

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

Prelude "Blessings All Around" *arr. Linda R. Lamb*

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

Introit "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" *Townsend*

*Call to Worship Based on Psalm 130

One: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord. Hear our voice!

All: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our supplications!

One: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, who could stand?

**All: But with you there is forgiveness,
so that you may be revered.**

One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God's word I hope.

**All: My soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning.**

One: Hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with God is great power to redeem.

All: It is God who will redeem us from all our iniquities.

*Hymn 117 (vss. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6) "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

*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

Gracious God, you promise that you are always with us.

But sometimes it is so hard to trust in that promise.

We look around us and see pain and suffering,

sickness and sadness –

some of it a result of our actions,

some of it impossibly beyond our control –

and we doubt the possibility of your presence.

Our fear and anxiety cause us to act from a place of sin.

Reassure us that you are with us. Remind us of your love.

Wash us and cleanse us of all our sin,

that we might hold on to you, and to each other,

as you hold on to us, 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. Amen.

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

Anthem "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)" *arr. Larson*

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18–30 (pg. 158)

Sermon PLAYING THE LONG GAME Rev. Marshall

*Affirmation of Faith Declaration of Faith

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.

*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 534 "Be Still My Soul"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Blessing" *Proulx*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Director of Music *Iris Blanco-Urgelles*

Ushers *Barbara Beucler, Pete Crawford*

Flowers *Given by Linda Groves in memory of Michael Groves.*

The rose in the sanctuary is in joyful thanks and

celebration for the life of Magnolia Grace Phillips,

second granddaughter of Nancy & Bruce Phillips, born to

their daughter Rachel on July 16 in Charleston, SC.

Guest Musicians *Miyuki Hashimoto, Heather McConnell,*

Tatyana Smolen, Paula Gonzalez

Bell Choir *Susan Bain, Cat Duncan, Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish,*

Betsy Miller (Director)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

TODAY AT 10:45 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).

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 are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

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.

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.

NURSERY CARE

Due to heightened Covid concerns and lack of use thus far, we are suspending nursery care for the remainder of the summer.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Alice Bell would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and love sent to her for her surgery.

SUMMER USHERS

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



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

Porch Time with the Pastor

Pastor Ridgley will be hosting in-person or virtual visits with families the last month of summer. Schedule a time to have her come to you for games, a snack, and sharing about your fun summer vacation! In-person visits will be conducted outdoors with masks on regardless of vaccination status. Please visit calendly.com/ridgleyjoyner to schedule a time today!

Friday, August 13 – Movie Night

Children, youth, and families are invited to bring a chair and join us outside from 7:30–9 PM as we watch *Joseph: King of Dreams*.

An end-of-summer event for all ages

Wednesday, August 25 – Slip & Slide Out of Summer!

All children, youth, and families are invited to join us at Bear Creek Mountain Resort from Noon to 5 PM, where they have turned their ski slopes into massive slip and slides! The cost is \$30/person, \$100/family max. Please RSVP with Ridgley by Friday, August 20.

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

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| Sun, Aug 8 | 8:00 am | Trustees Meeting (Kean Room) |
| | 9:30 am | Worship |
| | 10:45 am | Congregational Meeting |
| Wed, Aug 11 | 9:00 am | Prayer Group (Kean Room) |
| Sun, Aug 15 | 9:30 am | Worship |

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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Jim Ryland, Andy Walsh*

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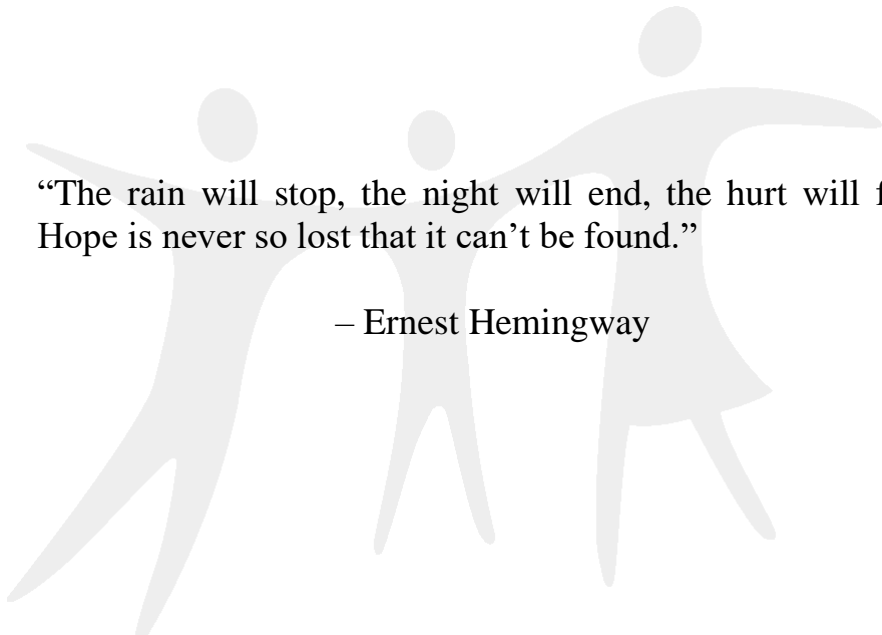
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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



“The rain will stop, the night will end, the hurt will fade.
Hope is never so lost that it can't be found.”

– Ernest Hemingway

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