

St. John's at Worship Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Christ Arose" *Lowry*

*Call to Worship

One: The tomb is *still* empty!
All: Christ is *still* risen!
One: Jesus is Lord! Our redeemer lives!
**All: Because *he* lives, *we* can live new lives,
with God and with each other!**
One: Let us worship our living 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

**The good news of Easter can wear off quickly,
and even after the celebration and transformation of that day,
we soon find ourselves walking down all the old paths of life;
the paths that lead not to life, but to death;
not to forgiveness, but to sin.
Do not let us go back to the tomb, Lord.
Do not let us look there anymore.
You are *still* risen! May *we* be risen, too!
You are *still* alive! May *we* be alive, too!
Remind us of our redemption in Christ.
Set us back on your path of righteousness,
and continue to overcome the power that sin and death
attempt to hold in this world and in our lives.**

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 A Declaration of Faith (*PCUSA*, 1977)

**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.**

Scripture Reading John 20:19–31 (pg. 115, NT) Libby Dalrymple

Minute for Mission Cornerstone Christian Academy

As Pre-K – 4th grade leaves 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!**

Anthem "This Is My Father's World"

Sermon REFINING DOUBT Rev. Marshall

*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 and Prayers of the People

*Hymn 399 (Insert) "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Love Can Never End"

Postlude "O Perfect Love" *Barnby*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director *Iris Blanco Urgelles*
Ushers *Dave & Libby Dalrymple*
Flowers *Given in love and remembrance of my husband, Tom,
by Margot Moore and her family*
Coffee Servers *Laurie & Courtney Cato*
Guest Musician *Alex Kislitzyn*

WELCOME 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 downstairs in the Fellowship Hall following worship. We are glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

MINUTE FOR MISSION

This morning we are happy to welcome Lauren Maloney, the Director of Development at Cornerstone Christian Academy, an independent school in southwest Philadelphia. Cornerstone offers an affordable, high quality, faith-based education to K-8 students who otherwise would not have access to the academic opportunity, social-emotional intervention, and safe, loving environment. Lauren will also be available to talk and answer questions after worship. Please welcome her and help her feel at home!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Last week we began receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This offering goes to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. Please use the envelopes in your pew racks or visit <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs> to learn more and give online.

LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA – TODAY!

Today we will continue our three-part educational series on Dementia and Alzheimer's, led by Lauren Tiede. Join us at 10:45 after worship in the Carriage House to learn more about caring for our loved ones who have these hard diagnoses.

April 24: Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's & Dementia
May 21: Effective Communication Strategies

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT!

The St. John's Concert Series returns **tonight at 5:00 PM** for an exciting concert of all American music! The Musicalia Ensemble will be joined by singers Eugenia Forteza, Benjamin Greenfield, Bethann Dilione, and John Owens, and percussionist Owen Osborne. Come join us for an exciting evening of James Taylor, Leonard Bernstein, jazz, and more!

UKRAINE RELIEF

As the number of Ukrainian refugees continues to increase by the day, food and other supplies inside Ukraine are becoming increasingly scarce. Churches and ecumenical partners who are already there are helping to provide basic items for survival for the millions who have been displaced. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is providing direct funding for these partners who are on the ground. **St. John's Outreach Committee is donating \$10,000 towards this effort, and they would like to challenge the congregation to match this amount!** (We have already received \$4,800...almost halfway to the goal!) The Synod of the Trinity will also be matching all funds through the presbytery. All funds given through PDA will assist with international refugee resettlement. If you would like to contribute, please write a check to St. John's with "Ukraine" in the memo line. You can place it in the offering plate or mail it to the church. We will send all checks to the Presbytery. More information can be found in our weekly email.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB – SUNDAYS AT 8:00 AM

Our women's book group has started a new book, *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. We are meeting in person and by Zoom on Sundays at 8:00 AM, and anyone is welcome to "drop in" for one or all sessions. We invite and encourage all women to be part of the group. It is casual and wonderful conversation, and the reading each week is short. If you have questions, and to get the Zoom link, please email Carolyn Repke. The book club will not meet on Easter.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S TEA

Next **Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 PM**, women of all ages, including children and youth ages 10 and up, are invited for a time of fellowship and reflection as we enjoy tea sandwiches, scones, cookies, and of course an assortment of teas in Fellowship Hall. Hat and gloves optional! Please RSVP with a Women's Fellowship representative during coffee fellowship following worship today or email Nancy Arico at nancy.arico@verizon.net (please include "Women's Tea" in the subject line).

INTERGENERATIONAL MOVIE NIGHT – TONIGHT!

All youth and children are invited to join us **tonight at 7:00 PM at Covenant Presbyterian Church Frazer, PA** for an outdoor movie– *Zootopia*. Be sure to bring a tailgating chair and money for snacks!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Outreach has scheduled a Rise Against Hunger event for Sunday, May 15th, at 1:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. We will be packaging 10,000 meals, and we need volunteers. Please see John Shaw after the service today in Fellowship Hall to sign up.

SPRING FESTIVAL

Spring is here and we will celebrate it on May 22, 4:30 to 6:30 PM right here at St. John's. This will be a fun filled potluck gathering! We will provide the meat, drinks and music. You bring a salad, a dessert, a side dish or vegetable. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall starting on May 1. Sign up is also available with email: Susanne.engheta@gmail.com. A few helping hands are needed. Please let us know if you can help with set up or clean up.

DEVON HORSE SHOW PARKING FUNDRAISER

Horseshow Parking is back, **Thursday, May 26** through **Saturday, June 4!** While the proceeds go to a fund that helps us host youth group retreats and trips, this is an all-church event, and we need *everyone's* help! If you are interested in being a Day Leader for a day of parking, contact Ridgley to learn more.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Youth in grades 5–12 are invited to join us on Sunday nights for Youth Group as we learn, serve, and share in fellowship! Some upcoming events:

- April 24:** 11:30 – noon – Handbell Rehearsal
7 PM - Movie Night at Covenant Presbyterian
- May 1:** 4-6 PM - All youth are invited for our end of the year cookout!
- May 8:** No Youth Fellowship. Happy Mother's Day!
- May 15:** 1 PM - All-Church Mission Event: Rise Against Hunger
- May 22:** 4:30 - 6 PM - Spring Festival

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: AUGUST 15–19 (9 AM–1 PM)

This year's VBS will be a Compassion Camp, where kids will explore what it means to have compassion for others, themselves, and the world. More details and signups are coming soon!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, April 24	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	10:45 am	Dementia Program (Carr. House)
	11:00 am	Called Session Meeting
	5:00 pm	Concert in Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Youth Advisory Council (offsite)
	7:00 pm	Youth Group (offsite)
Wed, April 27	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean)
Sun, May 1		Confirmation Sunday
	8:00 am	Women's Book Study
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion Sunday School

Reminder: Friday is Patrick and Ridgley's sabbath day, and the church office is closed on Saturday. If you email or call on those days, you will not get a response until they are back in the office. Our Church Administrator, Nancy Wolfe, is in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. **If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-0499.**



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"What Now" by Roger Lovette

The service yesterday was glorious.
"Jesus Christ is Risen Today!
Alleluia! Alleluia!"
And we move toward the altar
to get the lily we bought.
The flower that remembered someone
living or dead.
From all over the church people came—
picking up lily after lily—
Until the altar was sparse and bare—
With only a lone lily or two left here and there.

One by one we moved to the parking lot.
We carefully placed our lily
so it wouldn't fall over and break—
With luck I'll dig a hole today or tomorrow
and hope next Spring I will see my lily again.

So I start the car
and move toward home.
All over town others follow the same ritual.
The music has stopped.
The Alleluias are over.
I take the key out of the ignition.
I am home.
What now?
What now that the Alleluias are over?

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