St. John's at Worship
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Introit "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" *Lowry*

*Call to Worship Psalm 117

Pastor: The Lord be with you…
People: And also with you!
Pastor: Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Extol God, all you peoples!
People: For great is God's steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

*Hymn **62, vss. 1, 5, 7** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*Prayer of Invocation & 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 *From the Book of Common Prayer*

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways
to the glory of your name. 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. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 1:18 – 31 (pg. 166) Libby Dalrymple

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

As Pre-K through 12th graders leave for Sunday School,
we send them with this liturgy:

Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.
Cong: **May God be with you there!**
Children: **May God be with you here!**

*Hymn **420** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1 – 12 (pg. 4)

Sermon BLESSED Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith A Modern Affirmation

We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all His works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.
Amen.

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

Offertory "Have You Come to Jesus" *Hoffmann*

*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 **664** "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Amazing Love" *Campbell*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music	*Cassia Harvey, Judy Harvey, Myanna Harvey*
Greeter	*Amy Lord*
Ushers	*Bruce & Nancy Phillips, Jim & Sue Tiede*
Flowers	*Given by Steve & Sarah Marvin in honor of loving grandparents, Jens & Marylou Busch & Donald Marvin*
Coffee Servers	*Jim & Carol Netter*

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 in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Our greeter, Amy Lord, 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!

TREDYFFRIN HISTORIC HOUSE TOUR

On Saturday, September 28 (Noon to 5 PM), St. John's will be a part of the Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust's 15th Annual Historic House Tour! We are going to open our church building up to the community and share a little of our history. We are looking for volunteers from the congregation to help welcome people. If you are interested, please talk to John Senior. In preparation for the tour, we are looking for older pictures of the church and congregation to be included in a video shown in Fellowship Hall. If you have any older pictures of the church, please contact John Senior or Jeff Starke.

NEW MEMBERS/INQUIRERS CLASS – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

If you are interested in joining St. John's or would like to learn more about what it means to be a member, we will be holding a class **next Sunday, September 29 at 11 AM** in the Carriage House. If you would like to attend or just have questions, please contact Virginia Holt.

CARRIAGE CLUB – OCTOBER 7 (NOON)

The next Carriage Club will take place October 7 at Noon in Fellowship Hall. Two speakers will be featured: Robyn Burns, Director of Hayes Manor Retirement Community and Rev. Richard Ollinger of Cornerstone Academy. Babysitting will be available with 7 days' notice. Please RSVP by contacting Virginia Holt.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning Women's Bible study resumes on September 19 (10–11:30 AM) in the Kean Room, and will be studying I & II Samuel. We meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. All are welcome! For more information, contact Nancy Davis.

WOMEN'S SUNDAY MORNING BOOK GROUP

All women are invited to join us on Sunday mornings at 8 AM to discuss Barbara Brown Taylor's book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*. If you have any questions, please contact Libby Dalrymple.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHECK-IN/OUT PROCEDURES

If you have a child in 4th grade and under, you will need to sign them out and pick them up after Sunday School (10:45). Please take note of the check-in procedures for printed on the blue card in your pew. Classroom locations:

Nursery: Downstairs in main church building
PreK–2nd Grade: Downstairs in main building across from nursery
3rd–4th Grade: Carriage House (building across parking lot) 2nd floor
5th–7th Grade: Carriage House 1st Floor
8th–12th Grade: Carriage House 2nd Floor

ST. JOHN'S OUTREACH PARTNER – HAYES MANOR

Each month we highlight one of our mission partners, pray for the work that they do, and send them a letter of support signed by the congregation. This month we are focusing on Hayes Manor, a non-profit retirement home in Philadelphia. Since 1886, their mission has been to provide dignified housing, excellent healthcare, and essential services to older people of limited financial resources. Nancy Higgins has the letter for you to sign after worship, and you can learn more about them online at hayesmanor.org. (Lee and Virginia Holt are long-time volunteers at Hayes Manor, and they would be happy to share their experiences with any who would like more information.

MID-WEEK EVENSONG SERVICE – WEDNESDAYS, 5:30 PM

Join Ridgley in the Memorial Garden for a mid-week Evensong worship service at 5:30 PM every Wednesday until November 20. We will be exploring a series called "Unraveled: Seeking God When Our Plans Fall Apart." Services will be held rain or shine under a tent!

Trunk or Treat will take place on **Sunday, October 27** from **5:30–7 PM** in the parking lot. If you have never been, the idea behind Trunk or Treat is simple:

1. Park your car/truck/van/SUV in the church parking lot.
2. Decorate your trunk in a spooky or silly way.
3. Hand out candy to kids as they go from car to car

Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors, or just yourself! Everyone is invited! Even if you don't have kids involved, just come and decorate your trunk. To be sure we have enough cars please let us know you will participate by contacting Jennifer Roberts

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sunday Sept 22	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	Rejoicing Ringers rehearsal
	4 – 6 pm	Youth Group
Mon, Sept 23	10:00 am	Sewing group
Wed, Sept 25	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Supper at St. John's
Sun, Sept 29	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	11:00 am	New Members Class
	4 – 6 pm	Youth Group (Irizarry's house)

Patrick is out of the office on Friday and Saturday. Lara is out on Saturday and Sunday. 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 after hours or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"What Is Broken is What God Blesses"
By Jimmy Santiago Baca

What is broken God blesses,
not the perfectly brick-on-brick prison
but the shattered wall
that announces freedom to the world,
proclaims the irascible spirit of the human
rebelling against lies, against betrayal,
against taking what is not deserved;
the human complaint is what God blesses,
our impoverished dirt roads filled with cripples,
what is broken is baptized, the irreverent disbeliever,
the addict's arm seamed with needle marks
is a thread line of a blanket frayed and bare
from keeping the man warm.
We are all broken ornaments…

When we lost our perfection and honored our imperfect
sentiments, we were blessed.

We work, we worry, we love
but always with compassion
reflecting our blessings—
in our brokenness
thrives life, thrives light, thrives
the essence of our strength,
each of us a warm fragment,
broken off from the greater
ornament of the unseen,
then rejoined as dust,
to all this is.

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