

## St. John's at Worship Fifth Sunday of Easter

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Songs of Praise the Angels Sang” *Attwood*

\*Call to Worship

One: Once again, we gather to proclaim the good news...  
**All: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!**  
 One: Our redeemer lives, and he will never, ever stop!  
**All: In him *we* live, and we will never, ever stop!**  
 One: The tomb is and forever *shall* be empty!  
 Let us celebrate this good news and worship God!

\*Hymn **610** “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

\*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

**Living God, as we near the end of this season of Easter, it is so easy for us to put you back in the tomb until next year, and go back to the old ways of living – ways that do not reflect the new life of Christ. It is easier to give in to temptations. It is easier to ignore the suffering of others. It is easier to hold grudges and withhold forgiveness. It is easier to roll the stone back in front of the tomb and pretend like none of this ever happened. But you are not so easily contained. You are risen, and you call *us* to rise up and live this new life with you. Forgive us for the times that we fall short. Heal the wounds in us that leave us open to sin, and by your grace, help us to live the resurrected life with 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.**

Scripture Reading John 13:31–35 (pg. 108, NT) Nancy Davis

Women's Fellowship Woman of the Year

Confirmation of New Members

Abigail Diamond Matt & Krissy Diamond – Parents  
 Kendra Placek – Mentor  
 Caroline Hillier Sam & Megan Hillier – Parents  
 Libby Dalrymple – Mentor

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, who is gracious and caring, almighty and loving. We believe that God made us and the whole creation. God is like a loving parent who forgives us and is merciful. God will always accept us. We are enough. We believe in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus was a wise and generous leader, healer, teacher, preacher, and feeder who brought about restorative justice and was helpful to those in need. He was selfless and kind. He is the resurrected Son of God. Even though he is God, he was human, like you and me. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is our comforter, the renewer of life, and inspiring. The Holy Spirit is everywhere, always present and supportive. We believe in the Body of Christ, the church united by the spirit, where we can come as our imperfect selves and be accepted. We share in fellowship, make music, celebrate communion, and worship. We experience community and the Holy Spirit at work as we share our joys and sorrows with one another. We are called in the world to live holy and joyful lives, striving to love God in our daily lives by loving, serving, and accepting others.**

*As Pre-K – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 “Trust and Obey” *arr. Joey Raney*

Sermon GLORIFYING LOVE 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 **308** “Thine Be the Glory” (Refrain last time only)

\*Benediction

\*Choral Response “Love Can Never End”

Postlude “We Gather Together/Count Your Blessings” *arr. Adams*

### 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!

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Music Director** Iris Blanco Urgelles  
**Ushers** Suzanne Engheta, Laurie Cato  
**Flowers** Given by Sarah Marvin:  
 “For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.” – Song of Solomon 2:11–12  
**Coffee Servers** Cindy & Gavin Kerr  
**Guest Musicians** Miyuki Hashimoto (soprano), Jeff Estabrook (tenor), Paula Gonzalez (alto), Alexander Kislitzyn (violin)

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

**Judy Simmons** has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be having surgery soon and then undergoing treatment. Cards can be sent to:  
*Judy & Mike Simmons, PO Box 1684, Grantham, NH 03753*

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. If you find that you test positive for Covid within 2–3 days after attending worship or a church event, please contact the church office, so that we can notify the congregation about a possible exposure. Your privacy will be maintained.

UKRAINE RELIEF – THANK YOU!

We have exceeded our challenge goal of \$10,000 by raising **\$10,575** from the congregation to match the \$10,000 given by the Outreach Committee! And since the Synod of the Trinity is matching all funds given through the presbytery, that means that **\$41,150** will be given to relief work in Ukraine as a result of St. John's generosity! We are so grateful for everyone who donated and made this possible.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

A celebration of **Suzanne Frederick's** life will be held next Sunday, May 22 at 1:00 PM, with a reception following at the Frederick's home. Because Frank would like to know how many to expect, you are asked to please RSVP using the link in the weekly email.

A memorial service for **Clint Schafer** will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at 11:00 AM, with a reception following in the Carriage House.

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.

LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

The final session of our three-part educational series on Dementia and Alzheimer's will be next Sunday, May 22, at 10:45 AM in the Carriage House. Lauren Tiede will talk about effective communication strategies with loved ones who have these hard diagnoses.

### RISE AGAINST HUNGER – TODAY AT 1:00 PM

Today we will once again be packing meals for Rise Against Hunger! Join us in the Fellowship Hall today 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.

### RENEWING PATRICK’S ORDINATION VOWS

Next Sunday, May 22, is the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Patrick’s ordination to ministry. Just as we renew baptismal vows to mark significant moments in our faith, we will be renewing Patrick’s ordination vows in worship that morning to mark the significant transformation that he has undergone these past six months. We hope that you can join us to lay hands on him in prayer as he reaffirms the promises he made in his ordination.

### ST. JOHN’S CONCERT SERIES

The St. John’s Concert Series presents the final concert of the season on Sunday, May 22, with a program of favorites from past concert series! Come join us at 6:00 PM for an exciting evening of George Gershwin, Broadway, Film Music, and more!

### 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.

### 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.

### 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-Church Mission Event: Rise Against Hunger (1 PM)  
4:00 PM Massanetta Parent Meeting  
4:30–6:00 PM – End of Year Ice Cream Social at Covenant Pres.
- May 26:** Devon Horse Show Parking Begins

### SUMMER TRIPS MEETINGS

(Check the weekly newsletter for the Zoom Links)

- Sunday, May 15:** 4 PM Massanetta Parent Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer (also on Zoom)
- Monday, May 16:** 6 PM Montreat Parent Meeting on Zoom

### 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!

### CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

We are happy to announce that we have hired **Roseann Christian** as our new Church Administrator! Roseann has over 15 years of experience as a Church Administrator, most of it at the Ardmore United Methodist Church. She has also spent several years as a preschool teacher in Ardmore. Roseann is a lifelong resident of this area and has four children with her husband Doug (a lawyer in Philadelphia): Emmie (31, and getting married in October), Sam (29), Spencer (27), and Julia (25). They also have a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel named Harper, and another one joining the family in June!

Outside of work, Roseann’s passion is floral design. She is a certified floral designer, owns her own business, and teaches classes at Longwood Gardens (one of her favorite places on earth). She is a lifelong vegetarian who loves to cook, bake, and explore new recipes. She enjoys gardening, watching movies, and reading (especially mystery novels).

Roseann and her family have a long-scheduled vacation at the end of this month, so she will be officially starting with us on Monday, June 6. We hope to provide some opportunities for you to get to know Roseann, so that we can welcome her to the St. John’s family!

### ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

<b>Sun, May 15</b>	8:00 am	Women’s Book Study
	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Rise Against Hunger
	4:00 pm	Massanetta Parent Meeting (Covenant)
<b>Mon, May 16</b>	6:00 pm	Montreat Parent Meeting (Zoom)
<b>Sun, May 22</b>	8:00 am	Women’s Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	1:00 pm	Suzanne Frederick Memorial Service
	6:00 pm	St. John’s Concert Series
<b>Thurs, May 26</b>	9:00 am	Devon Horse Show Parking Begins

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.**



- Rev. Patrick Marshall, Pastor (patrick.marshall@stjohnsdevon.com)
- Rev. Ridgley Joyner, Associate Pastor (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)
- Sue Chudy, Clerk of Session (susan.chudy@stjohnsdevon.com)
- Iris Blanco-Urgelles, Director of Music (iris.blanco@stjohnsdevon.com)
- Nancy Wolfe, Church Administrator (Admin@stjohnsdevon.com)



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Make me a servant of love,  
so that others may know how much You love them,  
and I may know how much You love me.  
Let me not be afraid of new pastures,  
whether they be green or brown or parched.  
And as I pass through whatever the day’s valleys,  
keep my head lifted up to the mountain,  
from whence my help comes.  
Never let me forget the people Jesus welcomed...  
the greedy and the great,  
the bad and the good,  
the respected and the cheats.  
Even as the world becomes more callous and chaotic,  
may I never underestimate Your capacity  
to fashion the miraculous from the monstrous,  
even to make me a choice masterpiece  
from the mire and the clay.

– Leonard Sweet

**May 15, 2022**  
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