

If by chance, I should find myself at risk
Of falling from this jagged cliff
I look below and I look above
I'm surrounded by your boundless love
Surround me with your boundless love
Confound me with your boundless love
I was drowning in a sea, lost as I could be
When you found me with your boundless love
You dumbfound me with your boundless love
You surround me with your boundless love

Words and Music: John Prine, Dan Auerbach, Pat McLaughlin
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*** Greeting** Responsive, led by Marc Airhart
Loving God, you birth us and claim us.
We are in awe, and we praise you.
Gentle Christ, you love us and walk beside us.
We are made new, and we thank you.
Holy Spirit, you breathe your life into us and re-create us
each moment.
We are your children, and we live in your love. We
worship with praise and thanksgiving.

*** Opening Hymn** All
“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” UMH 418 vv 1,2,5
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Marc Airhart
Holy God, Infinite Love, Faithful One, we come from you.
We rest in you. We listen for you. Open our hearts to
your presence. Open our ears to your Word. Open our
arms to your children. Open our future to your grace.
Amen.

Children’s Time Izzy Lopez
Children are 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 10 o’clock hour, 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 Shelley Walters

The Prayer of Jesus All, led by Shelley Walters
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 28:10-19a Marc Airhart

Message for Today Rev. Marchbanks
“Next Stop: Bethel”

*** Response** All
“Surely the Presence of the Lord Is in This Place” UMH 328
(Sing 2X. Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Offertory Prayer All, led by Marc Airhart
God of our dreaming and waking hours, we live and
breathe in you. As we draw from the well of your living
water, we give thanks for your provision, and we ask
that you empower us to share your gifts with one
another and with the world. Amen.

Offertory “Hand Me Down Love” Katie Love
There's a certain kind of way you say, “Everything gon’ be a-ok”
It feels so good to me, it’s got a certain kind of energy
The kind that can neither be created or destroyed
You know this love between us, it did not start with you and me

It's all hand me down love. It ain't nothing new,
From your great-grandmother to your grandmother to
your mother to you
Who you gonna hand it on to? Hand me down love

Well, it's the fear in me that makes me want to store it up
When I worry that there ain't enough, but all the more reason,
Lord, just to pass it on, spread it out, hand it down
And just believe it comes back around. Yeah, you just got to trust

It's all hand me down love, yeah. It ain't nothing new,
From your great-grandmother to your grandmother to
your mother to you
It's all tried and true love; ‘cause I tried it new but I'd only
been made a fool of
That's why I got to hand it to you, love
Who you gonna hand it on to? Hand me down love

Yeah, and it's all tried and true love
Yeah, I tried it new but I'd only been made a fool of
Yeah, that’s why I got to hand it to you, love
Now who you gonna hand it on to? Hand me down love

Words and Music: Andrew Duhon
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*** Song of Thanks** All
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
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*** We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Shelley Walters

*** Sending Hymn** All
“Nearer My God To Thee” UMH 528 v 1,3,4
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

Words: Sarah F. Adams
Music: Lowell Mason
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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

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

*** Postlude** Ed Snouffer, piano
“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”

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Sanctuary Flowers

This week's flowers are provided by
Frances Pierson
with thanks to
the Saint John's community
for all the prayers and assistance provided
during her journey to recovery.

To sign up to provide sanctuary flowers
for Sundays throughout the year,
please email Rebecca Witte at
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JOY Senior Adult Ministry July Events

Our senior adult ministry (JOY) offers weekly events for fun and fellowship! Join us for one or more of the upcoming events listed below. Contact Katie McKenna at katie@stjohnsaustin.org with questions or if you need help with registering.

Lunch Bunch at Mendocino Farms, Tue, Jul 21, 12 p.m.

Join your JOY friends for lunch at Mendocino Farms, 1106 W. 38th St., on Tue, Jul 21, at noon. Go to mendocinofarms.com to see the menu. Register at bit.ly/joymendocino. When registering, please indicate whether you'd like to meet there or carpool from the church.

Indoor Walk at ACC Highland Campus, Tue, Jul 28, 11:30 a.m.

Join your JOY friends for a climate-controlled indoor walk at ACC Highland Campus, 6101 Highland Campus Dr., on Tue, Jul 28, at 11:30 a.m. Register at bit.ly/joyjulywalk. You can meet there (see picture on registration page) or carpool from the church.

School Supply Donations Accepted Through Jul 29

The Risk-Taking Mission and Service Committee will fill backpacks with supplies kids need to start the school year. Seventy-five backpacks were donated by the Seekers class, and now it's time for us to help fill them! **Deadline for receipt of the supplies is Wed, Jul 29.** 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.

Questions? Email Kathleen Harrington at kathleen@kathleenharringtontherapy.com. Thank you!

Intergenerational Book Study: "New Dragon City"

Thu, Aug 13, Noon, In Person and Online

Youth and adults are invited to the Intergenerational Book Club study of Mari Mancusi's "New Dragon City." It's a fast-paced adventure set in a world where dragons have returned and humans are forced to survive in hiding. As the main character, Noah, faces danger, fear, loyalty, and unexpected possibilities, the story invites us to wonder about our own journeys. Everyone will read the book ahead of time. Then we'll meet, in person and online, on Thu, Aug 13, at noon for thoughtful discussion. Books are available at local libraries or online, and a few copies are available in the church office. Register at bit.ly/sjnewdragoncity.

Churchwide Sunday School

Join us for our last Churchwide Sunday School summer session **next Sunday, Jul 26, at 10 a.m. in the Great Hall.** In our discussion of "Mission as Mutual Blessing," we'll find connections with one another in the unlikeliest of places and the joyful reciprocity of giving and missions. This class will be led by Javier Lopez-Schulze and Tom Stanton.

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
Marc Airhart, Liturgist
Cina Crisara, Music Ministry Specialist
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie Love, Guest Singer and Guitarist
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Emily Fenwick, Projections Coordinator
Ed Snouffer, Director of Music Ministry, Pianist
Pat Stewart, Song Leader
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

Tricia Hallock (9:00)
Karen Hale (11:00)

Liturgy Notes

The Greeting and Morning Prayer are from *Unfolding Light*.
The Offering Prayer is by Emily Fenwick.



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Our Mission

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

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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
July 19, 2026

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Gathering Music

Ed Snouffer, piano

"Surely the Presence of the Lord"

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Welcome

Rev. Hilary Marchbanks

Introit

"Boundless Love"

Katie Love

I woke up this morning to a garbage truck
Looks like this old horseshoe's done run out of luck
If I came home, would you let me in
Fry me some pork chops and forgive my sin?

Surround me with your boundless love
Confound me with your boundless love
I was drowning in a sea, lost as I could be
When you found me with your boundless love