

## St. John's at Worship Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit

\*Call to Worship From Vacation Bible School

Pastor: When life is unfair...

**People: God is good!**

Pastor: When life is scary...

**People: God is good!**

Pastor: When life changes...

**People: God is good!**

Pastor: When life is sad...

**People: God is good!**

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**People: God is good!**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

\*Hymn 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*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

**Good and gracious God, you promise to provide for our needs, but sometimes it is so hard to trust in that promise.**

**We worry about our lives: our homes and possessions, our families and futures.**

**We often fall back on *our own* means, trying to provide *our own* way, instead of placing our lives in your hands.**

**We try to be the god of our own lives, and in that we have sinned.**

**Remind us that we are forgiven and loved, that may we find in your grace the courage to give ourselves wholly to you, trusting only in you and your ability to provide.**

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 Exodus 16:2 – 4, 13 – 21 (pg. 62) Pat Marshall

Children's Time

Rev. Marshall

*As Pre-K through rising 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Matthew 20:1 – 16 (pg. 21)

Sermon GRACIOUS GOODNESS Rev. Marshall

\*Affirmation of Faith *From A Declaration of Faith (PCUSA)*

**Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence.**

**He put God's claim on his life above all else.**

**He joined others in God's worship and praise.**

**He drew strength from the Scriptures.**

**He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule.**

**Christ teaches us**

**to put obedience to God**

**above the interests of self, family, race, or nation;**

**to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time.**

**We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture,**

**relying on the Word to tell us who God is,**

**to press God's present claim upon us,**

**and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.**

**Life in God's presence issues in life for others,**

**for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see,**

**we cannot love God whom we do not see.**

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 716 (INSERT) "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

**Greeter** *Mary K DaRin*

**Ushers** *John & Barbara Alexander*

**Flowers** *Given by Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

### 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, Mary K DaRin, 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!

### CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

We give thanks to God for the life of longtime St. John's member Virginia (Ginny) Koch, who died on July 30. Ginny had been living in Massachusetts for the past 3 years but remained a beloved part of our church family. A memorial service will be held here in October.

### SUMMER FELLOWSHIP DINNER – THIS WEEK!

Our next summer fellowship dinner will be **this 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, salad, or dessert. Please contact Virginia Holt if you plan to attend and let her know what you might bring.

### SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the Children's Time, children in Pre-K through rising 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### TREDYFFRIN HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

On Saturday, September 28 (Noon to 5 PM), St. John's will be a part of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Historic House Tour! We are going to open our church building up to the community and share a little of our history. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation to help welcome people. If you are interested, please talk to John Senior.

### 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.



**THANK YOU!**

We had an incredible week of Vacation Bible School this past week, welcoming about 50 children each day! They sang songs, played games, ate delicious snacks (that they helped make), made crafts, and learned the story of the people of Israel leaving slavery in Egypt.

We could not have done this without the hard work of our dedicated volunteers: **Justine An, Hunter Archbold, Nancy Arico, Mary K Darin, AJ Diamond, Ken & Mary Dilloway, Linda Duncan, Andrew Ealer, Abayomi Irizarry, Darien Irizarry, Kathy Johnson, Ridgley Joyner, Lara Kennedy, Brandon Marshall, Evelyn Marvin, Marcia Marvin, Matthew McClennen, Livy McCreevy, Judy Mileto, Betsy Miller, Lisa Pool, Davis Reilly, Jim Ryland, Lisa Scolari, Caden Shute, Jeff Starke, and Cammy Wagner.** And a special thanks to **Marianne McClennen** for coordinating the overall effort!

Thank you all *so much* for the time and energy you put into making this a fantastic week for the kids and helping them learn about God's love by *modeling* it to them!



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at [rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto: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.

**Matinee Movie at United Artist KOP** – Today at 1:45 PM, children and youth of all ages are invited to join Ridgley for a matinee showing of *Dora and the Lost City of Gold!* Bring \$10 and a friend! Parents are welcome too. Pickup will be around 3:45, but you will receive a text when the movie ends.

Save the Date:  
August 25, 11:00 AM – Sunday School Teacher Training  
September 15, 11:00 AM – Confirmation Meeting

**ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR**

<b>Sun, Aug 18</b>	9:30 am	Worship & Summer Sunday School
<b>Wed, Aug 21</b>	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Dinner
<b>Sun, Aug 25</b>	11:00 am	Sunday School teacher training

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

“When Giving Is All We Have”  
by Alberto Ríos

One river gives  
Its journey to the next.  
We give because someone gave to us.  
We give because nobody gave to us.  
We give because giving has changed us.  
We give because giving could have changed us.  
We have been better for it,  
We have been wounded by it—  
Giving has many faces: It is loud and quiet,  
Big, though small, diamond in wood-nails.  
Its story is old, the plot worn and the pages too,  
But we read this book, anyway, over and again:  
Giving is, first and every time, hand to hand,  
Mine to yours, yours to mine.  
You gave me blue and I gave you yellow.  
Together we are simple green. You gave me  
What you did not have, and I gave you  
What I had to give – together, we made  
Something greater from the difference.

**August 18, 2019**  
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