

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

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

Introit

Scripture Reading Acts 1:3 – 14 (pg. 118)

\*Call to Worship

Pastor: 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!**

Pastor: 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!**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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

\*Hymn 312, vss. 1–3 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

\*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

**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 Luke 24:44 – 53 (pg. 91) Wanda Odom

*As Pre-K–4<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.

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

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

Anthem “God Is So Good”

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

Sermon FAMOUS LAST WORDS Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn 11 (GREEN) “Be Still, for the Presence”

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper** (Intinction)

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

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

Offertory “”

\*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 294 (GREEN) “Go to the World!”

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “From the Fullness of God”

\*Postlude

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** Iris Blanco-Urgelles

**Greeter** Jennifer Roberts

**Ushers** John & Barbara Alexander, Richard & Claire Hangen

**Flowers** Given in recognition and appreciation to Patrick,  
as we celebrate his sixth anniversary of ministry at  
St. John's. We continue to hold him in prayer as  
he faithfully serves God, St. John's, and our  
community. Serving Christ together, the Women's  
Fellowship Board.

**Guest Musicians** Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Kevin Walker

### 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, 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!

### COMMUNION TODAY

On the first Sunday of every month, St. John's shares the Lord's Supper. This meal reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us – his body broken and his blood shed – so that we might be nourished in our faith to live for him. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! You will be invited to come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, eat, and return to your seat by the outside aisles. Gluten free bread is available on the small table by the pulpit.

### HORSE SHOW PARKING THANK YOU!

We are so grateful to everyone who gave their time and energy to make horse show parking possible! A special thanks to **Lara Kennedy** for organizing the overall effort, along with **Cat Duncan; John McClintick** and **Ken Dilloway** for closing up each night; our day leaders **Kristen Loftus, Gordon Wright, Jim & Sue Tiede, Charlie & Janette Scott, Pat Churchill, Mark & Liz Ward, Dave & Libby Dalrymple, Dick Oliver, Tom & Nancy Higgins,** and **Jose Irizarry & Mildred Del Valle;** and everyone who worked a shift (or *three*). Some of you took time off of work. Some of you even sat through thunderstorms! But all of you showed the welcoming face of St. John's to the community. Without you this event would not be possible, so *thank you* for your dedication to St. John's and to each other!

### AUTOIMMUNE/CHRONIC PAIN SUPPORT GROUP – TODAY!

Do you or someone you love suffer from chronic pain or an autoimmune condition? A group will be gathering after worship (11 AM) in the Carriage House to provide support. If you are interested in more information or future meetings, please contact Linda Duncan.

### CELEBRATING GRADUATES

On **Sunday, June 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).

### NEWSPAPER NEEDED!

Darien Irizarry is in need of newspapers to make papier-mache for VBS.

Please drop any donations off in the carriage house on the fireplace.

### FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Save the date for our first summer fellowship dinner on Wed, June 26 at 6 PM. These casual dinners were such a success last year, and we hope to have several again this summer! Stay tuned for more information!!

### SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED!

This month, the Outreach Committee is partnering again with theVillage to provide backpacks filled with school supplies for some of the children they serve. We'll supply the backpacks and we hope you will help by purchasing supplies and delivering them to the church **no later than Sunday, June 30**. We invite you to sign up in Fellowship Hall to purchase items from the list provided. Here's what we need: marble composition books, 2-pocket folders, sharpened pencils, large pencil erasers, crayons, glue sticks, pencil cases, rulers, 3-ring binders, loose-leaf paper, dividers, and large boxes of tissues. Thank you for your support of this effort. For more information, contact Nancy Higgins. To learn more about theVillage, please visit their website at [village1877.org](http://village1877.org).

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY CARE

- Summer Sunday School begins on June 23 for rising Pre-K through 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



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](http://stjohnsdevon.com)!**

### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, June 2</b>	8:15 am	Deacons Meeting (Carr. House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School Communion (Intinction)
	11:00 am	Chronic Pain Support Group (Carriage House)
<b>Tues, June 4</b>	1:00 pm	Youth Christian Ed. Meeting (Kean Room)
<b>Wed, June 5</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
<b>Fri, June 7</b>	5:00 pm	Welsh-Miller Wedding Rehearsal
<b>Sat, June 8</b>	2:30 pm	Welsh-Miller Wedding
<b>Sun, June 9</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:30 am	Strawberry Festival
<b>Mon, June 10</b>	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)

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

“Ascension” by Malcolm Guite

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory  
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place  
As earth became a part of Heaven's story  
And heaven opened to his human face.  
We saw him go and yet we were not parted  
He took us with him to the heart of things  
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted  
Is whole and Heaven-centered now, and sings,  
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,  
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,  
Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness  
And sing the waning darkness into light,  
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,  
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

**June 2, 2019**

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