

St. John's at Worship Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude "Jesus Shall Reign" *Arnold B. Sherman*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Draw Me Nearer" *Schrader*

*Call to Worship Psalm 67

One: O God, be gracious to us and bless us and make your face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon the earth, your saving power among all nations!

All: Let all the peoples praise you, O God! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us!

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere the Lord!

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 303 "The Day of Resurrection"

*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, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.**

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 Mark 8:22–26 (pg. 43, NT) Bruce Phillips

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 "Let Your Light Shine" *McDonald*

Sermon SEEING CLEARLY Rev. Marshall

Reaffirmation of Ordination Vows

*Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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 451 "Be Thou My Vision"

*Benediction

*Choral Response "Hold Us Ever in Your Keeping" *Matheny*

*Postlude "My Savior's Love" *Hogan*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Ushers Brian Bouvier, Jim Little
Flowers Given by Ann Roberts and Frank Lewandowski in memory of loved ones.

Coffee Servers Nancy & Bruce Phillips
Guest Musicians Cassia Harvey (cello), Frank Mercurio (trumpet), Kevin Walker (percussion)
Rejoicing Ringers Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato, Ryan Crill, Sarah Duncan, Christina Fish, and 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!

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 today at 1:00 PM, with a reception following at the Frederick's home. **The Fredericks are asking that all in attendance please wear masks at the service.**

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. Since Horseshow Parking will be taking place at the same time, we are asking people attending this service to enter through the exit driveway and park in the lower parking lot.

RENEWING PATRICK'S ORDINATION VOWS

Today is the 17th 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 to mark the significant transformation that he has undergone these past six months. You will be invited forward to lay hands on him in prayer as he reaffirms the promises he made in his ordination.

LOVING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA

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

TRANSPORTATION

If you are willing to provide transportation to church for members who are not able to drive themselves, please email the church office, (Admin@stjohnsdevon.com) to be added to a list to give to those seeking rides.

ST. JOHN'S CONCERT SERIES – TONIGHT!

The St. John's Concert Series presents the final concert of the season today with a program of favorites from past concert series! Join us at **6:00 PM** in the sanctuary for an exciting evening of George Gershwin, Broadway, Film Music and more! The concerts will resume in October.

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

Our women's book group meets in person and by Zoom on Sundays at 8 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.

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. **We still need volunteers for the following slots:**

May 30 – 6:00–9:00 PM	June 1 – 3:00–6:00 PM
May 31 – 3:00–6:00 PM	June 4 – 9:00 AM–Noon
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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.

GRADUATE SUNDAY

On **Sunday, June 12**, we will be recognizing our graduates in worship! If your child has graduated from college or graduate school, please submit their name, school, and degree to admin@stjohnsdevon.com by June 1.

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 26: Devon Horse Show Parking Begins

SUMMER TRIPS MEETINGS

(Check the weekly newsletter for the Zoom Links)

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Spring Sunday School concludes on Sunday, June 26. Children in Pre-k through 4th grade are invited to join us for Summer Sunday School July 10–August 7!

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

Sun, May 22	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	Concert in Sanctuary
Wed, May 25	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Thurs, May 26	9:00 am	Devon Horse Show Parking Begins
Sun, May 29		Ascension of the Lord Sunday
	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
Mon, May 30		Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

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

I come to thee, O Christ,
blind from birth in my spiritual eyes,
and call to thee in repentance:
"Thou art the most radiant light
of those in darkness."

– "Kontakion" from the *Pentecostarion*
of the Orthodox Church

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