

*** Opening Hymn** “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy” All
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart! (Where?) Down in my heart!
I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart to stay!

REFRAIN:
And I’m so happy, so very happy!
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart (down in my heart)!
And I’m so happy, so very happy!
I’ve got the love of Jesus in my heart!

I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart! (Where?) Down in my heart!
I’ve got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart to stay! REFRAIN

I’ve got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart! (Where?) Down in my heart!
I’ve got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart! (Where?)
Down in my heart to stay! REFRAIN

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“Fruit of the Spirit” VBS Singers (11:00)
REFRAIN
Love, joy, peace and patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control;
These are the fruit of the Spirit.
These are the fruit of the Spirit. (Repeat)

I want the fruit of the Spirit in my life,
I want the fruit of the Spirit shining bright.
Jesus, take control, let your love overflow.
I want the fruit of the Spirit in my life. REFRAIN

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“Love Round” VBS Singers and Chimes (11:00)
Love, love, love, love – Christians, this is your call.
Love your neighbor as yourself for God loves all.

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Morning Prayer All, led by VBS Children
Gracious God, thank you for your love that grows in us each day. Just as fruit grows with sunshine, rain, and care, help your Spirit grow in us. Fill us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

gentleness, and self-control. Help us share this good fruit with our families, our friends, our neighbors, and everyone we meet. As we worship you today, help us grow closer to you and become more like Jesus. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Children’s Time Emily Fenwick

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 age 3 through 3rd grade meet in Room 103 for activities while 4th and 5th graders meet in Room 119 for *Bible Detectives*.

Prayers of the People Rev. Hilary 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 Galatians 5:22-23 VBS Children

Message for Today Izzy Lopez
“Fruit-full: Living by the Spirit”

*** Response** All
“I’ve Got Peace Like a River” TFWS 2145
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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Offering “Why I Give” Video VBS Children

Offertory Prayer All, led by Emily Fenwick
Generous God, everything we have comes from you. As we offer these gifts, continue to grow your Spirit in us. May these gifts bear good fruit by sharing your love with our neighbors, caring for those in need, and helping others know Jesus. Bless these gifts and bless the hands that will use them, so that your love may continue to grow in our church and in our community. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Ruby Airhart (9:00)
VBS Singers and Chimes (11:00)

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”
Come and fill our hearts with your love/joy/peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your love/joy/peace. Alleluia.

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*** Song of Thanks** All
“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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*** We Continue Our Worshipful Work** Izzy Lopez

*** Sending Hymn** “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy” All
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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Izzy Lopez

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ** Izzy Lopez

*** Postlude** “I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy” Cina Crisara, piano
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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 celebration of
their anniversary.

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

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Intergenerational Book Study: “New Dragon City”

Youth and adults are invited 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.

Cereal Celebration & Backpack Blessing, Sun, Aug 16

Blessing at both services; celebration at 10 a.m. in the Great Hall. Mark your calendars for our annual return to school celebration on Sun, Aug 16. It’s a great way to kick off a new year with the love and support of your Saint John’s family!

9 and 11 a.m. services - Students, teachers, and anyone else beginning a new scholastic adventure will receive a special blessing from the congregation.

10 a.m. - Join us in the Great Hall for a Cereal Celebration and Oatmeal Bar. All are welcome!

Family Eldercare Summer Fan Drive, Now thru Sep 15

There are elderly and people with disabilities who don’t have A/C this summer and are in danger of getting sick or worse if they can’t keep cool. To help get fans into hot homes, Saint John’s is joining the efforts of the Family Eldercare Summer Fan Drive. Our goal is to raise \$2,000 for this effort, so please donate what you can! To give online, go to bit.ly/sjfanndrive. Questions? Contact Kathleen Harrington at kathleen@kathleenharringtontherapy.com.

Book Study and Season of Hope Guest Speaker

Continuing the conversation begun in the spring, we’ll keep exploring how people of faith can respond to Christian nationalism. Before each speaker visits, we’ll participate in a book discussion to discuss their work. Registration opens soon for the speaker presentations. Questions? Contact Shelley at shelley@stjohnsaustin.org.

Discussion of “Anti-Greed Gospel,” Thu, Sep 10, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Read “The Anti-Greed Gospel” on your own before joining with others to discuss it. Register at bit.ly/sjantigreedgospel.

Speakers on Sat, Sep 19 and Sat, Nov 14, 10 a.m.- noon

Sat, Sep 19, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Malcolm Foley, author of “The Anti-Greed Gospel,” will be our speaker.

Sat, Nov 14, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Brian Kaylor, author of “The Bible According to Christian Nationalists,” will be our speaker.

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, Hymn Leader
Cina Crisara, Music Ministry Specialist
Emily Fenwick, Liturgist
Will Foley, Livestream Coordinator
Mary Foster, Worship Arts Coordinator
Gary James, Sound Technician
Eva Jordan, VBS Singers Director
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Sherry Kleinert, Projections Coordinator
Ed Snouffer, Director of Music Ministry
Mary Len Stanton, VBS Singers Director
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
VBS Singers, Special Music
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Connect Team

Chet Henry (9:00)
Patricia Hallock (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.



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 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

Cina Crisara, piano

“Fruit of the Spirit”

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Welcome

Izzy Lopez

* Greeting

Responsive, led by Emily Fenwick

The Spirit of God is growing something beautiful among us.

May the Fruit of the Spirit grow in us.

Through love, joy, peace, patience, and kindness,

May the Fruit of the Spirit grow in us.

Through goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control,

May the Fruit of the Spirit grow in us.

Filled with God’s Spirit, let us worship together.

Thanks be to God!