

St. John's at Worship Fifth Sunday in Lent

Prelude "Ah Holy Jesus" *Osman*

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

Introit "I'm Working on a Building for My Lord"

*Call to Worship

Leader: The journey of Lent is one of *losing* ourselves, so that we might truly be *found*.

People: It is about dying to self, so that we might truly live in Christ.

Leader: It is a journey of repentance, turning away from sin and reorienting our lives to God.

People: Come, let us return to the Lord, for we are torn, and God will heal us.

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn **269** "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

*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.

Responsive Prayer of Confession (INSERT)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn **292, vs. 1** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Scripture Reading Luke 18:31 – 43 (pg. 82, NT) Sue Chudy

Children's Time Rev. Joyner
At this time Pre-K – 12th grade leave for Sunday School until 10:45.

*Hymn **454** "Open My Eyes That I May See"

Sermon SEEING CHRIST Rev. Marshall
At the end of the sermon, there will be a moment of silent reflection and prayer.

*Affirmation of Faith A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

Offertory "Angel Band"

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

*Hymn **371 (INSERT), vss. 1, 2, 4** "Lift High the Cross"

*Benediction

*Postlude "I'll Fly Away"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jennifer Roberts*

Ushers *Bruce & Nancy Phillips, Carolyn & Scott Repke*

Flowers *Given by Pam Schafer, in loving memory of my mother
with gratitude, love, joy, and sorrow.*

Refreshments *Sam & Megan Hillier*

Hand Bells *Susan Bain, Brigitte Belzer, Sue Chudy, Cat Duncan,
Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish, Sarah Geiger,
Andrew Ward*

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 Fellowship Hall immediately following worship. Our greeter, Jennifer Roberts, 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!

CONFIRMATION CLASS "BAKE SALE" TODAY!

The confirmands will be selling bags of chocolate-covered treats, as well as other baked goods, in the Fellowship Hall today and next Sunday. Bring some cash and treat yourself or someone you love to some delicious handmade goodies! The confirmands will be using the proceeds to support a local ministry as a part of their class service project.

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We will be taking pictures for a new pictorial directory on Saturday, April 14, Tuesday, April 17, and Wednesday, April 18. You may sign up for a time slot by visiting: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y91n2930/> or you may contact Lara in the office and she will assist you in selecting a time slot.

EASTER LILIES

Once again, the Deacons are accepting sponsorships for Easter Lilies to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$10 per plant, and it is yours to keep after worship. Pat Marshall will be in Fellowship Hall at coffee time if you would like to purchase a plant. You may also contact Pat to reserve your lily.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP'S LIFT EVENT – SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 5–7 PM

We will be making succulent terrariums. You bring a container of your choice and we will provide the succulents and planting materials. There are samples downstairs to help get your creative thoughts going. There will be a \$15 charge for materials, which includes 5 succulents. If you aren't interested in 'the planting,' please join us for the food and fellowship! If you have questions, please email Cindy Kerr or Earline Eck.

CARRIAGE CLUB – MONDAY, APRIL 9 (NOON)

Following a light lunch, author and St. John's member Michael Zomber will speak to us about his book "Jesus and the Samurai – The Shining Religion and the Samurai." An internationally known authority on Japanese arms and armor and consultant to museums and auction houses throughout America and Europe, Michael examines the history of Japanese Christianity. Babysitting will be available with 7 days notice. Reservations, which are greatly appreciated, may be made contacting Virginia Holt.

TEXAS MISSION OPPORTUNITY

In partnership with local churches and the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, St. John's has been invited to participate in three mission trips to Houston to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Teams will be going on the following dates: April 21–29, June 23–30, and July 1–8. There are still a few openings for the April trip, however, we need firm commitments this week. Remember, St. John's will contribute towards the \$800 cost. For more information, stop by our table in Fellowship Hall or contact Christine Markle or Nancy Higgins.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Is there an organization you would like us to consider supporting with our mission funds? In addition to financial support, we are also interested in organizations that could involve the members of St. John's in hands-on activities. If you have a suggestion, please send the organization's name, a summary of its program, and any other information you deem pertinent to Christine Markle.

WOMEN'S RETREAT – APRIL 27–29

Bringing Hope to a World in Need:

Caring for Self, for Others, and for God's Creation.

The women of Central Presbyterian Church in Downingtown invite you to join them at the St. Mary's of Providence Retreat Center in Elverson, PA, for a weekend of worship, quiet reflection, small group conversation, and walking in God's creation. Our Speaker will be Betsy Friend, who has led spiritual retreats for 30 years. For more information, including registration, please contact Ellen Moeller.



Follow us on Instagram! @StJohnsDevonYouth
 Join our group text! Text "@Sjpcyouth" to 81010
 Join our Parents Facebook Group: "St. John's Devon Youth"

We are now taking donations of children, youth, and family devotional and religious books for the new Children, Youth, and Families library!

Today – Youth Group

Join us for games, fellowship, and discussion!
 Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.
 High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

March 25 – Youth Group

We will be filling Easter eggs for the egg hunt and doing a Scavenger Hunt around the Carriage House!
 Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.
 High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

Holy Week at St. John's

Palm Sunday (March 25) Worship at 9:30 AM, with concurrent Sunday School and nursery care. The Sunday School children will take part in the Procession of Palms at the beginning of worship and then make their way to the Fellowship Hall for combined Sunday School (preK–4th grade). Middle School students are invited to either join the High School class (8th–12th) or help in the Fellowship Hall.

Maundy Thursday (March 29) At 7:00 PM St. John's will celebrate the Lord's Supper at a worship service appropriate for all ages. Childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

Good Friday (March 30) While we do not offer a Good Friday service, there are community services at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Malvern (12–3 PM) and at St. Katharine of Sienna in Wayne (1 PM and 7 PM).

Egg Hunt (Saturday, March 31) St. John's will host a community Easter Egg Hunt for children 5th grade and younger on the Carriage House lawn starting at 10 AM. Children will hear the Easter story, hunt for eggs, and play games. They may bring their Easter basket, or we will provide small bags.

Easter Sunday (April 1) Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ at 9:30 AM with worship and communion. There will not be Sunday School on Easter, however childcare will be provided for nursery and toddlers through age 4.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Mar 18 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Mon, Mar 19 7:00 pm Adult Christian Ed Meeting (Kean Room)
Wed, Mar 21 9:00 am Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Mar 25 9:30 am Worship & Sunday School Ordination/Installation of New Officers

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 after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 610-764-6436.**

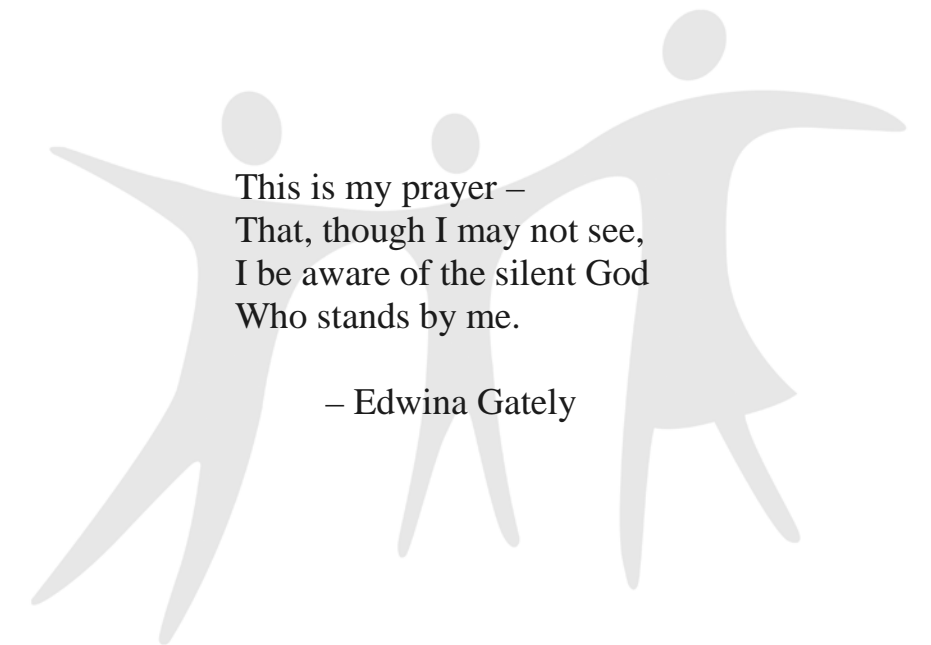


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



This is my prayer –
 That, though I may not see,
 I be aware of the silent God
 Who stands by me.

– Edwina Gately

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