

St. John’s at Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

*Call to Worship

from Psalm 139

Leader: Where can we go from your spirit, O Lord?
Where can we flee from your presence?

People: If we ascend to heaven, you are there!
If we go down to Sheol, you are *there*!
At the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead us and hold us tight!

Leader: We are never hidden from you!
It was you who formed our inward parts
and knit us together in our mother’s womb.

People: We praise you, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made!
Wonderful are your works!

Leader: Search us, O God; know our hearts and minds.

People: And lead us in the way everlasting!

*Hymn 660, vss. 1, 3, 4

“God Is Here”

*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

Ever-present God, you promise that you are with us *always*,
but so often we fail to *recognize* your presence.
You are present in the mountain and the stream,
the wind and the trees, plants and animals.
And yet we raze the mountain and pollute the stream,
cut down the trees and kill the animals,
wasting our resources and destroying our home.
You are present in every living being,
all made in your image and filled with your breath of life.
And yet we use that breath to speak harshly,
treating others like they are made *less* in your image than we are.
You are present in “the least of these,”
those who are hungry, hurting, and poor,
oppressed, ignored, and silenced.
And yet we blame *them* for their struggles,
silently condoning racism and justifying injustice.
Forgive us for forgetting that you are present – *always*, in *all*.
May your forgiveness humble us
and help us to recognize your presence –
in the world, in each other, even in ourselves –
and to act accordingly, 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

Genesis 28:10 – 17 (p. 25)

Nancy Higgins

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

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

*Hymn 11 (GREEN)

“Be Still, for the Presence”

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1 – 6 (p. 50)

Sermon

PRESENT

Rev. Marshall

Summer Sermon Series: *Living Worship*

*Affirmation of Faith

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Offering

Call to Offering

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

Offertory

“People Need the Lord”

Mark Hayes

*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 284 (GREEN), vss. 1, 3

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

*Benediction

Postlude

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Mark Hayes

*All who are able, please stand

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music

Greeter

Ushers

Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Lyn Strickler

Kathy Johnson, Kate Johnson, Pat Churchill,
John McClintick

Coffee Service

Flowers

Earline Eck

Given by Marilyn Benton and family in loving
memory of William G. Benton, husband and father
and Mary Johnson, mother and grandmother.

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, Lyn Strickler, 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!

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

There are several open dates available to sponsor altar flowers this summer and fall. Please consider sharing this gift with our morning service. Sign-ups are available on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or email Lauren Feldman.

TEACHER APPRECIATION – TODAY

Today during worship, we 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. We would like to thank all those who have taught, planned, or worked in any way with Christian Education in this past year: John Adams, Ardath Belzer, Chrissy Bouvier, Laurie Cato, Carla Chieffo, Ken Coradi, Dave Dalrymple, Kassie D’Onofrio, Debbie Ealer, Jeff Ealer, Susanne Engheta, Nader Engheta, Lauren Feldman, Betsy Friend, Brenda Geiger, Sam Hillier, Sue Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Judy Mileto, Betsy Miller, Ellen Moeller, Wanda Odom, Dick Oliver, Jim Ryland, Sylvia Louise Ryland, Kristi Thomson, Michael Whalen, Cindy Wilson, and Nancy Wolfe.

Please join us after worship for cake in the fellowship hall!

EXPLORE YOUR FAITH – ALPHA TO OMEGA

September 21 through November 30, excepting November 23

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith that will be the focus of Supper at St. Johns this fall. Alpha is built around three ideas: Food, a talk and small-group discussion. Energize your faith! Attended Alpha previously? This is a new, updated program that will build on your previous experience.



While Youth Group is officially over for this program year, we *will* be having some fun gatherings throughout the summer; times to get together, catch up, eat some pizza, and play some games. Be on the lookout for more information in emails and the bulletin. Have a great summer!

High School Mission Trip: July 24 – July 29

We have a group of 13 youth and 4 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 McCledden for more information, or sign up on the website under "Quicklinks"

There will be a meeting TODAY in the carriage house following worship for anyone interested in helping with Vacation Bible School

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Mon, June 13	7:00 pm	Session Meeting
Tues, June 14	9:00 am	The Gardens Club show in Fellowship Hall (until 1 PM)
	7:00 pm	Women's Fellowship
Thurs, June 16	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
Sun, June 19	9:30 am	Worship

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

Vocatus atque non vocatus, Deus aderit.

“Called or not called, God will be present.”

- Desiderius Erasmus

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