

St. John's at Worship Third Sunday of Easter

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

Introit "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
Keveren

*Call to Worship

Leader: Once again, we gather to proclaim the good news...

People: Christ is risen!

Leader: He lives, and he will never, ever stop!

People: In him we live, and we will never, ever stop!

Leader: The tomb *is* and forever *shall be* empty!

Let us celebrate this good news and worship God!

*Hymn **302, vss. 1, 3, 5** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*Prayer of Invocation and 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.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Through Christ's resurrection you have claimed victory over the power of sin and death.

Life belongs to you, O Lord.

And yet in so many ways, we ways we act as if it belongs to us.

We treat the world as if it belongs to us and not to you.

We treat other people as if they belong to us and not to you.

We think and speak and act as if our lives belong to us and not to you.

As you raised up Christ from the dead, raise us up to live new lives, redeemed by your love, and set free from the power of sin and death.

Silent Prayer

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.

Scripture Reading Matthew 27:3 – 10 (p. 31) Debbie Ealer

Children's Time Rev. Marshall
Children and youth may go to Sunday School after the children's time.

Anthem "Forever God's Love Endures" *Chopin*

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18 – 25, 31 – 39 (p. 158)

Sermon LIVING HOPE Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith (1983)

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,

we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks

and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,

praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offering

Call to Offering

(Ushers will collect *blue card* prayer requests at the time of the offering.)

Offertory

"Pie Jesu"

Webber

*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 **304** "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Rejoice in the Lord"

John

Postlude

*All who are able, please stand

If you or someone you know is struggling with depression or thoughts of suicide, please know that you are not alone. There are so many people you can talk to who love you and want to help: a friend or family member, a doctor, Patrick. But if you cannot talk to someone you know, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Greeter *Jim Netter*

Ushers *Gordon Wright, Mimi Wright, John Alexander*

Coffee Service *Earline Eck*

Flowers *Given by Pat Churchill in loving memory of her parents, Dot and Roy Meade, and her Aunt, Mae Nichols.*

Soloist *Miyuki Hashimoto*

Guest Musician *Cassia Harv*

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 immediately following worship. Our greeter, Jim Netter, 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 MEETING TODAY

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting at the end of worship for the purpose of electing the 2016 Congregational Nominating Committee. These are the at-large representatives who, along with representatives from the Session, Deacons, and Trustees, will work to identify the next class of leaders in the life of the church. The proposed candidates are: **Steve Barnes, Judy Mileto, and Cammy Wagner.**

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This offering goes to support individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, as well as those who serve them. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. If you would like to give in support of this offering, please use the envelope included in the bulletin.

CLAIRE ZUHOSKY – NEXT SUNDAY!

Claire Zuhosky, one of the Mission Co-Workers that we support, will be here next Sunday to tell us about the work that she has been doing in Niger! She will be giving a presentation with time for conversation after worship in the Carriage House. If you want to learn more about Claire or the other ministries that our church supports, check out the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. Every month we highlight two ministries and provide updated information about our Mission Co-Workers. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the chair of our Outreach Committee, Janette Scott.

DINNER & A MOVIE – SUNDAY, APRIL 17

Join us from 5 – 8 PM on Sunday, April 17 as we watch and discuss the movie *Life of Pi*. Pizza and drinks will be provided, but we are asking you to bring a dessert for a dessert contest, judged by our youth! To ensure that we have enough food for everyone, please RSVP to Gavin Kerr.

SPEAK UP, REACH OUT

Sunday, April 24 at 11:45 am Trinity Presbyterian Church will host a luncheon and panel discussion on the subject of suicide. To sign up or for more details, please contact Gina, Trinity Mental Health and Addiction Ministry, at 484-678-0383.

CARRIAGE CLUB – TOMORROW AT NOON

Following a delicious lunch we'll hear a presentation by ZeeAnn Mason, who is COO at the Museum of American Revolution (scheduled to open in early 2017). ZeeAnn will be giving us a "sneak preview." If your schedule does not allow you to be present for the entire luncheon (12:00 – 2:00), please feel free to come and go as you must. As always, reservations are appreciated and may be made by e-mailing Virginia Holt.

ALL CHURCH SPRING SERVICE DAY

Please join us **Sunday, May 1, immediately following worship** for a chance to help spruce up our beautiful church property! In exchange for 2 hours of your time we offer lunch for all workers, good fellowship, and the satisfaction of a job well done! *Please see John Griffin or Liz Ward for a list of the work tasks.* Remember: wear your work clothes to church that day!



The Middle/High School Youth Group meets from **4:30 to 6:00 PM.**

Devon Horse Show Parking

Signup online today at www.stjohnsdevon.com! **High School Mission Trip participants must sign up for two time slots.**

April 17 – Youth Sunday!

The youth will lead worship from beginning to end! Please contact Eric if you would like to participate. There is something for everyone!

April: Transitions!

From changing schools to gaining or losing friends, we all go through transitions in life. Together, we will talk about transitions in the Bible and see where that leads each of us. First we will look at the book of Judges, then the book of Ruth. We will take a week off for a special guest speaker/movie night and then finish our series by looking at some of the transitions that Jesus' disciples experienced.

April 10 (4:30 – 6 PM): Transitions in Ruth

April 17 (Time to be announced): Special guest – Claire Zuhosky, missionary in Niger. After our time with Claire, all youth are invited to stay for dinner and a movie!

April 24 (4:30 – 6 PM): Transitions with the Disciples

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, April 10	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am	Worship & Congregational Meeting
Mon, April 11	12:00 pm	Carriage Club
	6:00 pm	All Boards Dinner
	7:00 pm	Deacon, Session, and Trustees Meetings
Wed, April 13	5:15 pm	Cherub Choir
Thurs, April 14	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass
Sun, April 17	9:30 am	Youth Sunday
	5:00 pm	Dinner and a Movie (<i>Life of Pi</i>)

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.

Eric is out on Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Rody is out on Saturdays and Sundays.

If you email or call on those days, you may not get a response until they are back in the office. Thank you for understanding!



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

“Hope Is a Woman Who Has Lost Her Fear”

by Alice Walker

In our despair that justice is slow
we sit with heads bowed
wondering
how
even whether
we will ever be healed.

Perhaps it is a question
only the ravaged
the violated
seriously ask.
And is that not now
almost all of us?

But hope is on the way.

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