

St. John's at Worship Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

*Call to Worship

Leader: We have to celebrate, because we were lost,
but we have been found.

People: God has sought us out! We belong to God!

Leader: We have to celebrate, because we were blind,
but now we see.

People: God opens our eyes and shows us the way that leads to life!

Leader: We have to celebrate, because we were dead,
but now we are alive!

**People: In Christ we are made new,
to live a new life with God and with each other!**

Leader: In gratitude to God, let us worship!

*Hymn (INSERT), vss. 1, 3, 4 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*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

**We confess, Lord, that in so many little ways,
we try to *earn* your love and blessing.**

And we try to make *others* earn *ours*.

Forgive us for the ways that we make each other think

we have to be *good enough to love*;

the ways that we burden each other with requirements.

Help us to lay aside all our *conditions*,

so that we can *receive* and *dwell* in a love that is *unconditional*;

the love you have shown us so beautifully in Jesus.

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 11:16 – 19, 25 – 30 (pg. 11) Jeff Estabrook

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.

Anthem "Jesus Thou Divine Companion"

*Jesus, Thou divine Companion, by Thy lowly human birth
Thou hast come to join the workers, burden-bearers of the earth.
Thou, the Carpenter of Nazareth, toiling for Thy daily food,
By Thy patience and Thy courage, thou have taught us toil is good.*

*They who tread the path of labor follow where Thy feet have trod;
They who work without complaining do the holy will of God.
Thou, the Peace that passeth knowledge, dwellest in the daily strife;
Thou, the Bread of heaven, art broken in the sacrament of life.*

*Every task, however simple, sets the soul that does it free;
Every deed of love and kindness done to man is done to Thee.
Jesus, Thou divine Companion, help us all to work our best;
Bless us in our daily labor, lead us to our Sabbath rest.*

Scripture Reading Romans 7:15 – 25a (pg. 157)

Sermon NOT GOOD ENOUGH Rev. Marshall

At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Affirmation of Faith from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (1983)

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks**

**and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Offertory "Siciliano" *Bach*

*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 357, vss. 1, 3, 5 "Just As I Am"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Praise the Lord" *Justice*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Ellen Moeller and Nancy Davis*

Flowers *Given by Kathy Johnson and family
in loving memory of Tom.*

Refreshments *Judy Mileto*

Guest Musician *Patricia Turse (harp)*

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 in the Carriage House immediately following worship. Our greeter, Virginia Holt, 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!

LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION UPDATE

We will be giving you an update on the renovation project either today or in this coming week. **The entire lower level is a construction zone and thus not available for passage or use of any kind.** Restrooms are available in the Carriage House. Nursery care and coffee fellowship have also been moved to the Carriage House for the duration of the summer.

SUMMER COMMUNION

Due to renovations and the loss of kitchen/preparation space downstairs, the Session has voted to celebrate communion by Intinction (come forward, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup of juice) for the remainder of the summer. We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month (August 6 and September 3). St. John's communion is not just for members or Presbyterians. Anyone who places their faith in Jesus Christ and seeks his nourishment is encouraged to share this meal with us!

NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

In order to give our wonderful nursery volunteers a break during the summer, we need people to fill in on Sunday mornings during the months of July and August. This would be a great chance for college students home for the summer to make some extra money. Clearances are required, and we can help you with that process if you do not already have them. Please contact Stephanie Crill for more details.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Your response to our School Supply Drive for the Village has been amazing! We have extended the drive through July 10 since we are still in need of a few items for the 50 backpacks we will fill. If you would like to contribute, we especially need: marble composition books, 2-pocket folders, glue sticks, and pencil cases. Collection boxes are in the Carriage House entryway and the sanctuary coat closet. Please contact Nancy Higgins or Christine Markle if you have questions. Thank you so much for your support!



**Vacation Bible School 2017:
Rome: Paul and the Underground Church!**

July 24 – 28, 9 AM to Noon

Children ages 4–10 are invited to discover God’s Word through drama, games, crafts, and songs! Explore a crowded Roman marketplace, tiptoe past watchful Roman guards, race chariots, encourage first-century Christians who meet in a dark cave, and visit Paul for daily discoveries about God’s love. If you can volunteer to help with crafts, games, or snacks, please contact Laurie Cato.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL 2017

We are still looking for volunteers to help teach summer Sunday School. If you can give one or two Sunday mornings to help our children learn about God’s love, please email Ellen Moeller. This year Summer Sunday school will have 3 classes: Kindergarten–4th, 5th–7th, and 8th–12th. Each Sunday will begin with prayer, devotion, and a Bible story, followed by a craft or outside activity. If you would like to help, the CE committee has teaching material you may use, or you can bring your own ideas!

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, July 9	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
Mon, July 10	11:30 am	Cheryl Campbell Funeral Service
	7:00 pm	Stated Session Meeting
Sat, July 15	11:00 am	Scott Benton Memorial Service

Patrick and Ridgley are 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

“Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver

You do not have to be good.
You do not have to walk on your knees
for a hundred miles through the desert repenting.
You only have to let the soft animal of your body
love what it loves.
Tell me about despair, yours, and I will tell you mine.
Meanwhile the world goes on.
Meanwhile the sun and the clear pebbles of the rain
are moving across the landscapes,
over the prairies and the deep trees,
the mountains and the rivers.
Meanwhile the wild geese, high in the clean blue air,
are heading home again.
Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
the world offers itself to your imagination,
calls to you like the wild geese, harsh and exciting
over and over announcing your place
in the family of things.

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