

## St. John's at Worship Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude "Song of Gladness" *Arnold B. Sherman*

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

Introit "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" *arr. Hart*

\*Call to Worship From Psalm 31

Leader: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge;  
for your name's sake, lead us and guide us.

**People: Into your hand we commit our spirits;  
you have redeemed us, O Lord, faithful God.**

Leader: We trust in the Lord.  
We will exult and rejoice in God's steadfast love.

**People: How abundant is your goodness!  
Blessed be the Lord,  
for you have wondrously shown your steadfast love to us.**

Leader: Love the Lord, all you his saints!  
Be strong, and let your heart take courage,  
all you who wait for the Lord.

**People: Let us worship God!**

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

\*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

**For the wrong that I have done in word, thought, and deed,  
may I know your forgiveness.**

**And for the wrong that has been done to me in word, thought, and deed,  
may I make your forgiveness known.**

**Set me free from the sin that I hold on to,  
and from the sin that holds on to me,  
that I may live in your peace,  
and love as I am loved, 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. Amen.**

Scripture Reading John 14:1 – 14 (pg. 108) John Alexander

Children's Time Rev. Marshall  
*Pre-K – 12th grade may go to Sunday School after the children's time.  
Sunday School ends at 10:45.*

Anthem "How Great Thou Art" *arr. Raney*

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:1 – 10 (pg. 237)

Sermon Rev. Marshall  
*At the end of the sermon, we will have a moment of silent reflection and prayer.*

\*Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image,  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.**

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**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!"**

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory "Ave Maria" *Stopford*

\*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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

\*Hymn 267 (GREEN), vss. 1, 2, 4, 5  
"Will You Come and Follow Me"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" *arr. Hart*

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Director of Music** *Iris Blanco*  
**Greeter** *Jim Netter*  
**Ushers** *Alice Bell, Shirley Hughes, Doug Mueller*  
**Flowers** *Given by Peter & Elizabeth Unger in loving memory  
of our parents who are no longer with us:  
Richard & Laura Unger, and Charlotte & Haddon Kirk*  
**Coffee Service** *Kate and Kathy Johnson*  
**Guest Musicians** *Crystal Charles, Cassia Harvey, Myanna Harvey,  
Alexandr Kislitsyn, Tom McCauley, Julia Peters,  
Luciana Piovon*

Rejoicing Ringers *Brigitte Belzer, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan,  
Connor Feldman, Oliver Feldman, Christina Fish,  
Nate Geiger, Andrew Ward, Mary Caroline Ward*

### 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!

### CELEBRATING GRADUATES

On **Sunday, June 11**, 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 (if applicable).

### ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH

Each month we highlight one of our mission partners and pray for the work that they do. This month the Outreach Committee has written a letter of encouragement and thanks to Partners in Health. Headquartered in Boston, Partners in Health works in poor communities in Haiti, Peru, Mexico, Rwanda, Lesotho, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Liberia Navajo Nation, and Russia, providing health care to people who do not otherwise have access to doctors. You can learn more about them at [www.pih.org](http://www.pih.org). Christine Markle has the letter available for you to sign in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to offer a word of encouragement and thanks for their work, **please sign the letter.**

### LOWER LEVEL RENOVATION UPDATE

We have received three bids from qualified contractors. We are in discussions with two of these contractors to further clarify certain elements of their respective bids, and are hopeful that a decision can be made within the next week, so that construction can begin by mid-June. We have also retained an environmental consulting firm to assess whether we may have any potential issues related to the demolition activity. We will provide further updates (including the overall cost of the project) once a contractor is selected (hopefully this week). Thank you for your patience!

### HANDBELLS

Come try the bells!! The tables will remain in the sanctuary following today's service. If you've ever wanted to see what it's like to ring, now's your chance - no pressure - come give it a try!

#### WELCOMING OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Last Sunday, the congregation unanimously and enthusiastically voted to call our new Associate Pastor for Youth and Family Ministries, the Rev. Ridgley Beckett Joyner. Ridgley and her husband Will will be moving to Pennsylvania in early June. Her first day in the office will be June 12, and her first Sunday with us will be June 18. And, yes, she *will* be going on the mission trip! Thank you for everything you did last weekend to help Ridgley and Will feel so welcome and loved!

#### ST. JOHN'S MONTHLY CONCERT SERIES

Our next monthly concert will be **Sunday, May 21 from 5–6 PM**, featuring “Music that Bring us Together.” These concerts are free and open to the whole community, so please bring a friend and join us for an evening of amazing music!

#### SUMMER MISSION TRIP

A spot has opened up on this summer's mission trip, so there is room for one more high school or college-age student to attend! If you are interested, please contact Debbie Ealer as soon as possible. The cost of the trip is \$425. There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, June 4 after worship in the Carriage House for all adult leaders, youth, and parents of those attending. This meeting is very important, and we strongly encourage everyone to attend.

#### HORSE SHOW PARKING SIGNUPS

It's time to gear up for our biggest annual youth fundraiser of the year. **May 25 through June 3**, we will be parking cars from 9 AM to 9 PM at St. John's. Like last year, we will have individual day leaders responsible for each day of parking. Please contact Lara in the church office if you are interested in serving as a day leader. You do not have to *be here* all day, simply oversee the volunteers for each shift. 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. You can sign up for shifts online at [www.stjohnsdevon.com](http://www.stjohnsdevon.com) (under “Quick Links”).



**Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2017!**

**July 24 – 28, 9 AM to Noon**

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

More details will be coming soon!

#### ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, May 14</b>	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting in Kean Room
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
<b>Mon, May 15</b>	7:00 pm	Adult Christian Ed. Meeting (Kean Room)
	7:30 pm	Christian Ed. Meeting (Carriage House)
<b>Tues, May 16</b>		Voting taking place in the Carriage House
<b>Sun, May 21</b>	8:00 am	Deacons Meeting (Carriage House)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	5:00 pm	St. John's Concert Series
<b>Thurs, May 25</b>	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking Begins

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. If you have a pastoral emergency on a Saturday, you may call (610) 608-2568.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

A collision of opposites forms the cross of Christ.  
One leads downward preferring the truth of the humble.  
The other moves leftward against the grain.  
But all are wrapped safely inside a hidden harmony:  
One world, God's cosmos, a benevolent universe.

– Richard Rohr

**May 14, 2017**  
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