

**St. John’s at Worship
Second Sunday of Easter**

Prelude “You Are Holy” *Imboden/Rhoton*

Welcome and Announcements *(please pass the fellowship roll)*

Introit “Change My Heart, O God” *Espinosa*

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1 – 8b (p. 54) Matthew Repke

*Call to Worship
Leader: The tomb is *still* empty!
People: Christ is *still* risen!
Leader: Jesus is Lord! Our redeemer lives!
People: And because *he* lives, *we* can live new lives, with God and with each other!
Leader: Let us worship our living God!

*Hymn **303** “The Day of Resurrection”

*Prayer of Invocation 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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
The good news of Easter can wear off quickly, and even after the celebration and transformation of that day, we soon find ourselves walking down all the old paths of life; the paths that lead not to life, but to death; not to forgiveness, but to sin. Don’t let us go back to the tomb, Lord. Don’t let us look there anymore. You are *still* risen! You are *still* alive! May *we* be risen, too! May *we* be alive, too! Set us back on your path of righteousness, and continue to overcome the power that sin and death attempt to hold over our lives.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

*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.

Scripture Reading Mark 16:8c (p. 55) Connor Loftus

Confirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

<u>Confirmand</u> <i>Jack Collett</i> <i>Jennifer Ealer</i> <i>Oliver Feldman</i> <i>Connor Loftus</i> <i>Matthew Repke</i> <i>Andrew Ward</i>	<u>Parents</u> <i>Steve and Kim Collett</i> <i>Jeff and Debbie Ealer</i> <i>Jason and Lauren Feldman</i> <i>Kevin and Kristen Loftus</i> <i>Scott and Carolyn Repke</i> <i>Mark and Liz Ward</i>
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*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.

Children Pre-K through 4th grade may go to Sunday School after Confirmation. Grades 5 through 12 stay to share communion.

*Hymn **605** “Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters”

Scripture Reading Mark 16:9 – 20 (p. 55)

Sermon CHOOSE YOUR OWN ADVENTURE Rev. Marshall

Offering
Call to Offering
(Ushers will collect blue card prayer requests at the time of the offering.)
Offertory “Grace Flows Down” *Bell/Giglio*
*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

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving
Communion of the People
Prayer after Communion

*Hymn **610** “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

*Benediction

Postlude “By the Waters of Babylon”

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Organist *Nancy Kimmons*
Greeter *Jim Netter*
Ushers *Gordon Wright, Mimi Wright, John Woodcock, Barbara Woodcock*
Coffee Service *Susanne Engheta*
Flowers *Given by Nancy Davie in memory of my parents, husband, Tom, and brother, Mart.*
Joy Messengers *Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, Pam Schafer, John Senior*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!
We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning, and we hope that you experience the love of Jesus Christ here with us! If there is anything we can do to help you feel more at home, please feel free to ask one of the ushers located at each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs immediately following worship. Our greeter, Jim Netter, will be available in the back of the sanctuary after worship to answer any questions you might have about St. John’s. We are glad that you are here, and hope you will worship with us again soon!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
This offering goes to support individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, as well as those who serve them. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. If you would like to give in support of this offering, please use the envelope included in the bulletin.

ST. JOHN’S OUTREACH
Claire Zuhosky, one of the Mission Co-Workers that we support, will be here on Sunday, April 17 to tell us about the work that she has been doing in Niger! She will be giving a presentation with time for conversation after worship in the Carriage House. If you want to learn more about Claire or the other ministries that our church supports, check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Every month we highlight two ministries and provide updated information about our Mission Co-Workers. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the chair of our Outreach Committee, Janette Scott.

DINNER & A MOVIE – SUNDAY, APRIL 17
Join us from 5 – 8 PM on Sunday, April 17 as we watch and discuss the movie *Life of Pi*. Pizza and drinks will be provided, but we are asking you to bring a dessert for a dessert contest, judged by our youth! To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, please RSVP to Gavin Kerr.



The Middle/High School Youth Group meets from **4:30 to 6:00 PM.**

Devon Horse Show Parking

Signup online today at www.stjohnsdevon.com! **High School Mission Trip participants must sign up for two time slots.**

April 17 – Youth Sunday!

The youth will lead worship from beginning to end! Please contact Eric if you would like to participate. There is something for everyone!

April: Transitions!

From changing schools to gaining or losing friends, we all go through transitions in life. Together, we will talk about transitions in the Bible and see where that leads each of us. First we will look at the book of Judges, then the book of Ruth. We will take a week off for a special guest speaker/movie night and then finish our series by looking at some of the transitions that Jesus' disciples experienced.

April 3 (4:30 – 6 PM): Judges

April 10 (4:30 – 6 PM): Ruth

April 17 (Time to be announced): Special guest – Claire Zuhosky, missionary in Niger. After our time with Claire, all youth are invited to stay for dinner and a movie!

April 24 (4:30 – 6 PM): The Disciples

WOMEN'S RETREAT – SATURDAY, APRIL 9 (9 AM – 1 PM)

Please join us this coming **Saturday** in the Wilson Carriage House for a women's retreat led by Carol Schreck, a retired associate professor at Palmer Seminary and a clinician in Marriage and Family at Kairos Counseling Services in Devon. "The Sacred Journey" is for those who are thirsty for more of God, who are dissatisfied with living on the surface, and who want to travel deeper into God's heart. We will be working with Sharon Brown's book *Sensible Shoes*, which you are encouraged to read prior to the retreat so that you gain familiarity with the spiritual journey being discussed. *Sign-ups are important! Please see Sue Hardin today at coffee fellowship if you plan to attend.*

CARRIAGE CLUB MONDAY, APRIL 11 AT NOON

Following a delicious lunch we'll hear a presentation by Grace Lahneman, who is on staff at the Museum of American Revolution (scheduled to open in early 2017). Grace will be giving us a "sneak preview." If your schedule does not allow you to be present for the entire luncheon (12:00 – 2:00), please feel free to come and go as you must. As always, reservations are appreciated and may be made by e-mailing Virginia Holt or responding to the forthcoming e-mail. Please let us know a week in advance if you need childcare.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – THIRD NOTICE

A special (and very brief) Congregational Meeting has been called for **Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 AM**, for the purpose of electing the 2016 Congregational Nominating Committee. The proposed candidates are:

- Steve Barnes
- Judy Mileto
- Cammy Wagner

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Wed, April 6	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir
Thurs, April 7	10:00 am	Women's Morning Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass
Sat, April 9	9:00 am	Women's Retreat
Sun, April 10	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Congregational Meeting
Mon, April 11	12:00 pm	Carriage Club
	6:00 pm	All Boards Dinner
	7:00 pm	Deacon, Session, and Trustees Meetings
Sun, April 17	9:30 am	Youth Sunday
	5:00 pm	Dinner and a Movie (<i>Life of Pi</i>)

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.
Eric is out on Saturdays and Tuesdays.
Rody is out on Saturdays and Sundays.
If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"What Now" by Roger Lovette

The service yesterday was glorious.
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today!
Alleluia! Alleluia!"

And we move toward the altar
to get the lily we bought.
The flower that remembered someone
living or dead.

From all over the church people came –
picking up lily after lily –
Until the altar was sparse and bare –
With only a lone lily or two left here and there.

One by one we moved to the parking lot.
We carefully placed our lily
so it wouldn't fall over and break –
With luck I'll dig a hole today or tomorrow
and hope next Spring I will see my lily again.

So I start the car
and move toward home.
All over town others follow the same ritual.
The music has stopped.
The Alleluias are over.
I take the key out of the ignition.
I am home.
What now?
What now that the Alleluias are over?

April 3, 2016
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