

St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Ave Maria" *Saint Saens*

*Call to Worship

One: The good news of Easter is *still* with us...
All: Christ is risen – then, now, and forever!
One: Because *Christ* lives, *we* can live a new life, with God and with each other.
All: Jesus is Lord, and he is alive!
One: Let *us* rise up and celebrate this good news!
All: Our redeemer lives! Let us worship God!

*Hymn (INSERT) "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

*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

Most merciful God, for the wrong that we have done in word, thought, and deed, may we know your forgiveness. For the wrong that has been done to us in word, thought, and deed, may we make your forgiveness known. Heal the wounds that we have caused, as well as the ones that we have received. Set us free from the sin that we hold on to, and from the sin that holds on to us, that we may live in your peace, and love as we are loved, 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

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 Acts 9:36–43 (pg. 128, NT) Nancy Arico

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

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 *Schram & Williams*

"Moments Like These (Celebrate the Family)"

Sermon THE WONDER OF RESURRECTION 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 294 (GREEN) "Go to the World"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Love Can Never End"

Postlude "Eternal Father Strong to Save" *Hayes*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director *Iris Blanco Urgelles*

Ushers *Carla Chieffo and Lynne Hay*

Flowers *The flowers this morning are given by the Deacons in honor and memory of those in our lives that are mothers to us and for those through whom we experience the mothering love of God. For these people we give thanks!*

Coffee Servers *Joe & Nancy Arico*

Guest Musician *Miyuki Hashimoto (Soprano), Cassia Harvey (cello), Paula Gonzalez (alto), Heather McConnell (soprano)*

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!

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Bob and Sue Chudy would like to express their sincere gratitude to their St. John's church family, "for all the expressions of sympathy we received at the time of Bob's mother's death. We feel truly blessed. Thank you!"

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.

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 \$7,625...more than three quarters of the way 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.

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

Next 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.

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.

WEEDERS NEEDED FOR OUR MEMORIAL GARDEN

If you are interested in gardening (or at least pulling weeds!), we need your help in our beautiful Memorial Garden. No experience is needed. If you would like to volunteer, please email Earline Eck (Earline.Eck3@gmail.com).

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:

- May 8:** No Youth Fellowship. Happy Mother's Day!
- May 15:** All-Church Mission Event: Rise Against Hunger (1 PM)
- May 26:** Devon Horse Show Parking Begins

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 8	Happy Mother's Day!
	8:00 am Women's Book Study
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
Mon, May 9	7:00 pm Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Wed, May 11	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean)
Sun, May 15	8:00 am Women's Book Study (Carr. House)
	8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
	1:00 pm Rise Against Hunger

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

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

– Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (d. 1266)

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