

St. John's at Worship Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome and Announcements (*Please fill out the fellowship roll*)

Introit

*Call to Worship

One: We come to God now because God first came to us.

All: **In Christ, God became one of us, living life with us, so that the whole world could know God.**

One: We love God now because God first loved us.

All: **Christ died on a cross, giving up his life for us, so that the whole world could know God's love.**

One: Worship is our grateful response to the goodness and glory of God!

All: **For who God is and all that God has done, let us worship God!**

*Hymn 139 (vss. 1, 2, 5) "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*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

Most gracious God, you call us to love one another as you love us.

We confess that love can be *hard*, and we have often failed at it.

In our hearts are vengeful attitudes and hardened prejudices.

In our mouths are harsh words of judgment and criticism.

In our hands are gifts that we have withheld out of fear and selfishness.

In our lives are regrets, unresolved conflict,

and forgiveness yet to be sought or offered.

We come to you in search of healing;

that we might live in your grace, and share it freely,

as you share it with us, 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.

*Affirmation of Faith

The 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.

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:1–17 (pg. 157)

Sermon

THE GIFT OF GRACE

Rev. Marshall

*Hymn 617

"I Come with Joy"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Presentation of Offering & Doxology

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 560

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Guest Organist *Tatiana Abramova*

Ushers *Pete Crawford, Laurie Cato*

Flowers *Given by Marie Cantafio in memory of my beloved husband, Ralph, and my beloved daughter, Gemma.*

WELCOME (BACK) TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us for worship this morning! We hope that you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ here with us today. 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 the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments outside following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

COMMUNION SUNDAY

On the first Sunday of every month, St. John's shares the Lord's Supper. This meal reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us – his body broken and his blood shed – so that we might be nourished in our faith to live for him. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John's. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! **Please be sure to pick up a bag with a piece of bread (gluten/nut-free bread is available) and a pre-sealed cup of juice.**

COVID PRECAUTIONS

If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask, although you are absolutely welcome to do so based on your comfort level. If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you please wear a mask as an act of care for your church family.

Initially, we will be using every other pew for seating (although there are no restrictions on capacity). If the number of worshippers exceeds our ability to do that, we will begin filling in the open pews as necessary.

Hand sanitizing stations are located at each of the entrances to the sanctuary, as well as in the Fellowship Hall.

We will not be passing offering plates at first. Instead, offering baskets are located at each of the entrances to the sanctuary, and you can place your offering there on your way in or out.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

John Alexander has been placed on hospice care. Cards can be sent to:

John & Barbara Alexander

Alice Bell had aortic heart valve surgery on Thursday. Cards can be sent to:

Lee Holt is recovering at home after abdominal surgery on Monday. Cards can be sent to:

NURSERY CARE

Nursery care is available throughout the summer on an as-needed basis for children in kindergarten and under. Our nursery workers are all fully vaccinated and will be in the nursery until 9:45, at which point if there are no children in the nursery, they will come upstairs to worship. If you would like to volunteer to help in the nursery one Sunday, please contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net).

SUMMER USHERS

If you would be willing to help serve as an usher during the summer months, please contact Jim Ryland (jrryland@comcast.net).

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 AT 11:00 AM**

A special congregational meeting has been called for the purpose of voting on the Session's recommendation to sell the manse and place the proceeds in a restricted fund to be used for the housing of St. John's pastors, both current and future. The proposal and policy detailing this plan is available in the weekly email, and paper copies are available in the back of the sanctuary. All members of St. John's are encouraged to attend, either in-person or virtually (the Zoom link will be in the weekly email).



If you are not already receiving Ridgley's weekly emails for youth and families, email her at rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com.

JULY YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE

All rising 5th graders through graduated 12th graders are invited!

Wednesday, August 4 – Tubing Trip (Rescheduled)

Our tubing trip this past week had to be postponed due to high river levels. We have rescheduled it for Wednesday, August 4 (9:30 AM to 4:30 PM). All middle and high school youth are invited, but you have to let Ridgley know by Friday, July 30 if you would like to attend. The cost is \$50/person.

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

All rising 4th graders and under are invited!

God & Me Story Hour – Every Tuesday (9:30–10:30 AM)

All children in 4th grade and under are invited to join us in the Memorial Garden on Tuesdays from 9:30–10:30 AM for a story and (to-go) snack. If you are not fully vaccinated, please bring a mask to wear.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 1	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Mon, Aug 2	3:00 pm	Covid Task Force Meeting (Kean)
Wed, Aug 4	9:00 am	Prayer Group (Kean Room)
Sun, Aug 8	8:00 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
	11:00 am	Congregational Meeting

Patrick and Ridgley are off on Friday and Saturday. Lara is off 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 when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**

ST. JOHN'S LEADERSHIP

The Session

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*Peter Crawford, Tom Higgins,
Jim Ryland, Andy Walsh*

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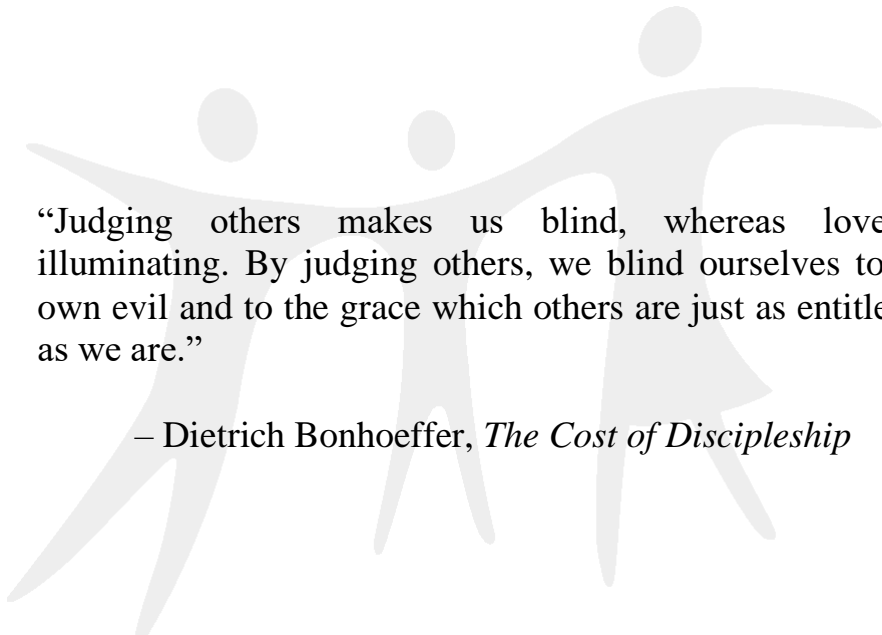


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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“Judging others makes us blind, whereas love is illuminating. By judging others, we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.”

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

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