

St. John’s at Worship 5th Sunday of Easter

Prelude “It Is Well with My Soul” *arr. Krug*

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us” *Jones*

* 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 152 “I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

*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

We do not always see you, Lord.

A lot of the time, we do not even *look* for you.

Instead of seeing the beauty and goodness in each other, and in ourselves,

we choose to see the mistakes and the faults.

Instead of focusing on the ways in which you are *present*, we focus on the ways in which we think you are *not*.

We do not see others or ourselves as you do, and because of that, our lives and our world are not *whole*.

You who healed the blind, heal *us*.

Open our eyes to your presence in us and around us, that we may see and embrace *you* as we see and embrace *each other*.

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

*Affirmation of Faith

God keeps his promises and gives us hope.

In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.

All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.

But the work of God in Christ is not over.

God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.

The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence

that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.

In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,

certainty of victory over death,

assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.

This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.

We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom.

But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil

that are possible now in the world, the church,

and our individual lives.

Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,

however invincible it may seem,

for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now, he is Lord.

Declaration of Faith

Scripture Reading Luke 24:13–35 (pg. 90, N.T.) Jeff Estabrook

As Pre-K–4th 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!**

Sermon AN EYE-OPENING EXPERIENCE Rev. Marshall

Anthem “Angus Dei (with How Great Thou Art)” *Raney*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

*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 304 “Easter People, Raise Your Voices”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Sunday Joy” *Hayes*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Debbie and Rowan Bellew

Greeter Wanda Odom

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Flowers Given by Patricia Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Norris & Irva Gene Mahan. “Happy heavenly 106th birthday yesterday, Daddy. I hope your Derby pick won!”

Coffee Servers Carol & Jim Netter

Guest Musicians Jeff Estabrook (tenor), Jim Ryland (bass)

Devon Chapel Bells Betsy Miller (Director), Sue Chudy, Christina Fish, Laura Gellrich, SueBeth Johnson, Jim Tiede.

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!

COMMUNION SUNDAY

We will be sharing the Lord’s Supper today. This is not just for Presbyterians or members of St. John’s. Everyone who seeks to know and love Jesus Christ is welcome to share in this meal! **You will be invited to come forward up the center aisle, take a piece of bread, and dip it in the cup (all of the bread is gluten-free). There will also be a basket of pre-sealed bread/juice cups (not gluten-free) in between Patrick and Ridgley, if you would prefer not do intinction.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

After the scripture reading, children and youth K–4th grade will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain in the sanctuary for communion. 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.

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 has compiled a survey to help reassess congregational faith formation needs post-Covid. A link is available in the weekly e-newsletter and will be open until May 14. Please consider helping us by taking just ten minutes to complete the survey.

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 20 (5:30–9:30 P.M.)

St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner is back! Once again, we will enjoy being together with our friends and making 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!

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.

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.

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 tomorrow. Register on the St. John's website: stjohnsdevon.com. If you would like to volunteer at VBS, please contact Pastor Ridgley. We would love to have you!

ST. JOHN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN

Our garden was inspired by a heartfelt financial gift from the Sieke family in 2001, with a desire 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 the memorial garden was dedicated. Sixteen beloved members of our church family are interred there, and 22 others 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. Earline Eck will be downstairs after worship to answer any questions and welcome any volunteers, especially those interested in becoming the garden facilitator or "lay-weeders" (which is at your convenience!).

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, May 7

5th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
8:30 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship, Sunday School, Communion
3:00 pm Ladies' Tea (Carriage House)
4:30 pm Youth Party (Coradi's House)

Mon, May 8

11:30 am Women's Book Study

Tues, May 9

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wed, May 10

9:00 am Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)

Thurs, May 4

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sun, May 14

6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 am Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship, Sunday School

This Week in the Church Office

Roseann's hours will be slightly different this week:

Monday	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Out of Office
Wednesday	12:30 to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. to Noon

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

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. **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.**



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"Today we do not know precisely where the village of Emmaus might be. Perhaps this is an invitation to identify it with every village inhabited by hearts that desire to burn and hope. On that road, which from Jerusalem turns back to every village of ours, each one of us meets unknown pilgrims who hide an unknown Jesus."

– Guido Dotti, "Pilgrimage to Emmaus"



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