

St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty" *McChesney*

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

Minute for Mission – The Deacons' Military Care Packages

Introit "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" *McKechnie*

*Call to Worship

Leader: The good news of Easter is *still* with us...

Women: Christ is risen – then, now, and forever!

Leader: Because *he* lives, *we* can live a new life, with God and with each other.

Men: Jesus is Lord, and he is alive!

Leader: Let *us* rise up and celebrate this good news!

All: Our redeemer lives! Let us worship 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.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Risen Savior, you call us to trust in the promise that you are always with us.

That is *easy* when everything is going well.

But it is very *hard* when we find ourselves in the midst of challenges and suffering and sin.

Instead of trusting in your presence to guide us, we try to make our own way, and we close ourselves off from you.

You call us to make disciples of all nations, modeling your way – in word and deed – to the world around us.

But our faith is so personal that it becomes private.

We fail to share your good news with the world, and we close ourselves off from each other.

You who gave the Great Commission, help us to fulfill it by living in ways that bear witness to your presence.

And when we fall short, may we experience your grace, as it has been poured out upon us in Jesus Christ.

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 Isaiah 43:1 – 7 (pg. 672, OT) Nancy Higgins

Children's Time Rev. Joyner
Children Pre-K through 12th grade may go to Sunday School at this time.

Anthem "God Is Love" *Fettke*

Scripture Reading Matthew 28:16 – 20 (pg. 34, NT)

Sermon THROUGH THE WATERS Rev. Marshall

*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 "How Great Thou Art" *Marchand*

*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 294 (GREEN) "Go to the World!"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Rejoice in the Lord" *Hopson*

*Postlude "Fantasia" *Praetorius*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jim Netter*

Ushers *Skip & Marianne McClennen, Virginia & Lee Holt*

Flowers *Given by Peter & Nancy Crawford in loving memory of their parents.*

Coffee Service *Kermit & Earline Eck*

Rejoicing Ringers *Brigitte Belzer, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Connor Feldman, Oliver Feldman, Nathan Geiger, Sarah Geiger, Andrew Ward*

Devon Chapel Bells *Susan Bain, Marilyn Benton, Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Sue Hardin, SueBeth Johnson, Susan Starke, Jim Tiede, Elizabeth Unger*

Devon Brass *Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege*

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 in the Fellowship Hall 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 OFFERING

Throughout the season of Easter, we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This goes to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. Please use the envelopes in your pew racks or visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs> to learn more and give online.

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

We are collecting gently used or new clothing items for children 5-8 years old who attend Chester County Family Academy: spring jackets, sweat shirts, shoes (size 1-5), new socks (youth children 4-10, or generic white crew socks) and T-shirts yellow (no logos, size youth M, youth L, and youth XL). Please put them in Carriage house closet by April 22. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Zomber.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, April 29 from 5–6 PM**, and will focus on Spanish Composers. These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Each month's concert focuses on a different theme, style of music, or composer, along with different instruments and vocalists. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

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.

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION

Please join us for a two-part discussion entitled *The Holy Spirit and an Invitation to Contemplation*, led by Nancy Arico. The discussion will be held on May 6 and May 20, at 11 AM in the Carriage House. Nancy will lead a discussion on what Pentecost means to us today, including a look at what scripture and our Book of Confessions tell us about who the Holy Spirit is, what the Spirit does, and how the Spirit draws us closer to God.

MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP DINNER – WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 (6 PM)

Supper at St. John's may be over until the fall, but we want to keep eating! Join us on Wednesday, May 16 at 6 PM for our next monthly fellowship dinner. We will provide the main course, and we ask that you sign up to bring sides or dessert. Signups are available after worship in Fellowship Hall.

HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

It's time to gear up for our biggest annual youth fundraiser of the year. From **Thursday, May 24 through Saturday, June 2**, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 AM to 9 PM. As we have done in previous years, we will have individual day leaders responsible for each day of parking. Please email Lara (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) 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. Signups will be available soon on our website: www.stjohnsdevon.com (under "Quick Links").

NEW MEMBERS CLASS – SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Are you interested in becoming a member of St. John's or just learning more about who we are and what we do? We will be hosting a New Members Class on Sunday, April 29 at 11:00 AM in the Carriage House. Anyone who wants to learn more about what it means to be a member is welcome to attend! Please talk to Patrick if you have any questions.



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

April 22 – Youth Group, Carriage House

Faith and Science: Does God Really Care if I Pass Chemistry?

Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.

High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

April 29 – All-Youth Trip to Broad Street Ministry

Middle and High School students are going to Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia from 2:45–6:00 PM (**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME**). This event is mandatory for mission trip attendees.

TEXAS MISSION OPPORTUNITY

In partnership with local churches and the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, St. John's has been invited to participate in several mission trips to Houston to repair homes damaged by Hurricane Harvey. Teams will be going on: **June 23–30**, and **July 1–8**. The registration deadline for both trips is May 1. Funding has been secured that will cover most, if not *all*, of the cost for each participant! For more information, contact Christine Markle or Nancy Higgins.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Apr 22	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Youth Group (Carriage House)
Mon, Apr 23	7:00 pm	Christian Outreach Meeting
Wed, Apr 25	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Fri, Apr 27	4:00 pm	McNelis-Dermond Wedding Rehearsal
Sat, Apr 28	3:00 pm	McNelis-Dermond Wedding
Sun, Apr 29	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:00 pm	Youth Group (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm	Monthly Concert
Mon, Apr 30	10:00 am	Sewing Group

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

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
'til all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

From the hymn "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"
By H. Kenn Carmichael

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