

St. John’s at Worship Second Sunday after Pentecost		
Prelude <i>Knapp</i>	“Blessed Assurance”	<i>Crosby and</i>
Welcome and Announcements <i>(please pass the fellowship roll)</i>		
Introit	“Oh Come, Angel Band”	<i>Hascall</i>
*Call to Worship		
Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!		
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!		
Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting...		
People: Blessed be the name of the Lord!		
Leader: Let us worship God!		
*Hymn 437 “This Is My Song”		
*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.		
Unison Prayer of Confession		
We are so bound to our notions of how life <i>should</i> be...		
how other people <i>should</i> be...		
how you <i>should</i> be...		
that we do not enjoy life as it <i>is</i> ...		
we do not accept other people as they <i>are</i> ...		
and we do not love you as you <i>are</i> .		
At the same time, we can become so resigned to how things <i>are</i> –		
to violence, terrorism, and war,		
poverty, sickness, and hunger,		
racism, injustice, and the politics of fear –		
that we cannot imagine a different world is possible.		
We fail to open ourselves to the transforming power of your Spirit,		
and in that failure we sin – against one another and against you.		
May your grace and mercy open our hearts and minds		
to how things <i>are</i> , and how they <i>can be</i> , in Christ. Amen.		
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	Matthew 16:21 – 26 (p. 18)	John McClintick
Children’s Time	Rev. Marshall	
Blessing of Departing Members	Scott and Coralie Moorehead	







Grades Pre-K through 12 may go to Sunday School after the blessing.  
Sunday School ends at 10:45.

Anthem	“Only Known to Him”	<i>McDonald</i>
Scripture Reading	Acts 10:1 – 28, 34 – 35 (p. 128)	
Sermon	LET IT GO	Rev. Marshall
*Affirmation of Faith from <i>A Declaration of Faith</i>		
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		
Call to Offering		
(Ushers will collect <i>blue card</i> prayer requests at the time of the offering.)		
Offertory	“O Rest in the Lord”	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
*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 383, vss. 1 – 4 “This Is a Day of New Beginnings”		
*Benediction		
*Choral Response “Praise God”		
Postlude	“I'll Fly Away”	<i>Traditional</i>
*All who are able, please stand		

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD	
Director of Music	<i>Iris Blanco-Urgelles</i>
Greeter	<i>Carol Netter</i>
Ushers	<i>Bob and Sue Chudy</i>
Coffee Service	<i>Sandy Foster and Herb Thal</i>
Flowers	<i>Given by Lauren and Jason Feldman in honor of Michael Whalen and Kristi Thomson, with gratitude for your kind, generous spirits, and all you have done with the St. John's Youth over the past two years.</i>
Joy Messengers	<i>Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lisa Howell, Lauren Feldman, Linda Duncan</i>
Soloist	<i>Greta Moorehead (mezzo-soprano)</i>

#### 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, Carol 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!

 **ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**   
Join us in the Carriage House **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** following worship to enjoy some strawberry shortcake and whipped cream! This will be a fun morning of fellowship as we enjoy a special performance by The Joy Messengers. Invite family and friends to come kick off summer with us!

The annual Progressive Dinner will be **Saturday, June 11 at 6 pm.** We will begin the evening with appetizers and drinks at one home, then progress in groups of 8, 10 or 12 to another home for dinner and dessert. Won't you consider being a host for part of this enjoyable evening of good food, friendship, and lively conversation? Please see Nancy Phillips at coffee hour to sign up or contact her.

#### TEACHER APPRECIATION – JUNE 12

On **June 12<sup>th</sup>** during worship, we will recognize and honor our Sunday School teachers, nursery caregivers, and all other teachers who have dedicated their time and energy to building up the Church through Christian Education. Through their devotion, preparation, and creativity, we have all been nurtured in faith, and they deserve to be celebrated. Please join us in expressing our appreciation!

#### HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

Horse Show parking continues through Saturday, and there are still shifts available! You can sign up online at [www.stjohnsdevon.com](http://www.stjohnsdevon.com) (under “Quick Links”). **There are also signup sheets available in the Fellowship Hall.** For more information, please contact Jeff Ealer or Sam Hillier.

CELEBRATING GRADUATES – JUNE 5

Next Sunday 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.



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

NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT DUE TO HORSE SHOW PARKING.

High School Mission Trip: July 24 – July 29

We have a group of 13 youth and 3 adult leaders traveling to Vienna, Virginia to work with *Week of Hope*. 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, or sign up on the website under “Quicklinks”

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Mon, May 30	Memorial Day – Office Closed
Thurs, June 2	7:45 pm Chancel Choir
	9:00 pm Devon Brass
Fri, June 3	6:30 am Men’s Breakfast Fellowship
Sun, June 5	8:00 am Trustees Meeting
	9:30 am Worship, Communion, and Celebrating Graduates
	10:30 am Strawberry Festival
Sat, June 11	6:00 pm Progressive Dinner
Sun, June 12	9:30 am Worship, Last Day of Sunday School, Recognition of Sunday School Teachers
Mon, June 13	7:00 pm Session Meeting

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

“In the shadow of death,  
may we not look back to the past,  
but seek in utter darkness  
the dawn of God.”

- Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

May 29, 2016  
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