

St. John's at Worship Third Sunday of Easter

Prelude "Festive Celebration" *Kevin McChesney*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *Phillips*

*Call to Worship

One: We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdalene once said:

All: "I have seen the Lord!"

One: We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:

All: "Peace be with you! Receive the Holy Spirit."

One: We are here today like doubting Thomas, who finally cried:

All: "My Lord and my God!"

One: We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus:

All: "I'm going fishing."

One: We are here this morning because Jesus asks us face to face:

All: "Do you truly love me?"

One: We gather here to whisper timidly.

All: "Yes, Lord, you know that we love you."

One: We are here as a congregation only because many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus' words:

All: "Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid!"

Go and tell, 'Jesus has been raised!'"

*Hymn 660 "God Is Here"

*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

**Almighty God, creator of the heavens and earth,
we confess that we do not always live into the message of hope and
salvation, the promise of eternal life.**

**We live in ways that make the here and now more important than the
future.**

**We live in ways that put ourselves and our own success first,
over the needs of others and the long-term needs of the world.**

**Forgive us and call us back to the way of Christ,
who humbled himself and gave himself up for us on the cross,
so that death might be no more,
and all can share in the joy of salvation and eternal life.**

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 21:1–14 (pg. 115, NT) Rich Scott

Confirmation of New Members (See Insert)

*Affirmation of Faith (See Insert)

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 "All Are Welcome at the Table" *McDonald*

Sermon CONFIRMED, ALWAYS CONFIRMING Rev. Joyner

*Hymn 216 (Green) "Give Thanks"

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 and Prayers of the People

*Hymn 267 (Green) "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Love Can Never End"

Postlude "The Lord Sends Us Forth"

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director *Iris Blanco Urgelles*

Ushers *Carla Chieffo and Lynne Hay*

Flowers *Given by Amy Wilson in loving memory of Louise & Henry "Hank" Wilson, in honor of his love for his friends at St. John's.*

Coffee Servers *Jim & Kate Little*

Guest Musician *Alex Kislitzyn*

Rejoicing Ringers *Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato, Sophie Coradi, Ryan Crill, Sarah Duncan, Avery Hillier*

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!

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

We are still receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which 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.

ST. JOHN'S WOMEN'S TEA – Today 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 see Jeanne Lyman during coffee fellowship following worship today to sign up for the tea.

LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

The final session of our three-part educational series on Dementia and Alzheimer's will be on May 22 in the Carriage House. Lauren Tiede will talk about effective communication strategies with loved ones who have these hard diagnoses.

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 \$6,600...more than 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 GROUP – SUNDAYS AT 8:00 AM

Our women's book group meets in person and by Zoom on Sundays at 8:00 AM, and anyone is welcome to join them for one or all sessions. They are currently reading *Making Sense of the Bible* by Adam Hamilton. It is casual and wonderful conversation, and the reading each week is short. If you have questions, or to get the Zoom link, please email Carolyn Repke.

COVID PROTOCOL

Masks remain optional but welcome. We do ask that if you are not feeling well or experiencing any symptoms such as a sore, scratchy throat or cough (even if you think it is just allergies or a cold), please worship from home via the livestream to ensure the wellbeing of your church family.

SPRING FESTIVAL – CHANGE OF DATE

The Spring Festival has been moved to **Sunday, June 12, from 4:30–6:30 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, dessert, or side dish. You can sign up in Fellowship Hall starting today or by emailing Susanne Engheta (Susanne.engheta@gmail.com). Please let us know if you can help with set up or clean up.

ALL YOUTH HIKE – TODAY (4–6 PM)

All youth are invited to join Pastor Ridgley and the Youth Advisors at the Knox Quarters parking area of Valley Forge National Park for a spring hike! Be sure to bring water and sunscreen!

RISE AGAINST HUNGER – SUNDAY, MAY 15 (1:00 PM)

On Sunday, May 15, we will once again be packing meals for Rise Against Hunger! Join us in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM as we pack 10,000 meals to fight global hunger. We need a few volunteers to help us set up beforehand. The sign-up sheet for this event is on the Outreach bulletin board outside the kitchen entrance in Fellowship hall.

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! Signups for horse show parking volunteer shifts will happen during Sunday coffee hour in the month of May. 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:

Today: All-youth Hike! (4–6 PM)

May 8: No Youth Fellowship. Happy Mother's Day!

May 15: All-Church Mission Event: Rise Against Hunger (1 PM)

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

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, May 1

Confirmation Sunday

8:00 am Women's Book Study

9:30 am Worship & Communion

Sunday School

Sat, May 7

11:00 am Melody Tickner Memorial Service

Sun, May 8

Happy Mother's Day!

8:00 am Women's Book Study

9:30 am Worship & 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

From the Hymn

“Today We All Are Called to be Disciples”
by H. Kenn Carmichael

Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
To help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
To feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
To serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.

May we in service to our God
act out the living Word,
And walk the road the saints have trod
'til all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
To God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.

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