

*** Greeting** Responsive, led by Becky Mitschke
Loving God, here we are to worship!
We are here to be awake and alive with gratitude and curiosity.
We give thanks for your goodness, trusting in your blessings.
Through the Spirit’s leading, may we gather strength here to face the future unafraid. Amen.

*** Opening Hymn** “All Are Welcome” All
(Lyrics are on the screen.)

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Morning Prayer All, led by Becky Mitschke
Loving God, in all that is uncertain, we know you hold us close. Jesus Christ asked many questions, and we come before you with questions. In the confidence of our faith, we bring all that we are wrestling with to you. Thank you for surrounding us and giving us assurance. Amen.

Children’s Time Izzy Lopez

After Children’s Time, children age 4 – 3rd grade are invited to go to Room 103 while children 4th – 5th grade are invited to stay in the Sanctuary and follow along with their activity-filled bulletin.

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.

Song for Illumination “Goodness of God” Gospel Birds
I love you, Lord; oh, your mercy never fails me
And in darkest night you are close like no other
I've known you as a father, I've known you as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God, yeah!

REFRAIN
And all my life you have been faithful
And all my life you have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God, yeah!

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Words of Life Luke 18:1-8 Becky Mitschke

Message for Today Rev. Hilary Marchbanks
“Persistence”

*** Response** “Weave” All
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Offertory Prayer All, led by Becky Mitschke
Gracious God, we refuse to give up when we see pain and suffering in the world. Your creation is alive with freedom and flourishing and invites us to be persistent in sharing with those in need. Let us practice this world together as Jesus taught us, sharing what we have, taking care of each other, and bringing all our questions and concerns as honest offerings to you. Amen.

Offertory “I Surrender All” Gospel Birds

All to Jesus I surrender; all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him, in his presence daily live.

REFRAIN:
I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender; humbly at his feet I bow;
worldly pleasures all forsaken; take me, Jesus, take me now.

REFRAIN
All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power; let thy blessing fall on me.

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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
“What Does the Lord Require of You” TFWS 2174
(Lyrics are on the screen and in your hymnal.)

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*** Benediction** Responsive, led by Rev. Marchbanks

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

*** Postlude** “Goodness of God” Gospel Birds

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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,
made by Kathleen Johnson,
are provided in loving memory of
her mother, Joyce Lindsey.
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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Saint John's Pumpkin Patch Through Oct 31

The Pumpkin Patch is fully stocked with gorgeous gourds and open to the public during the following hours:

Mon - Fri: 2-7 p.m. Sat: 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sun: 12 - 7 p.m.

There are still openings for volunteer sales shifts in the patch. Choose your shifts at bit.ly/sjpumpkinpatch2025.

UWF Day of Discovery, Sat, Nov 8, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Day of Discovery, Sat, Nov 8, is the fall fundraiser for our United Women in Faith (UWF) and offers a variety of interesting classes taught by Saint John's members. See the newsletter for a complete list of classes. Each class is \$45, and an optional lunch will be served for \$5. Childcare is available for \$5 per child, per session. Scholarships are available. Register by Tue, Nov 4 via Realm, by using the links in the newsletter, or in the Gallery today. Proceeds support organizations which help women and children. Questions? Email Cathy Barton at catherinebarton2@gmail.com or Ann Barlow at annbarlow740@gmail.com.

Young Children's Music, Sundays, Oct 26 - Dec 14

Mary Len Stanton will hold children's music for Pre-K – 3rd graders on Sundays, Oct 26 – Dec14 (skipping Nov 23, the Sunday before Thanksgiving), 10:05-10:50 a.m. in the Music Room. This group will share a song with the congregation at the 11 a.m. service on Dec 14. (Stay tuned for future Children's Music plans for our 4th and 5th graders!)

Neuroscience and Contemplation, Oct 26 and Nov 2

A new class, *Putting on the Mind of Christ: Neuroscience and Contemplation*, will meet Sundays, Oct 26 and Nov 2, 1:30 – 3 p.m., to relate foundational neuropsychological research to contemplative experience. There will be brief, but substantive looks at Michael Gazzaniga's split-brain research and Jill Bolte Taylor's life-altering experiences following a stroke. We'll ask: How might neuroscience help shape our understanding of "putting on the mind of Christ?" Register at bit.ly/sjmindofchrist. Questions? Email Shelley Walters at shelley@stjohnsaustin.org.

Memorial Gallery for All Saints Sunday, Nov 2

In celebration of the Feast of All Saints on Sun, Nov 2, Saint John's invites you to bring photos or other cherished items that remind you of loved ones who have passed. This year, items will be displayed in the sanctuary windows and on tables in the Gallery. Please bring them before either service to display for the morning. Cards will be provided for sharing the names of remembered loved ones. If possible, please retrieve items following the 11 a.m. service. Together, we will honor and cherish those who have touched our lives and left us with lasting memories.

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
Tricia Hallock, Connect Team (9:00)
Kathleen Harrington, Connect Team (11:00)
Gary James, Sound Technician
Victoria Knight, Projections Intern (11:00)
Izzy Lopez, Children and Youth Coordinator
Katie McKenna, Director of Communications
Becky Mitschke, Liturgist
Ed Snouffer, Pianist
John Thomason, Bulletin Designer
Shelley Walters, Director of Faith Development
Rebecca Witte, Director of Connections

Gospel Birds

Ed Snouffer, director and piano; Mark Akens, Dylan Graves, Sarah Howell, Eric Metcalf, Deb Rupp, Ed Rupp, Jessica Schumacher, Andy Smith, John Thomason, Kaylie Warfield, singers; Mark Akens, piano; Dylan Graves, guitar; Ryan Marchbanks, drums; Ed Rupp, Bass

Liturgy Notes

Liturgy is from Rev. M. Jade Kaiser of *enfleshed*.



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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.



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 19, 2025

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

Mark Akens, piano

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Welcome

Shelley Walters

Introit

"Walk Together, Children"

Gospel Birds

REFRAIN (sung twice)

Walk together, children and don't you get weary. (3x)

There's a great, great, great camp meeting in the promised land.

Keep on walking when you're happy.
Keep on walking when you're low.
Keep on walking through the midnight.
Keep on walking down that long, long road.

REFRAIN

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