

## St. John's at Worship Ascension of the Lord

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

Introit "Immortal, Invisible" *Smith/arr. Harvey*

\*Call to Worship

Leader: On Easter we celebrated that Christ rose up from the earth, ascending from the grave into a glorious new life!

**People: Let us rise up with him, our bodies and spirits ascending into the newness of resurrection!**

Leader: Today we celebrate that Christ rose up from the earth, ascending into heaven where he reigns in glory forever!

**People: Let us rise up with him, our hearts and voices ascending into songs of praise!**

Leader: Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn **154 (GREEN)** "God Has Gone Up with Shouts of Joy!"

\*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

**As we watch Christ ascend from this world, we realize just how bound we are to this world.**

**We are bound to our possessions, our egos, our prejudices, our grudges, and our addictions.**

**But you call us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and be bound to you.**

**Set us free from all the other gods that try to claim our devotion.**

**And when we fall back into old patterns of dependency upon them, may we know your saving, healing grace, in 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 Acts 1:3 – 14 (pg. 118, NT) Alberto Urbina

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*As Pre-K–12<sup>th</sup> grade leaves for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:*

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.

Congregation: **May God be with you there.**

Children: **May God be with you here!**

Anthem "Moments Like This" *Schram/Williams*

Scripture Reading John 17:6 – 19 (pg. 111, NT)

Sermon LOOKING UP Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

Offertory "O God of Loveliness" *DeCesare*

\*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 **611 (INSERT)** "Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response "Come Christians Praise the Lord" *Hopson*

\*Postlude "Melodie" *Rubenstein*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

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

**Greeter** *Lyn Strickler and Mary K. DaRin*

**Ushers** *The Irizarry-Del Valle Family*

**Flowers** *Given by Peter & Elizabeth Unger in loving memory of our parents, Richard & Laura Unger and Haddon & Charlotte Kirk.*

**Coffee Service** *Laurie Cato*

WI-FI INFORMATION

A Wi-Fi connection is available for use while in the church building. You can connect to "STJohns-Guest" using the password "sayitaintso".

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 greeters, Lyn Strickler and Mary 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!

UPCOMING ADULT ED CLASS

Last week we started a two-part discussion entitled *The Holy Spirit and an Invitation to Contemplation*, led by Nancy Arico. The second session will be held on **Sunday, May 20 at 11:00 AM** in the Carriage House. We will discuss what scripture and our Book of Confessions tells us about who the Holy Spirit is, what the Spirit does, and what Pentecost means to us today. Even if you could not attend the first session, you are more than welcome to join us for part two!

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

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.

RYAN'S CASE FOR SMILES

We will be sewing, ironing, and bagging cheery pillowcases on Monday, May 21, from Noon to 4:00 PM, in Fellowship Hall. Come for an hour, or all afternoon! We'll share a few smiles while we make smiles for children (and their families) who are hospitalized with life-altering illness. Contact Ellen Moeller or Marianne McClennen for more information.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – JUNE 9

St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner will take place on **Saturday, June 9 at 6 PM**. We will all start at one home with appetizers, drinks, and conversation. Then we will split into small groups for dinner and dessert in individual homes. It's a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! You can sign up by contacting Susanne Engheta. Please consider hosting a dinner where we will supply the recipes for the entrée, and the guests supply the rest, including drinks. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per couple (no fee for hosts). We look forward to seeing you on June 9! Keep an eye out for an e-vite in your email this week!

SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

For the past several months, the Safety & Security Committee has been working to develop policies and procedures dealing with emergency situations in the church. We would like to identify who in the church has experience in law enforcement, nursing/medical training, or as any kind of first responder (fire, EMT, etc.). We are not asking you to serve on the committee. We just want to know who in the congregation has these skills and how you might be able to serve as a resource in this process. Please contact Jeff Starke to help.

CALLING ALL CYCLISTS!

Join us for an easy 10-mile bike ride from the Valley Forge Park Visitors

Center to Frosty Falls Ice Cream in Bridgeport and back. We will meet in the lower parking lot at 3:00 PM on Sunday May 20. We will travel on the bike path at an easy pace and no hills! For more information contact Gavin Kerr

#### ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – MAY 20

The St. John's Concert Series will end the season next week with an exciting concert of Americana. From Scott Joplin to Paul Simon, these composers wrote music that evokes the true American spirit. Come join us on Sunday, May 20 at 5 PM for a free performance celebrating the beauty and the buoyant energy of the music of our country in this final concert of the season!

#### CELEBRATING GRADUATES

On **Sunday, May 20**, 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).

#### 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. 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 are available on our website: [www.stjohnsdevon.com](http://www.stjohnsdevon.com) (under "Quick Links") or you may contact Lara in the office.



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

#### Today – Youth Group

Join us as we play games and prepare for Youth Sunday worship!  
Middle School youth will gather from 4:00–5:15 PM.  
High School youth will gather from 4:45–6 PM.

#### Sunday, May 20 (8:45 AM) – Youth Sunday Rehearsal

Join us before worship as we eat breakfast and run through the service.

#### Sunday, May 20 (4–6 PM) – END OF YEAR PARTY!

All youth are invited to join us at the Irizarry home for fellowship and fun as we play yard games and eat delicious food. Please bring a nut free treat to share!

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2018!**

**July 16–20, 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

<b>Sun, May 13</b>	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	4:45 pm	Youth Group
<b>Mon, May 14</b>	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
<b>Tues, May 15</b>	<b>Election Day – Voting in Carriage House</b>	
<b>Wed, May 16</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
<b>Thurs, May 17</b>	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
<b>Sun, May 20</b>	<b>Pentecost &amp; Youth Sunday</b>	
	9:30 am	Worship led by Youth
	11:00 am	Adult Ed class in Carriage House
	3:00 pm	Cycling Fellowship
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
	4 – 6 pm	Youth Group Party @ Irizarry's

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

We scan the empty sky, always without success  
We're lighting signal fires and spelling S.O.S.  
We stare at broken clocks, the truth comes twice a day  
While every second just slips away

Are you going to wait here for a sign to let you know now?  
Are you going to sit there paralyzed by what you've seen?  
Or are you going to finally grip the wheel? I think you know how  
Is this more than you expected it to be?

Don't wait for a miracle to tumble from the sky  
To part the seas around you or turn water into wine  
Don't wait for a miracle, the world is passing by  
The walls that all surround you are only in your mind

We don't need miracles to tumble from the sky  
To part the seas around us or turn water into wine  
Because we are the miracles, we happen all the time  
We're not scared of what surrounds us, we're not waiting for a sign

We are the miracles.

From "Miracles" by Tim McIlrath

**May 13, 2018**  
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