

St. John’s at Worship
Ascension of the Lord

Welcome and Announcements (please pass the fellowship roll)

Introit “Ave Maria”
Decesare

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6 – 14 (p. 118)

*Call to Worship
Leader: 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!
Leader: 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!
Leader: 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 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.

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.

Scripture Reading Luke 24:44 – 53 (p. 91) Brian Bouvier

Children’s Time Rev. Marshall
Grades Pre-K through 12 may go to Sunday School.

Anthem “Every Time I Think of You” Schram

Scripture Reading Philippians 1:20 – 26 (p. 196)

Sermon HEAVEN AND EARTH Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Call to Offering
(Ushers will collect blue card prayer requests at the time of the offering.)
Offertory “Offertory” Kellner

*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 327 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Benediction

*Choral Response “Praise God”

Postlude “Wondrous Grace” Noh
*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Greeter Jim Netter
Ushers Jim & Kate Little, Melanie Ticknor & Joe Birmingham
Coffee Service Nancy and Tom Higgins
Flowers Given by Mr. and Mrs. Bob and Karen Edwards, in loving memory of their parents, George and Margaret Edwards, and Howard and June Johnson
Soloist Miyuki Hashimoto
Guest Musicians Lisa Wildman (flute), Myanna Harvey (violin), Cassia Harvey (cello), Mark Ator (horn)

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!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP
Bring your coffee to the Carriage House after worship on May 15 at 11 AM for a time of sharing from our mission delegates to Mexico. The delegates will show a short documentary (Gifts of Partnership: Caritas in Mexico) and share how their hearts and lives were touched during the 8-day trip to Cuernavaca.

SANDY RELIEF MISSION TEAM
The Sandy Relief Mission Team works to help those still struggling to rebuild homes and lives in the wake of 2012’s Superstorm Sandy. If you would like to join them for one or all three days of the next planned trip (May 10 – 12), please contact Howard Friend or Joe Birmingham for more information.

SUMMER COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
During the warmer months Women’s Fellowship will be serving iced tea and lemonade after worship in place of the usual hot coffee and tea. If you are interested in helping, please sign up on the list on the coffee cart or contact Lisa Scolari.

CELEBRATING GRADUATES
On Sunday, June 5, 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.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER
The annual Progressive Dinner will be Saturday, June 11. Please save the date for a fun evening of good food and fellowship! If you would like to serve as a dinner host, please contact Nancy Phillips.

BULLETIN INFORMATION
If you have any announcements that you would like included in the bulletin, please email them to Lara at lara.kennedy@stjohnsdevon.com no later than Wednesday. Thank you!

HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS
It’s time to gear up for our biggest annual youth fundraiser of the year. May 26 through June 4, we will be parking cars on our grounds from 9 AM to 9 PM. Any youth who are participating in the mission trip this year are required to sign up for 3 shifts. We ask that any youth who are not attending the trip sign up for 2 shifts. We are also seeking the help of any adults and parents to help out with shifts as well. Each shift is 3 hours. This is a HUGE fundraiser and we greatly appreciate all the help we can possibly get for this week! You can sign up online at www.stjohnsdevon.com (under “Quick Links”).



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

Tonight, May 8 – NO YOUTH GROUP

Celebrate Mother’s Day with your mom!

Sunday, May 15 (4:30 – 6 PM)

Join us for fun and games! Talk to Michael Whalen for more information.

Devon Horse Show Parking

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

High School Mission Trip: July 24 – July 29

We have a group of 13 youth and 3 adult leaders traveling to Charleston, South Carolina to work with *Week of Hope*. We are still looking for one more male adult leader. More information will be coming soon, including the annual Mission Trip Cookout! If you have any questions, please talk to Patrick.

SAVE THE DATE!



Vacation Bible School 2016

July 18 – 22, 9 AM to Noon

Egypt: Joseph’s Journey from Prison to Palace

Children ages 4 – 10 are invited to come and discover God’s Word through drama, games, crafts, and song!

Contact Marianne McClennen for more information.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Mon, May 9	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Thurs, May 12	6:30 pm	Devon Chapel Bells
	7:45 pm	Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm	Devon Brass
Fri, May 13	6:30 am	Men’s Breakfast Fellowship
Sun, May 15	9:30 am	Worship & Baptism
Sun, June 5	9:30 am	Worship, Communion, and Celebrating Graduates
	10:30 am	Strawberry Festival

A Reminder about Staff Days Off

Patrick is out of the office on Fridays and Saturdays.

Lara 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

“God's plan is not to abandon this world, the world which God said was ‘very good.’ Rather, God intends to remake it. And when he does, he will raise all his people to new bodily life to live in it. That is the promise of the Christian gospel.”

— N.T. Wright, *Simply Christian*

May 8, 2016

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