

## St. John's at Worship Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Erbarne Dich, Mein Gott" *J.S. Bach*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: In quietness and trust shall be your peace (Isaiah 30.15)

**People:** Draw us into quietness and deepen our trust, because we long for the embrace of your peace

Leader: Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46.10)

**People:** Draw us from busyness, sometimes frenzy, because we long to know you

Leader: Unless you become like little children, you shall not enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 18.3)

**People:** Draw forth the child in us, because we long for pathways into your kingdom

Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord's help; he listened and heard my cry (Psalm 40.1)

**People:** Draw into quiet expectancy, because we long to be heard and heeded

\*Hymn **191 vss. 1,3** "Jesus Loves Me"  
Hymn **657 (2x)** "This is the Day"  
Hymn **494 vss. 1,2,5** "Kum Ba Ya"

\*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.**

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Gracious God, near as a whisper, close as breath, constant and trustworthy presence, ever forgiving and loving, why is there is so much that draws us away from you? Selfishness and greed; false peace and false community; fear and anger; indifference, even callousness. Called to compassion, we see you wounded by the side of the road, and walk on the other side. Called to be peacemakers, we are silent in the face of violence and war. Taught by Jesus to a broad and welcoming embrace, we let race, gender, creed and lifestyles divide us. Called to speak out, we are silent. Challenged to act, we remain still. God our judge, be our redeemer.**

Silent Confession

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 Isaiah 43 (Selected; GNB) Rev. Dr. Howard Friend

Children's Time Rev. Dr. Howard Friend

Anthem "Lord, Let me Weep" *G.F. Handel*

\*Hymn **404** "Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit"

Scripture Reading Ephesians, 3.14 -4.16 (Selected; GNB)

Sermon A GOOD NEWS EPIDEMIC Rev. Dr. Howard Friend  
*Choosing to Become Creatively Contagious*

### *Time of quiet reflection*

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless" *G.F. Handel*

\*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

\*Hymn **405** "Seek Ye First"

\*Benediction

Postlude "Andante Religioso" *DuBois*

\*All who are able, please stand

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Mark K. Darin*

**Ushers** *Pat Churchill and Brian Bouvier*

**Coffee Service** *Cindy Kerr*

**Flowers** *From the Bellew family in celebration of our children.*

**Guest Musicians** *Bryan DeSilva (counter tenor), Cassia Harvey (Cello)*

### JOYS AND SORROWS

*Bob Miller is recovering well after an emergency procedure Monday while on vacation in Russia. He and Betsy will remain in St. Petersburg while he heals. Please keep them in prayer.*

### 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, Mark K. Darin, 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!



### ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



We will be hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross here on **July 5th**.

Did you know that every three seconds someone in the United States needs blood? That adds up to about 32,000 units of blood needed *every day*. Despite the size of the need, less than 4% of the population are currently active blood donors. Come out and donate on July 5th. A single donation can help save as many as three lives! Contact Lara in the office to make an appointment!

### ALPHA FOR YOUR MIND – KNOWLEDGE

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith that will be the focus of Supper at St. Johns this fall. Each session begins with talks designed to engage and inspire conversation. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity. Each session explores questions such as: Who is Jesus? How can we have faith? How does God Guide Us? Enrich your mind! Attended Alpha previously? This is a new, updated program that will build on your previous experience.

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

There are several open dates available to sponsor altar flowers this summer and fall. Please consider sharing this gift with our morning service. Sign-ups are available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or email Lauren Feldman.



While Youth Group is officially over for this program year, we *will* be having some fun gatherings throughout the summer; times to get together, catch up, eat some pizza, and play some games. Be on the lookout for more information in emails and the bulletin. Have a great summer!

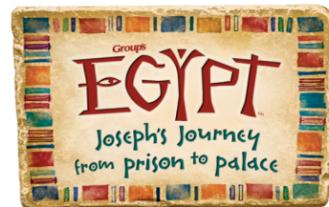
**High School Mission Trip: July 24 – July 29**

We have a group of 13 youth and 4 adult leaders traveling to Vienna, Virginia to work with *Week of Hope*. If you have any questions, please talk to Patrick.

**“Adopt-a-Youth” for the Mission Trip!**

In the past we have sent each of the mission trip participants off with a goodie bag of their favorite snacks. On Sunday, July 10, there will be sheets for each youth in the Fellowship Hall. You can sign up to “adopt” one and put together their goodie bag. Bags will be due back the following Sunday, July 17. Please contact Kristi Thomson with any questions.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



**Vacation Bible School 2016**

**July 18 – 22, 9 AM to Noon**

**Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace**

Children ages 4 – 10 are invited to come and discover God’s Word through drama, games, crafts, and song! Contact Marianne McClennen for more information, or sign up on the website under “Quicklinks”

**We are still in need of volunteers!**

**ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR**

<b>Wed, June 29</b>	6:00 pm	Dinner, Worship & Bible charades!
<b>Sun, July 3</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Communion (Intinction) Rev. Michael Wilson preaching
<b>Mon, July 4</b>		Independence Day - Office will be closed
<b>Sun, July 10</b>	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship
<b>Mon, July 11</b>	7:00 pm	Session Meeting

**A Reminder about Staff Days Off**

Patrick will be on vacation starting tomorrow (June 20) through Tuesday, July 5. Please direct any pastoral care calls to Lara at the church office.

In his absence the Rev. Dr. Howard Friend will be leading worship next Sunday, June 26. Leading worship and serving communion on Sunday, July 3 will be the Rev. Dr. Michael Wilson, Stated Clerk of Donegal Presbytery.

Lara is out on Saturdays and Sundays.

If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until she is back in the office. Thank you for understanding!



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

**CELEBRATING LIGHT**

Then God said, Let there be light; and there was light.  
And God saw that the light was good

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined*

You are the light of the world, so let your light shine before others,  
so they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven

*No one, after lighting a lamp, hides it, but puts it on  
a lampstand, so all that enter may see the light*

In the beginning was the Word . . . in him was life, and the life  
was the light of all people, and the darkness did not overcome it.

*Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will  
always have the light of life.*

God is light and in God is no darkness at all . . . if we walk in  
the light, as God is in the light, we will have fellowship with one  
another . . . whoever loves lives in the light

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