

St. John’s at Worship 4th Sunday of Easter

Prelude “A Simple Celebration” Brian Johnson

Welcome and Announcements

A Minute for Ministry Pat Marshall
Susanne Engheta

A Minute for Mission – Papermill Food Hub Annabel McShane Wulfhart

Introit “The Love of God” arr. Lanier

* Call to Worship

One: Day by day, God leads us –

**All: To the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

One: Day by day, Jesus calls us –

**All: To pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

One: Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us –

**All: The community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

*Hymn **826 (Insert)** “Lift High the Cross”

*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.

Confessing Our Sin Together

**Merciful God, who is more than we can ever imagine,
give us a wider vision of the world;
give us a broader view of justice;
give us dreams of peace that are not defined by boundaries of
geography, race, religion,
or by the limitations of worldly structures and systems.**

**Open our eyes and our ears that wherever we go,
we may hear your voice calling us by name –
calling us to serve,
calling us to share,
calling us to praise –
so that we never give up on the promise of your kingdom,
where the world is transformed,
and all can enjoy life in all its fullness. Amen.**

Confessing Silently

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

The Promise of Forgiveness

*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**

*Affirming Our Faith From the Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

One: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and
in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and
has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches
over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must
work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ by his Holy Spirit assures me
of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

Scripture Reading Acts 2:42–47 (pg. 120, N.T.) Mildred DeValle

Children’s Time Rev. Joyner

As Pre-K–12th graders leave 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 “God Believed In Me” UBU

Sermon DAY BY DAY Rev. Joyner

*Presenting Our 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 the Prayers of the People

*Hymn **133** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Holy, Holy, Holy” arr. Dykes

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Lee & Andy Walsh

Greeter Wanda Odom

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Flowers Given by Margot Moore and her family, in love and remembrance of her husband, Tom.

Coffee Servers The Bellew Family

Guest Musicians Danielle Cullen (clarinet) and Raul Cisneros (percussion)

Rejoicing Ringers James Adams, Genevieve Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Sophie Coradi, Avery Hillier, Brandon Marshall, and Emily Marshall

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the children’s time, children and youth K–12th grade will leave with their teachers. If this is your child’s first time in Sunday School, the ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under. Please be sure to check in children in 4th grade and under in the back of the sanctuary before worship begins.

PASTORAL UPDATE

Pastor Patrick has been away on a post-Easter retreat and will be back tomorrow. Pastor Ridgley will be out of the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week, back next Sunday.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Elizabeth Ator is recovering at home after surgery on Thursday. Get well cards can be sent to: *259 Vincent Road, Paoli, PA 19301*

CHURCH TREASURER UPDATE

We are happy to share that Nancy Arico will be taking over the role of Treasurer, with our Church Administrator Roseann Christian also assuming some of the responsibilities, to help lighten the load. Nancy and Roseann have been training with Brian Bouvier in recent weeks, and we will let you know when an official transfer date has been set. We are so grateful to Nancy and Roseann for their willingness to serve the life of our church in this way! We are also incredibly grateful to Brian Bouvier for his 12 years of faithful service as Treasurer. Brian has done an exceptional job, even as the role has changed significantly since he first started. Please take the time to send Brian a note or thank him in person for the ways that he has faithfully stewarded the finances of our church family!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY

The Women’s Book Group meets on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and Mondays at 11:30 a.m. (you are welcome to bring your lunch). These groups are open to all women. This week the group is starting a new study on the book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah for Everyone* by John Goldingay (available on Amazon). If you have questions, please contact Nancy Wolfe

MEN’S GROUP

The next meeting of our new Men’s Group will be **Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be reading chapter 9 of Derek Maul’s book *10 Life-Charged Words: Real Faith for Men*. Men of all ages are welcome, and you can contact Pastor Patrick for a copy of the reading

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SURVEY

The Christian Education Committee is working to re-assess congregational faith formation needs post-Covid. We have compiled a survey that was emailed out last week and will be available in our weekly e-newsletter. Please consider helping us by taking just ten minutes to complete the survey. The survey will be open until May 14.

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP EVENTS – SAVE THE DATES!

Ladies' Tea – Sunday, May 7 (3:00 p.m.)

All ladies of St. John's aged 10 and older are invited to join us in the Carriage House for our second annual Ladies' Tea. We will be incorporating our LIFT event into that afternoon, too. Pat Marshall will be taking sign-ups today during coffee time, or you can email her (pmmarshall@hotmail.com).

Progressive Dinner – May 20 (5:30–9:30 p.m.)

Seize the moment before unexpected events take the opportunity away!

That is what we have learned in recent years! And that's why St. John's Progressive Dinner is coming out of hiatus after 4 years with a bang! Once again, we will enjoy being together with our friends and make new ones while sharing a meal in a very special time together! But we need YOU there! Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or send an email to susanne.engheta@gmail.com. Also, please consider hosting! You will only make the main dish (we will suggest an easy recipe). Or you can just come and be our guest!

Annual Strawberry Festival – Sunday, June 11

Join us after worship in the Carriage House for delicious strawberry shortcake or just a bowl of strawberries if you prefer.

SUMMER YOUTH TRIP MEETINGS

Youth registered for Massanetta Youth Conference need to mark their calendars for Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. for a parent meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer. Those registered for Montreat Youth Conference need to mark their calendars for Monday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. (on Zoom). Final deposits are due Monday, May 1. You can leave a check made out to St. John's in the box next to Pastor Ridgley's office.

DEVON HORSE SHOW PARKING

It is that time of the year again! From **Thursday, May 25** through **Saturday, June 3**, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. We are currently recruiting Day Leaders for each day. Day Leaders do not have to be here all day. They simply oversee the volunteers for each shift. If you are interested in volunteering as a Day Leader or learning more about it, please email Pastor Ridgley.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – JUNE 26–30

Children ages 4–4th grade are invited to join us for a fun-filled week of faith formation as we learn about being Changemakers for God's World! Registration opens May 1. If you would like to volunteer at VBS, please contact Pastor Ridgley. We would love to have you!

MEMORIAL GARDEN NEWS

Our garden was inspired by a heartfelt financial gift and desire from the Sieke family in 2001, to reflect, remember, and rejoice in the memories of our loved ones. A committee was formed in March 2001 and in the fall of 2005 it was dedicated. There are 16 loved ones interred in our garden and 22 others who have pre-purchased locations. There is also a memorial plaque in the garden to honor those who have passed.

Last spring, we added 20 more interment locations and will be replacing at least eight new plants this May.

I want to thank our original committee, Charlie Scott, Chrissy Bouvier, David Sheep, Janet Holmes, Jody Haller, Norm Himes, and Victor Wilson. The following have also helped significantly; Judy and Chris Mileto, Christine

Markle, Janette Scott, Brian Bouvier, Kermit Eck, John McClintick and our board of Trustees. We can't forget our 'layweeder' Barbara Alexander, Alice Bell, Barbara Beucler, and the Irizarry family. Please forgive me if I left out anyone. Thank You!

I will be downstairs for the next four Sundays to answer any questions and welcome any volunteers, especially someone who is interested in becoming the garden facilitator. Sign-up for 'lay-weeders' will also be appreciated, totally at your convenience.

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Apr 30	4th Sunday of Easter
	8:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship, Sunday School
Mon, May 1	11:30 am Women's Book Study
Tues, May 2	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, May 3	9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
	7:00 PM SJIC Meeting (Kean Room)
Thurs, May 4	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, May 7	5th Sunday of Easter
	8:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am Worship, Sunday School, Communion
	3:00 pm Ladies' Tea (Carriage House)
	4:30 pm Youth Party at Coradis

This Week in the Church Office

Friday is both 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 Roseann Christian is in the office Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **If you have a pastoral emergency pertaining to a death, hospitalization, or crisis situation when the office is closed or on a Saturday, you can call 484-604-049.**

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email are due by Noon on Wednesday.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Day by day
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Oh, Dear Lord
Three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow the more nearly,
Day by day.

– Robin Lamont

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