

St. John's at Worship
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

*Call to Worship From Psalm 40

Pastor: I waited patiently for the Lord;
God inclined to me and heard my cry.

**People: The Lord put a new song in my mouth,
A song of praise to our God.**

Pastor: Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

People: None can compare with you, O Lord my God!

Pastor: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.

**People: May those who love your salvation say continually,
"Great is the Lord!"**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

*Hymn 534 "Be Still, My Soul"

*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

**We aren't always good at waiting, Lord.
We live in a world where we can have whatever we want,
whenever we want it,
and you don't work that way.**

**We say that we trust you,
but when it comes down to it,
we want things to happen in *our* time, not *yours*.**

**We need to feel like we are in control,
because so much in life is *out* of our control.**

**Because of that, we are quick to lose patience,
acting rashly, speaking harshly, and living selfishly;
forcing *our* will on the world around us.**

Lord, in your great mercy, set us free from our need to control.

**Help us to slow down, step back,
and rediscover a sense of your timing in our lives,
so that *our* lives could be lived in harmony with *your* life,
and the lives of those around us.**

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 Ecclesiastes 3:1 – 8, 11 (pg. 616) Bruce Phillips

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

Presentation of "Jesus and Me" scouting pin to Genevieve Bellew

*As Pre-K through rising 3rd graders leave for Summer 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!**

Scripture Reading 2 Peter 3:1 – 15a (pg. 237)

Sermon IT'S ABOUT TIME Rev. Marshall
Summer Sermon Series: The Fruit of the Spirit

*Affirmation of Faith A 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 "Be Still and Know/Be Still My Soul"

*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 196 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

*Benediction

*Postlude "We Are Waiting for Jesus"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Mary K. DaRin*

Ushers *Andy & Lee Walsh*

Flowers *Given by a grateful congregation, in loving memory
of Irene A. McElreavy and her parents.*

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!

ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

St. John's has an e-newsletter that goes out at the beginning of each month. If you are not already receiving it and would like to, please email Lara in the church office (lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com) to be added to the list.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We are in need of a few more flower sponsors for 2019. Please contact Jeanne if you are able to sign up. Cowan's Flowers creates the bouquets and bills the sponsor directly at a cost of \$48. You may take the flowers home after worship or donate them to one of our homebound or hospitalized members.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP DINNER – THIS WEEK!

Our next summer fellowship dinner will be **Wednesday at 6:00 PM** in Fellowship Hall. There is no program, just an opportunity to get out of the kitchen and enjoy each other on a summer evening. The main course will again be provided but we invite you to bring a side dish or salad. Please contact Virginia Holt if you plan to attend and let her know what you might bring.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY CARE

- After the Children's Time, children in Pre-K through rising 3rd graders are invited to leave worship to watch a faith-based video. Parents can pick them up downstairs after worship, in the classroom across from the nursery.
- 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 still in need of a volunteer to assist her on September 1. If you are able to help, please contact Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com).

YOUTH MINISTRY

If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com to stay up to date on all the happenings this summer!

Ridgley is working remotely right now, and she wants to be as available as possible for the congregation. She will be holding office hours on **Tuesdays from 10:30–1:30** at Panera Bread (319 E. Lancaster Ave, Wayne). Everyone is welcome to drop in and catch up! If you would like to set up a specific time to meet individually, or if you'd just like to get in touch with her, please call (864-417-8566) or email.

Youth (Rising 5th graders through graduated 12th graders)

Tuesday, July 23 (6–7:30 PM) – Join Ridgley at Bertucci's (523 W. Lancaster Ave in Wayne) for pizza and fellowship! Please bring \$5 for pizza.

Children (4th grade and under)

Join Ridgley **every Wednesday in July (9–10:30 AM)** for **Story Hour & Play at Johnson Park** (198 Bridge Ave, Berwyn) for a story, snack, and playground fun.

Fellowship Dinner – Wednesday, 6 PM

All children and youth are invited to join Ridgley outside at the Fellowship Dinner on Wednesday for dinner and games (like Nine Square in the Air!)

Vacation Bible School

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, July 21	9:30 am	Worship & Summer Sunday School
Wed, July 24	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner

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

“Patient Trust”
by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay.
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new.
And yet it is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability – and that it may take a very long time.

And so I think it is with you;
your ideas mature gradually – let them grow, let them shape themselves, without undue haste.
Don't try to force them on, as though you could be today what time (that is to say, grace and circumstances acting on your own good will) will make of you tomorrow.

Only God could say what this new spirit gradually forming within you will be.
Give Our Lord the benefit of believing that his hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete.

July 21, 2019
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