

St. John's at Worship
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" *Hayes*

*Call to Worship Based on Micah 6:6–8

Pastor: With what shall we come before the Lord,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

**People: Shall we come before God with offerings of gold and silver?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of songs?
With ten thousand prayers?**

Pastor: God has told us what is good, and what is required of us.

People: To do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.

Pastor: Let this be what we strive for as we worship God.

*Hymn 139, vss. 1, 2, 5 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*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 seek forgiveness, Lord:

For the times we have passed others by, ignoring their pain;

For the times we have not extended our hand to those in need;

For the times we have not lifted up those who have fallen;

**For the times we have judged others
and neglected to see your face in theirs.**

As we do to *others*, Lord, we do to *you*.

In your great mercy, forgive us.

**Heal the wounds in us that open us to sin,
that we might be transformed by your love**

**and truly reach out to those who are in need,
as you reached out to us in Jesus 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 Matthew 14:13 – 21 (pg. 16) Betsy Friend

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

*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!**

*Hymn 420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Scripture Reading Luke 6:32 – 36 (pg. 64)

Sermon COMPASSIONATE KINDNESS Rev. Marshall
Summer Sermon Series: The Fruit of the Spirit

*Affirmation of Faith From The Reformed Church of Australia

**We believe in God,
who made the world and reaches out to it
with a love that is fierce and passionate, tender and kind.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ;
God revealed in a human life.
He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable,
and unmasked the powers that enslave us.
In fear and arrogance, we cast him, lifeless, into the grave,
and with him went our hopes of salvation.
Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair
and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
God's mysterious presence with us,
whose breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom surprises, prompts, and questions,
awakening courage, humor, and hope.**

**Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a common life:
a life laid open to all, overflowing with love and mercy,
richer than mind can measure, but appearing foolish to the world.
We trust that the foolishness of God
will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world,
and that the suffering of God will heal the earth
and fulfill our hopes of justice and peace.**

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

Offertory "Theme of Devotion" *Chopin*

*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 273 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Many Colors, Many Kinds"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Alice Bell*

Ushers *Tom & Nancy Higgins*

Flowers *Given by Steve & Lisa Archbold in honor of Lisa's
mother, Marylou Busch*

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, Alice Bell, 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 Lynam 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 DINNERS

We had another great dinner together this past week! Thank you to everyone who came out, brought food, ate food, or in any way helped! Our next one will be **Wednesday, August 21 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, salad, or dessert. 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).

HELP PATRICK WITH HIS DOCTORAL PROJECT

If you are interested in helping Patrick with a simple project for his doctoral program, please come to the Kean Room at 11:00 this morning. It shouldn't take more than 30 minutes.

PASTORAL VACATION

Starting this Tuesday, Patrick will be out of the office on vacation until Monday, August 12. During that time he will not be accessible by email or phone. Ridgley will be available for all pastoral care needs. If you are in need of a pastor during normal work hours, please call the church office (610-688-5222). After hours or on the weekend, please call 484-604-0499.



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 holds 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 30 (6–7:30 PM) – Pool party! Join Ridgley for swimming and pizza at the home of Bruce & Nancy Phillips.

Children (4th grade and under)

July 31 (9–10:30 AM) Story Hour & Play at Johnson Park (198 Bridge Ave, Berwyn). Last one of the summer!

Monday, August 5 (6–7:30 PM) Kids in 4th grade and below are invited to join Ridgley at Devon Lanes for a night of bowling! Just bring yourself and a pair of socks!



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 28	9:30 am	Worship & Summer Sunday School
Wed, July 31	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Aug 4	9:30 am	Worship & Communion Summer Sunday School

Patrick will be on vacation from Tuesday, July 30 through Monday, August 12. 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

“Small Kindnesses”
by Danusha Laméris

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say “bless you” when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plague. “Don't die,” we are saying. And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other. We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass. We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, “Here, have my seat,” “Go ahead – you first,” “I like your hat.”

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