

**St. John's at Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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

Introit "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" *Williams*

*Call to Worship *Psalm 67*

Leader: O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations!

People: Let all the peoples praise you, O God! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us!

People: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord!

Leader: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 610 "We Know That Christ Is Raised"

*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

Living God, as we near the end of this season of Easter, it is so easy for us to put you back in the tomb until next year, and go back to the old ways of living – ways that do not reflect the new life of Christ.

It is easier to give in to temptations.

It is easier to ignore the suffering of others.

It is easier to hold grudges and withhold forgiveness.

It is easier to roll the stone back in front of the tomb and pretend like none of this ever happened.

But you are not so easily contained.

You are risen, and you call us to rise up and live this new life with you.

Forgive us for the times that we fall short.

Heal the wounds in us that leave us open to sin.

And by your grace, help us to live the resurrected life with 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 Mark 16:1 – 8 (pg. 54) Nancy Higgins

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 "God of Grace and God of Laughter"

Scripture Reading Mark 16:9 – 20 (pg. 55)

Sermon REWRITE THE ENDING Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith

God keeps his promises and gives us hope.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence

that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,

certainty of victory over death,

assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.

But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil

that are possible now in the world, the church,

and our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,

however invincible it may seem,

for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now, he is Lord.

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

Offertory "Eternal Father Strong to Save" *Dykes*

*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

*Hymn 371 (INSERT), vss. 1, 3, 4 "Lift High the Cross"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "From the Fullness of God"

*Postlude "Fanfare on The Old 100" *Bourgeois*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Virginia Holt*

Ushers *Tom & Nancy Higgins, Lee Holt, Peter Crawford*

Coffee Service *Kelly Barnes*

Flowers *Given by Peter & Elizabeth Unger, with gratitude for the safe arrival of their new granddaughter, Luisa Biggs, born May 21, 2019.*

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 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!

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 **today 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. We are hoping for a full house to show Nancy what a blessing she is to her church family!

HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

The horse show is upon us! Parking began this past Thursday, May 23 and runs through **Saturday, June 1**. We will be parking cars on the church grounds each day 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 are encouraged to help with shifts, as well. Each shift is 3 hours (9 AM–Noon, Noon–3 PM, 3–6 PM, and 6–9 PM). Signups are available on our website: www.stjohnsdevon.com or you may contact Lara in the office.

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH PARTNER – CHOC, NORRISTOWN

Each month we highlight one of our mission partners, pray for the work that they do, and send them a letter of support signed by the congregation. This month we are focusing on the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC) in Norristown. CHOC is the only year-round, 24/7, emergency housing service for single adults experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County. CHOC's two wings include a day center where clients can meet with a caseworker, receive their mail, wash their clothes, apply for benefits, or attend group meetings; the smaller wing is a 50 to 80-bed overnight shelter. In addition to emergency shelter, CHOC provides street outreach, service counseling, transportation, rapid rehousing, meals, clothing, life skills and benefits counseling. John Shaw has the letter for you to sign after worship, and you can learn more about them online at www.rhd.org/choc/

CELEBRATING GRADUATES

On **Sunday, May 16**, 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).

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY CARE

- Summer Sunday School begins on June 23 for rising Pre-K through 3rd graders, with the kids leaving worship to watch a faith-based video. We are still in need of volunteers to help on the following dates: July 28, August 11, August 18, and August 25.
- Marcia Marvin has volunteered to lead our nursery care for the summer, in order to give our regular nursery workers some well-deserved time off. We are in need of one volunteer each week to assist her on the following dates: July 28, all of August, and September 1.

If you are able to help with either of these, please contact Sue Tiede

NEWSPAPER NEEDED!

Darien Irizarry is in need of newspapers to make papier-mache for Vacation Bible School. Please drop any donations off in the carriage house on the fireplace.



The Youth Group program year is over, but be on the lookout for chances to get together for ice cream, pizza, games, and fun this summer!

Mission Trip Commissioning: June 16 (9:30 AM)!

Those going on the mission trip, remember that you need to come to worship on Sunday, June 16 to be commissioned during worship!



“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

Register your kids online now at stjohnsdevon.com!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, May 26	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, May 27		Church Office Closed for Memorial Day
Wed, May 29	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, June 2	8:15 am	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)

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

“Every ending is a new beginning. Through the grace of God, we can always start again.”

– Marianne Williamson

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