

St. John's at Worship
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9:30 AM
Theme: Our Loving God

Prelude "How Can I Cry" *M. Smiley*

Congregational Concerns (*please pass the friendship role*)

Call for Prayer Concerns

*Greeting

*Call to Worship *Based on Samuel Johnson (1822-1882)*

Leader: Father, in thy mysterious presence kneeling,
our yearning souls would feel thy kindling love;

**People: For we are weak, and need some deep revealing
of Truth and strength and calmness from above.**

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise **140** "Great is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 28:7-9 (p. 504, OT) Sylvia Louise Ryland

*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

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God,

you make all things new and forgive old wrongs we strive to forget.

**We confess we have wasted time without loving,
even years without purpose.**

**Daily we miss doing your will
and do instead things you would rather went undone.**

**Cover all that now with your love, we pray;
do not let past wrong shame or cripple us.**

**Lead us into the future: free from sin, free to love,
ready to make amends,**

**ready to work for your Son,
in whose great name we pray. Amen.**

*Assurance of Pardon Isaiah 43:1-3

*Affirmation of Faith A Trinitarian Creed

We believe in God the Creator,

who gives to us our providential earth in all its richness;

**God, who cherishes every family on earth and seeks its wholeness,
who waits like the prodigal's father to welcome us home.**

We believe in God the Son, Jesus the Christ,

who overcame death and bestows eternal life though our believing;

who yearns to enrich every soul;

who fills us with love for God, for one another, and for our best selves.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us with power from within,

who speaks for us when the words won't come,

who stands with us in all things, in heartbreak and thanksgiving.

We believe in one God, the lover of our souls;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(children through grade 5 may dismiss to story time after the hymn)

*Hymn **292** "What Wondrous Love is This" WONDROUS LOVE

Offering

Call to Offering Exodus 35:21

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

Offertory "Operator" *W. Spivery*

*Doxology

**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

**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.**

Gospel Lesson Luke 15:11-32 (p. 78, NT)

Sermon PARABLE OF THE LOVING FATHER Dr. Wilson

Text: So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father
saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around
him and kissed him. *Luke 15:20*

*Hymn **383, vss 1-4** "This is a Day of New Beginnings" NEW BEGINNINGS

Benediction 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Postlude Postlude on "New Beginnings"

**Those who are able, please stand*

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**ALL ARE INVITED TO COFFEE FELLOWSHIP DOWNSTAIRS
IN FELLOWSHIP HALL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

After the service, Nancy Higgins will be at the doors of the sanctuary
to answer any questions visitors may have about us.
She will also be available in fellowship hall.

SERVING GOD THROUGH SERVICE TO ONE ANOTHER

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Diane Legnini*

Ushers *Tom Higgins and Nancy Higgins*

Greeter *Nancy Higgins*

Flowers *Given by Irene McElreavey in loving memory of my parents*

William J. McElreavey and Irene G. McElreavey

Coffee Service *Tom Littlefield and Debbie Railton*

Guest Musicians *Carolyn Gerrish, Tim Starn, Sandra Thompson*

Joys and Sorrows

Christina Fish recovering from jaw surgery:

1086 W. King Road, DR-318, Malvern 19355

Mike Wagner recovering from hand surgery:

209 South Valley Forge Road, Devon 19333

LECTURE AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

During the summer months our group meets *every other* Wednesday from
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm to study the New Testament. The next date is Wednesday,
July 28. All are welcome.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

ST. JOHN'S SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Recording Worship: WE NEED YOUR HELP

Every Sunday we record our worship, the recording is then edited by John
Senior and Victor's sermons are downloaded to St. John's website,
www.stjohnsdevon.com. CD copies of the entire service are available for
any homebound or other persons who would like to receive them. **We
need additional people who are attentive to detail to operate the
recording machine on occasion as the need arises.** John Senior, a
professional sound engineer, will give simple instructions to anyone
willing to help on Sunday mornings. Please contact John at
jsenior@comcast.net, or call the office. We are enormously grateful to
John for this extraordinary gift of time and professional skill over the
years.

REACT WILL CONTINUE TO FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

This month the doors of REACT were threatened with closing due to lack
of financial support and lack of donations of non-perishable food items to
the food pantry. *But, through your generous financial contributions, this
35-year old organization will continue to feed 141 local households
monthly, at least through September.* And, St. John's has renewed its
commitment to provide a monthly donation of food to the pantry
throughout the year. Bless each of you for sharing your bounty with our
struggling brothers and sisters in our own community.

PHILABUNDANCE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Tuesday, August 3 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).

GARDEN NEWS

There are now 16 memorial plates in remembrance of loved ones, and ashes
of a few grace the garden, a sacred and peaceful place. To receive ordering
forms for your loved one's plate, or to volunteer to help groom the garden,
please contact Earline Eck at hteick@aol.com.

WEDDING COMMITTEE

Did you know that St. John's has a Wedding Committee? The members of this
group take turns helping behind the scenes at each wedding rehearsal and
ceremony to answer questions and keep things running smoothly. If you enjoy
weddings and helping to familiarize visitors with St. John's, we would love to
have you join us. We have several weddings scheduled during the next two
months so this is an ideal time to get started. If you're interested in learning
more about this occasional service opportunity, please call (610)-688-5222) or
email the church office (rody.gratton@stjohnsdevon.com). We hope to hear
from you!

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace

God is active everyday!

At VBS this summer, we'll learn how to look for "God sightings" through the miracles around us daily: sunset, rain, friends, even a tasty snack.

The Adventure begins **Sunday, August 22 and runs through Thursday, August 26, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Children from kindergarten through grade 5 are welcome. Please call the church office (610-688-5222) to sign up.

Volunteers are needed for teaching, dinner prep, games, and music. Thank you!

LOST IN FELLOWSHIP HALL, AND LOOKING FOR A GOOD HOME!

Please check the table on the stage in Fellowship Hall for anything that might belong to you: caps, scarves, jackets, shirts, bags, dishes, platters, vases. *Please help yourself to cassette tapes.*

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, July 25	9:30 am	Worship and Child Care
Mon, July 26	10:00 am	Baby Bundles Sewing Group
Tues, July 27		Victor's Day of Rest
Wed, July 28	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer
	7:00 pm	Disciple Bible Study
Thurs, July 29	7:45 pm	Devon Brass Rehearsal
Mon, Aug 2	7:30 pm	CE Meeting
Tues, Aug 3	5:00 pm	Philabundance Volunteering
Wed, Aug 11	7:00 pm	Disciple Bible Study
Fri, Aug 13		Victor on vacation (thru 8/31)
Sun, Aug 22		Vacation Bible School (thru 8/26)

Rev. Dr. Victor Wilson, Pastor (victor.wilson@stjohnsdevon.com)

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

from: THE EVERLASTING MERCY

O Christ who holds the open gate,
O Christ who drives the furrow straight,
O Christ, the plough, O Christ, the laughter
Of holy white birds flying after,
Lo, all my heart's field red and torn,
And thou wilt bring the young green corn,
The young green corn divinely springing,
The young green corn for ever singing;
And when the field is fresh and fair
Thy blessed feet shall glitter there.
And we will walk the weeded field,
And tell the golden harvest's yield.
The corn that makes the holy bread
By which the soul of man is fed,
The holy bread, the food unpriced,
Thy everlasting mercy, Christ.

John Masefield, 1878-1967

July 25, 2010

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about St. John's, visit our website:
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