

St. John's at Worship Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude "Meditation on 'I Sing the Almighty Power of God'" *Arr. Jodi Acker Bohr*

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

Introit "Deep River" *African American Spiritual, arr. Kevin McChesney*

*Call to Worship

Leader: One more time in this season of Easter,
we celebrate the good news...

People: Christ is risen! Jesus is Lord!

Leader: The tomb is, and forever shall be, *empty!*

**People: Let us rise up with him and live new lives
with God and with each other!**

Leader: Let us worship our living God.

*Hymn 318, vss. 1, 3, 4, 5 "Christ Is Alive"

*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

Hymn 390, vss. 1, 2, 4 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray,
but you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls, and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread your peace.**

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. Amen.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:15 – 22 (pg. 20) Jeff Estabrook

Children's Time Rev. Marshall
*Pre-K – 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.
Sunday School ends at 10:45.*

Anthem "In Christ Alone" *Larson*

Sermon LIFE IN THE ZONE OF ALIENATION Rev. Marshall
At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Affirmation of Faith From the Belhar Confession (1982)

We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.

We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Offertory "Ceremonial Overture" *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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

*Hymn 378, vss. 1 – 4 "Amazing Grace"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Trumpet Voluntary" *Jeremiah Clark*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music

Iris Blanco

Greeter

Sandie Puckett

Ushers

Liz, Mark, Mary Caroline, and Andrew Ward

Flowers

*Given by the Parsons and Suski families
in loving memory of Robert Parsons*

Coffee Service

Marianne and Skip McCledden

Devon Brass

Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege

Guest Musician

Luciana Piovan

Bells

*Susan Bain, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Sue Johnson,
Elizabeth Unger, Mary Caroline Ward. We are grateful to
Kathy Niness, Robin Sheard and Jane Trolier from St.
Matthew's Methodist Church for ringing with us this morning*

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, Sandie Puckett, 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 MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **tonight from 5–6 PM**, featuring "Music that Brings Us Together." These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

CELEBRATING GRADUATES

On **Sunday, June 11**, we will be celebrating our graduates in worship. If someone in your family is receiving their high school, college, or post-graduate degree this spring (or if they *have* since last June), please email Lara (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) the following information: Student's name, current school, degree, and school to be attended in the fall (if applicable).

LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION UPDATE

The Renovation Committee has accepted a bid from Warfel Construction, and work will begin on our lower level this week! Removal of toilets/sinks/etc. will take place this week, asbestos remediation will begin on June 1, and construction will begin on/around June 15 (lasting until mid-to-late September). What this means is that as of this week, **the entire lower level will be a construction zone and thus not available for passage or use of any kind for the duration of the summer.** Starting next Sunday, restrooms, nursery care, and coffee fellowship will all be moved to the Carriage House for the duration of the summer. For those who did not receive the more detailed email announcement, copies are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

PLEASE CHECK LOST & FOUND

With work beginning on the lower level this week, we need to clear out the last few items in our Lost & Found. Please check the coat racks downstairs (off of the Fellowship Hall) to see if anything there is yours. Everything left there after today will be donated.

WELCOMING OUR NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR

In just three weeks, we will be welcoming our new Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries, the Rev. Ridgley Beckett Joyner. Ridgley and her husband Will will be moving to Pennsylvania in early June. Her first day in the office will be June 12, and her first Sunday with us will be June 18. And, yes, she *will* be going on the mission trip! Ridgley and Will appreciate the love and support that you have shown them so far, and value your prayers as they prepare to begin their life and ministry here with us!

SUMMER MISSION TRIP

There is still a spot available for one more high school or college-age student to go on this summer's mission trip to New Mexico. If you are interested, please contact Debbie Ealer as soon as possible. The cost of the trip is \$425. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, June 4 after worship in the Carriage House for all adult leaders, youth, and parents of those attending. This meeting is very important, and we strongly encourage everyone to attend.

HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

It's time to gear up for our biggest annual youth fundraiser of the year. **May 25 through June 3**, we will be parking cars from 9 AM to 9 PM at St. John's. Like last year, we will have individual day leaders responsible for each day of parking. Please contact Lara in the church office if you are interested in serving as a day leader. You do not have to *be here* all day, simply oversee the volunteers for each shift. Any youth who are participating in the mission trip this year are required to sign up for 3 shifts. We ask that any youth who are not attending the trip sign up for 2 shifts. We are also seeking the help of any adults and parents to help out with shifts as well. Each shift is 3 hours. You can sign up for shifts online at www.stjohnsdevon.com (under "Quick Links").



Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2017!

July 24 – 28, 9 AM to Noon

Children ages 4 – 10 are invited to come and discover God's Word through drama, games, crafts, and songs!

More details will be coming soon!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, May 21	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carriage House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
Thurs, May 25	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking Begins
Sun, May 28	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, May 29		Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays. Lara 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. If you have a pastoral emergency on a Saturday, you may call (610) 608-2568.

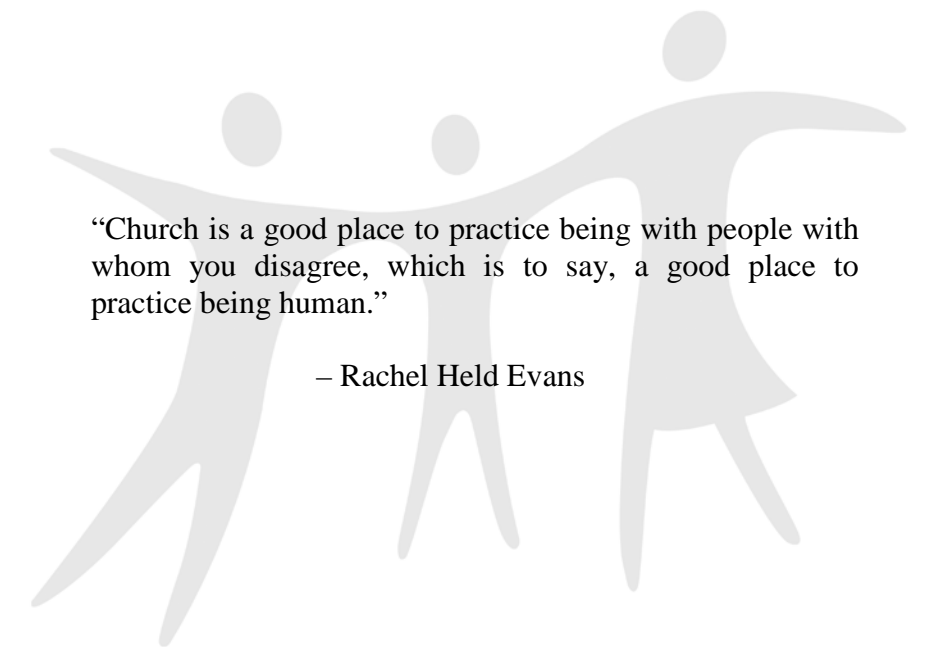


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



– Rachel Held Evans

May 21, 2017
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