat, Jun 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All are invited to join Pease Park Conservancy and Saint John's Pride+ group for the 2026 Pride Picnic, a **free** joyful, family friendly day of community, art, and music honoring LGBTQ+ culture and allyship. Whether you're there to volunteer, connect, or just soak up the good vibes, **everyone is welcome**. Questions? Visit Ruth Airhart at raairhart@gmail.com or visit peasepark.org/pride-picnic.

Churchwide Sunday School, Sun, Jun 28, 10 a.m.

Between worship services on Sun, Jun 28, all are invited to gather in the Great Hall for Churchwide Sunday School. There we will learn more about the urgent needs facing children and families in Texas and the ways people of faith can respond with compassion, support, and advocacy. We'll hear about the work being done through the Children's Defense Fund, which advocates for policies and resources that support children's health, education, family stability, and the voices of youth and communities across our state. We'll also learn about the Paper Doll Project, led in the Saint John's community by our United Women in Faith, and how we can participate in this visible act of solidarity and advocacy.

Wednesday Night Travel Series Potlucks, Jul 8, 15, 22

This summer, our worship series is taking us on a journey through Genesis. On Wednesdays, Jul 8, 15, and 22, you are invited to gather in the Great Hall for a potluck meal together and to hear from the following people who have traveled to the Holy Land.

Wed, Jul 8 - Julie and Mitch Smith

Wed, Jul 15 - Betty and Jerry Jay Smith

Wed, July 22 - Lisa and Warren Alverson

Feel free to bring a dish or not. Register at bit.ly/sjsummerpotlucks.

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, Music Ministry Specialist
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Kay Gooch, Liturgist
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
T. J. Masters, Sound Technician
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Ed Snouffer, Director of Music Ministry
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Chancel Singers

Mark Akens, Cina Crisara, Dylan Graves, Shea Harrington,
Deb Rupp, Andy Smith, John Thomason, Kaylie Warfield

Connect Team

Paul Mollenhauer (9:00)
Kathleen Harrington (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

The Morning and Offertory Prayers are from
Prayers for an Inclusive Church by Steven Shakespeare.



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For more information about classes and activities
at Saint John's, see our newsletter at
stjohnsaustin.org/newsletter.

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.*



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2026

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

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

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Welcome

Rev. Randy Knighten

Introit "Our Parent, By Whose Name" Chancel Singers

Our Parent, by whose name all parenthood is known,
Who in your love proclaim each family your own:
Direct all parents, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel,
The homes in which your people dwell.

Blest Spirit, who can bind our hearts in unity,
And teach us so to find the love from self set free:
In all our hearts such love increase that ev'ry home by this release
May be the dwelling place of peace.

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