

St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

Introit "How Beautiful" *McMichael*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Once again, we gather to proclaim the good news...

People: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

Leader: He lives, and he will never, ever stop!

People: In him *we* live, and we will never, ever stop!

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

Let us celebrate this good news and worship God!

*Hymn 158 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

*Prayer of Invocation & 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

**For the wrong that we have done
in word, thought, and deed,
may we know your forgiveness.**

**For the wrong that has been done *to* us
in word, thought, and deed,
may we make your forgiveness known.**

**Heal the wounds that we have caused,
as well as the ones that we have *received*.**

**Set us free from the sin that we hold on to,
and from the sin that holds on to us,
that we may live in your peace,
and love as we are loved, 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 Luke 23:44 – 56 (pg. 89) John Adams

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

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

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

Cong: **May God be with you there!**

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

Anthem "Then Sings My Soul/How Great Thou Art" *McDonald*

Scripture Reading Luke 24:1 – 12 (pg. 90)

Sermon THE WOMEN WHO FOLLOWED HIM Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith

A Brief Statement of Faith

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**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!"**

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

Offertory "Ave Maria" *Proulx*

*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 267 (GREEN) vv. 1, 4, 5

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "From the Fullness of God"

*Postlude "Great is the Lord" *McMichael*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Amy Lord*

Ushers *Doug & Ellen Moeller, Scott & Carolyn Repke*

Coffee Service *Steve and Kelly Barnes and Alice Bell*

Flowers *Given by Bob and Karen Edwards in loving memory of
Our parents, George and Margaret Edwards, and
Howard and June Johnson.*

Guest Musicians *Paula Gonzalez, Eve Edwards, Miyuki Hashimoto,
Heather McConnell, Tom McCauley, Kevin Walker,
Cassia Harvey and Myanna Harvey*

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this morning, and we hope that you experience the new life that this day brings! 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 downstairs for refreshments immediately following worship. Our greeter, Amy Lord, 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. Happy Easter!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

St. John's would like to wish a very happy Mother's Day to all the mothers worshiping with us today! We also recognize that some people have lost mothers. Some have broken relationships with their mothers. Some women who have longed to *be* mothers have not been able to. We ask God's blessing upon all those for whom this day is a painful reminder. There are also many women in our lives who, while they are not our biological mothers, have *mothered* us in so many ways. We celebrate them all and give thanks to God for *all* the women that reflect God's love to us!

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – MAY 18

St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner will take place **this Saturday, May 18 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. Be on the lookout for more information, including an e-vite, coming soon!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING

Covenant Presbyterian Church in Malvern is hosting this year's Women's Spring Gathering, "Our Spirit's Song – Our Music, Our Faith" **this Saturday, May 18**, starting at **9:30 AM**. The Rev. Patty Stoltzfus will weave together scripture and historical tidbits, along with our own song and prayer, as we look at the history of music and how it inspires us. We will worship together and share the Lord's Supper. Registration is \$15, which includes lunch, and is due by May 4. If you would like to register or just have questions, please contact Betsy Friend.

A BIRTHDAY BRUNCH!

Nancy Davis' children invite you to join them in celebrating their mother's 90th birthday at a brunch in Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, May 26 after worship!** Nancy has asked that the event not be "all about her," so come prepared to share a reminiscence about what it is that makes St. John's so special to you! This is for all ages, and there will be an activities table for younger children. So that we know how much food to prepare, please **RSVP by May 19** by calling or emailing Lara in the church office, or by placing the insert in your bulletin in the offering tray. We are hoping for a full house to show Nancy what a blessing she is to her church family!

UPDATE ON RIDGLEY

We will be holding a congregation-wide conversation after worship **next Sunday, May 19** to update you on Ridgley's medical leave and answer any questions that we are able to answer. We hope that you can join us at **11 AM in the Carriage House**.

MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES – MAY 19

Our next monthly concert will be **next Sunday, May 19 from 5–6 PM** and will revisit some favorite pieces from previous concerts. These concerts are free of charge and open to the community. Please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

It's time to gear up for our biggest annual youth fundraiser of the year. From **Thursday, May 23 through Saturday, June 1**, 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. 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 or you may contact Lara in the office.

THANK YOU FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Outreach committee would like to thank all the volunteers who participated in last Sunday's successful Day of Service. At St. John's, 300 hygiene kits were packed, two new raised vegetable beds were built, and the campus of the Village was beautified. Across the Main Line, 240 volunteers from 20 churches worked together on projects to benefit our community. It was a wonderful day!



Today – No Youth Group (Mother's Day)

Sunday, May 19

9:30 AM – Youth Sunday Worship Service

4–6 PM – End of Year Party

All middle and high school students are invited to join us at the Carriage House for a cookout (burgers and hotdogs) and games (life-size versions of Jenga, Connect Four, and more)! Bring a friend and help us close out the program year with food, fellowship, and fun!



“Roar: Life is wild, God is good!”

August 12–16, 9 AM to Noon

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

If you are interested in helping, please contact Marianne McClennen (wmmclennen@verizon.net, 610-644-4865)

Register your kids online now at stjohnsdevon.com!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, May 12	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, May 13	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Wed, May 15	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Thurs, May 16	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Sat, May 18	6:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
Sun, May 19	9:30 am	Youth Sunday Worship
	11:00 am	Congregational Conversation (Carriage House)
	4:00 pm	Youth Party (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm	Monthly Concert (Sanctuary)

Patrick is out of the office on Friday and Saturday. Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday. 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 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“It is our character that defines us, not our roles. If the Bible teaches us anything about women, it's that women of valor can be found in all kinds of cultures, in all kinds of roles, and in all kinds of circumstances. Valor isn't about what you do, but how you do it.”

– Rachel Held Evans

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