

## St. John's at Worship Second Sunday of Easter; 9:30 am

Theme: Conversion/Convictional Moments

Prelude "Rondo" G.F. Handel  
(Linda Duncan, flutist)  
"How Beautiful Are The Feet" (from Messiah) G.F. Handel  
(Julie Rockhold, soprano)

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

\*Greeting

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Choral Introit "Celtic Alleluia" F. O'Carroll

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**People: And to an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us,**

**All: Who by God's power are guarded  
through faith for salvation.**

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 173 "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" RATISBON  
First Lesson Revelation 5:11-14 (p. 248, NT) Melody Ticknor

\*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

\*Silent Prayer

\*Prayers of Confession

**Almighty God,  
you poured your spirit upon gathered disciples  
creating bold tongues, and opening ears to a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the force of your spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your work of grace,**

**speak of the good news of your love,  
or live as a people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your spirit,  
and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people,  
doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon from *The Service for the Lord's Day*

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Anthem "Lift High the Cross" arr. J. Raney/A. Sherman  
(Devon Chapel Bells; Daphne Hill, piano; Diane Legnini, organ)

(teachers may dismiss at their discretion; children may dismiss after the sermonette)

Sermonette Stephanie Eft

\*Hymn 377, vss 1, 3-4 "It Is Well With My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

Offering

Call to Offering Exodus 35:21

(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests with the offering: *please print briefly. Thank you*)

Offertory "I Believe This is Jesus" U. Moore

\*Doxology and Presentation of the Offering

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise  
him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication of the Offering

\*Pastoral Prayers, and the Lord's Prayer (please use the words most familiar to you)

**Our Father, 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

Epistle Lesson Acts 9:1-9 (p. 127, NT)

Sermon ON GETTING KNOCKED OFF ONE'S HORSE Dr. Wilson

Text: Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light  
from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice  
saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who  
are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting....  
Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see  
nothing. Acts 9:3-5, 8a

\*Hymn 674, vss 1, 3-4 "See the Morning Sun Ascending" UNSER HERRSHER

Choral Benediction "Alleluia, Amen" C. Wiltse

Benediction Luke 1:48b-53

Postlude "Christ is Risen, Alleluia" D. Lasky

\*Those who are able, please stand

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

After the service, Lyn Strickler will be at the doors of the sanctuary to answer any  
questions visitors may have about us. She will also be available at coffee fellowship.

**SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER**

**ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD**

**Director of Music** Diane Legnini

**Ushers** Earline Eck, Eva Noll, Ray Noll, Terry Belzer

**Greeters** Lyn Strickler

**Coffee Service** Tom Littlefield & Debbie Railton

**Flowers** Paul, Cindy and Emily Wilson in celebration of  
*God's gift of Springtime*

**Devon Chapel Bells**

Susan Bain, Susan Canas, Marilyn Benton, Becca Chudy,  
Sue Chudy, Sarah Engheta, Christina Fish, Judy Graham,  
Margot Moore, Elizabeth Unger, Nancy Wolfe

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

**ALL CHURCH SPRING SERVICE DAY**

Please join us **Sunday, April 25, immediately following worship** for a  
chance to help spruce up our Lord's beautiful church property! In  
exchange for 2 hours of your time we offer lunch for all workers, good  
fellowship and the satisfaction of a job "well done"! *Becky Wagner will  
have sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall highlighting the work tasks.*  
Remember, wear your work clothes to church that day, and please bring  
your tools; rakes, shovels, wheel barrows etc. See you April 25,  
immediately following the service.

**PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

**Tuesday, May 4 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 p.m.** Please meet at St. John's  
by 5 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. in advance to Kathy Shaw at  
Kathryn\_shaw@vanguard.com (610.308.9646 cell) or Brian Bouvier at  
bbouvier@duanemorris.com (610.873.9856).

**CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

**Youth fellowship resumes today, April 11** with a combined session for  
middle school and senior high from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. We will have another  
panel of people from St. John's to share their stories, as well as some fun  
games and snacks.

**ALL DAUGHTERS DINNER**

Please join Women's Fellowship at our annual St. John's All Daughters  
Dinner. Our guest speaker from Waterloo Gardens will acquaint us with the  
incredible edible herb. The evening includes planting herbs and enjoying  
fellowship – a lovely spring girls' night out.

- Save the date – **Sunday, April 25 at 5:30 pm** (changed from May 2)
- For planting herb seeds: bring the bottom half of a gallon milk  
container with holes punched in the bottom OR a standard 8" clay pot
- Bring a salad and Women's Fellowship provides the rest

If you have questions, please contact Darlene Hinderer at  
dhinderer@comcast.net (610-687-3551) or Shirley Hughes at  
daisy.guinea@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

**MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE**

Mother's Day is coming up on **Sunday, May 9** and we need YOUth to help  
lead the church service! All youth and children are invited to participate in the  
service by offering a few words of tribute to their mothers and presenting them  
with a flower. We also need youth volunteers to read Scripture, help lead parts  
of the service, usher, greet, lead music, and write and participate in a skit. A  
sign-up sheet is posted on the CE bulletin board in fellowship hall, and you can  
contact Stephanie with your interest or questions. Practices will be announced  
at a future date.

*Come one come all!*  
**St. John's Progressive Dinner**  
**Saturday, May 1**  
**Beginning at 6:00 pm**  
**With appetizers at the home of Don & Ginger Black**

Save the date now for this fun and festive annual event!  
 Won't you consider hosting a dinner or dessert in your home?  
 Please contact Elizabeth Ator (EDAator@comcast.net; 610-644-3634)  
 Or Nancy Higgins (tomandnancy@verizon.net; 610-644-3642)  
 Suggested contribution: \$10 per person

Hope to see you there!

**ACME REBATE PROGRAM ENDING**

Acme Markets rebate to non-profits program ends permanently *April 30!*  
 Sunday, April 25 is your last chance to participate by depositing your Acme  
 grocery receipts in the folder in Fellowship Hall.

**OUR RETIRING ST. JOHN'S OFFICERS**

We extend our sincere appreciation to all retiring officers of the Class of  
 2010, for their dedication, faithfulness and hard work on behalf of St. John's.

**Elders:** John Alexander, Brian Bouvier, Cammy Wagner

**Deacons:** Lisa Estabrook, Ron Hinderer, Pam Schafer

**Trustees:** Mark Ator, Ted Babiy, Shellie Unger

*"Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves,  
 the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God  
 the energies of love, and then,  
 for a second time in the history of the world,  
 man will have discovered fire."*

*Teilhard de Chardin, 1881-1955*

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

Guest Preacher April 18: *Sum Thang*

<b>Sun, Apr 11</b>	9:30 am	Worship and Sunday School
	10:45 am	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers
	4:30 pm	Joint Sr. & Jr. High Fellowship
<b>Mon, Apr 12</b>	6:00 pm	All Boards Dinner & Meetings
<b>Tues, Apr 13</b>		Victor's Day of Rest
<b>Wed, Apr 14</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	6:45 pm	Confirmation Class
<b>Thurs, Apr 15</b>	10:00 am	Inward Journey
	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells Rehearsal
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
<b>Fri, Apr 16</b>		Victor's shoulder surgery
<b>Sun, Apr 25</b>	10:45 am	All Church Spring Service Day
	5:30 pm	All Daughters Dinner
<b>Mon, Apr 26</b>	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group
<b>Sat, May 1</b>	6:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
<b>Tues, May 4</b>	5:00 pm	Philabundance Volunteering
<b>Sun, May 9</b>	9:30 am	Youth-led Mother's Day Worship

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

**OUR FUNDAMENTAL DECISION**

Conversion is our fundamental decision in regard to God. It marks nothing less than the ending of the old and the emergence of the new. 'When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world; the old one has gone, and a new order has already begun' (2 Corinthians 5:17, New English Bible). Heart, mind and soul, being, thinking, and doing – all are remade in the grace of God's redeeming love. This decision to allow ourselves to be remade, this conversion, is neither a static nor a once-and-finished event. It is both a moment and a process of transformation that deepens and extends through the whole of our lives. Many think conversion is only for non-believers, but the Bible sees conversion as also necessary for the erring believer, the lukewarm community of faith, the people of God who have fallen into disobedience and idolatry.

The people of God are those who have been converted to God and to God's purpose in history. They define their lives by their relationship to the Lord. No longer are their lives organized around their own needs or the dictates of the ruling powers. They belong to the Lord and serve God alone. Transformed by God's love, the converted experience a change in all their relationships: to God, to their neighbor, to the world, to their possessions, to the poor and dispossessed, to the violence around them, to the idols of their culture, to the false gods of the state, to their friends and to their enemies.

*Jim Wallis, The Call to Conversion (Lion, 1986), pp. 7-8*

**April 11, 2010**

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