

*** Greeting** Responsive, led by Emily Fenwick

In a world riddled with grief and uncertainty –
we turn to you to soothe our spirits, O God.

When grief is close and illness lingers –
we ask for strength, O God.

When we are seeking restoration, longing for connection,
yearning for joy –

we reach for your flourishing, oh God.

Be with us in our questions.

Make your presence known to us! Amen.

*** Opening Hymn** All

“Be Thou My Vision” UMH 451

(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Emily Fenwick

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you,
hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise.**

**Satisfy our thirst by your mercy and grace, that we may
celebrate your goodness to all generations, through**

Jesus Christ our Lord. 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. Randy 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 21:8-21 Emily Fenwick

Message for Today Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

“Next Stop: Beer-Sheba”

*** Response** All

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow” TFWS 2146

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Offertory Prayer All, led by Emily Fenwick

**Gracious God, with these gifts we bless your name and
ask your blessing upon their use, that they may become
signs of your new creation in our midst: the hungry fed,
the thirsty given drink, the lowly lifted, and the mourning
turned to dancing. Amen.**

Offertory Kaylie Warfield, soloist

“The God Who Sees”

She's crying in the desert. She's lost in her despair.

She thinks nobody loves her. Hagar thinks nobody's there.

But God says

I will be a ring of fire around her

And I will be the glory in her midst

And the power of my presence will bring her to her knees

And I will lift her up again for I'm the God who sees

I'm the God who sees

Then he speaks in gentle whispers and he softly calls her name.

She feels his arms enfold her as he holds her

And she'll never be the same

'Cause I'm the God who never changes

And my promises are true

And when this world deserts you

This is what I'll do

And I will be a ring of fire around you

And I will be the glory in your midst

And the power of my presence will bring you to your knees

Then I will lift you up again for I'm the God who sees

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*** Song of Thanks** All

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

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

*** Sending Hymn** All

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” UMH 140

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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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TFWS denotes “The Faith We Sing” hymnal.
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Sanctuary Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by

Don Anderson

in loving memory of his mother,

Ailene Anderson

To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers

for Sundays throughout the year,

please email Rebecca Witte at

rebecca@stjohnsaustin.org.

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Welcoming New Facilities Manager, Rick Standon

Our Staff Parish Relations Committee is excited to announce that a new Facilities Manager has been hired! Please give Rick Standon a warm Saint John's welcome when you see him. Rick comes to us from Tiff's Treats after being the Corporate Facilities Specialist for their 80+ nationwide locations! Rick starts Mon, Jul 6.

4th of July Schedule Changes, Only One Service Jul 5

The church office will be closed on Thu, Jul 2, in observance of Independence Day. **There will be only one worship service on Sun, Jul 5 and it will be at 11:00 a.m.** Please check with your group leaders to see if your Sunday school group will meet.

Children and youth classes will meet as usual. The Great Hall will be open as usual from 10 - 11 a.m. for coffee, snacks, and fellowship. The church office will reopen at 8:30 a.m. on Mon, Jul 6.

Participate in "Paper Dolls to Free Families" Project

You are invited to participate in the Paper Dolls to Free Families Project to peacefully protest family detention by ICE by creating, decorating, and mailing paper dolls with messages of hope. This Sunday and next, there will be a table in the Gallery where you can learn more about the project and pick up some pre-cut paper dolls with instructions. Collection boxes for completed dolls will be in the Gallery through August. Questions? Contact Margie Smith at 214-938-1953 or margie@grirestx.com.

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/sjsummerpotluc

Donate to School Supplies Drive Through Jul 29

The Risk-Taking Mission and Service Committee will once again fill backpacks with supplies kids need to start the school year. This year's recipients will include AISD students at Burnet Middle School, Table of Grace shelter, and clients of World Relief. The goal this year is 75 backpacks filled with needed supplies. Thanks to the Seekers Sunday School for providing the backpacks. Now, it's time for us to help fill them! Use the following Amazon shopping lists to donate with items shipped directly to Saint John's. For elementary school items, visit bit.ly/4xLWrla; for middle and high school items, visit bit.ly/4oKVq8H. Deadline for receipt of the supplies is Wed, Jul 29. Questions? Email Kathleen Harrington at kathleen@kathleenharringtontherapy.com. Thank you!

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
Emily Fenwick, Pastoral Intern, Liturgist
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Ed Snouffer, Director of Music Ministry
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Kaylie Warfield, Hymn Leader and Soloist
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

Chet Henry (9:00)
Robert Elder (11:00)



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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.



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 28, 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

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

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Welcome

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

Introit

Kaylie Warfield, soloist

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart.
I want to see you. I want to see you.

To see you high and lifted up, shinin' in the light of your glory
Pour out your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy.

Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.

I want to see you

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