St. John's at Worship 6th Sunday of Easter

Prelude "A Simple Song of Joy"

Michael R. Keller

The Rejoicing Ringers

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Song of Gladness"

Arnold B. Sherman

The Rejoicing Ringers

* Call to Worship

One: We gather together in the presence of God,

All: the Lord of heaven and earth;

One: the Creator of our world and everything in it;
All: the One who gave us life and breath;

One: the One who is never far away from any of us;

All: the One in whom we live and move and have our being.

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn **131**

"We Gather Together"

*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

Holy God, we come before you in humility,

for we do not live as we ought.

We do not love you with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.

So we pray, in all humility,

that you will change our hearts and minds,

that you will show us again how to love others the way you love us,

that you will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.

This we pray in Jesus' name and for his sake...

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

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in God the Holy Spirit,

everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage

to pray without ceasing,

to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,

to unmask idolatries in Church and culture.

to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,

and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives,

even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Scripture Reading Acts 17:22–31 (pg. 137, N.T.)

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

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 "Every Time I Think of You" Schram

Sermon WE LIVE AND MOVE 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 **692** (Insert) "Spirit, Open My Heart"

*Benediction

Choral Response "All That We Have" Carter

*Postlude "Grateful" Hayes

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Laurie and Courtney Cato

Greeter Wanda Odom

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

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 all those through whom we experience the mothering love of God. For these women we give

thanks to God!

Coffee Servers Patrick Bullock & Janice Rosencrance

Guest Musicians Paula Gonzalez (alto), Heather McConnell(soprano),

Cassia Harvey (cello), Myanna Harvey (violin)

Rejoicing Ringers James Adams, Garrick Bellew, Genevieve Bellew,

Rowan Bellew, Courtney Cato, Christian Fish, Sophie Coradi, Ryan Crill, Sarah Duncan, Sue Chudy, Avery

Hillier, Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall,

Betsy Miller (Director)

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 scripture reading, 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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

"Sincere thanks to all my St. John's family for your cards, calls, and emails expressing condolences following the death of Jerry Gratton. It means the world to be surrounded by love at a time when darkness overtakes us. I am grateful beyond measure." – Rody Gratton

Howard Friend is recovering from surgery on Thursday. Get well cards can be sent to: *Howard & Betsy Friend, 1275 Rose Lane, Berwyn, PA, 19312*

Rich Loomis is recovering from surgery on Thursday. Get well cards can be sent to: *Rich & Alison Loomis*, 686 Knox Road, Wayne, PA, 19087

THE CHURCH BUILDING

We have been having some issues with the back ramp door that leads from Fellowship Hall to the parking lot not closing and latching completely. Until it is fixed, please push/pull the door completely shut when you come in or out. Also, if you are the last person to leave, please be sure to turn off the lights and lock the doors. Thank you!

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 17 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be reading chapter 10 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 today is the final day to fill it out. Please consider helping us by taking just ten minutes to complete the survey.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Cowan's Flowers, our long-time flower designer, will be retiring at the end of June. We are fortunate that our Church Administrator Roseann Christian is a certified floral designer who will be putting together the flowers for Sundays! We would like to have some back-up designers, people who enjoy arranging flowers and can fill in when needed. We will have a "clinic" sometime in June, so everyone has an idea of how the flowers are arranged. If you are interested in having fun working with flowers, contact Roseann in the church office.

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 14	6 th Sunday of Easter	
	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School
Mon, May 15	11:30 am	Women's Book Study
	5:00 pm	Christian Fellowship (Carriage House)
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting (Kean Room)
Tues, May 16	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed, May 17	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Thurs, May 18	9:00 am	Outreach Meeting (Zoom)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat. May 20	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	9:30 am	Interfaith Group (Carriage House)
	5:00 pm	Progressive Dinner
Sun, May 21	Ascension of the Lord	
	8:00 am	Women's Book Study (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School

This Week in the Church Office

Roseann will be out of the office on vacation from Monday, May 22 through Friday, June 2. She will be back in the office on Monday, June 5. You can still email announcements for the bulletin and weekly email to her address (admin@stjohnsdevon.com). Please continue to submit them 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.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Human beings may separate things into as many piles as we wish – separating spirit from flesh, sacred from secular, church from world.

But we should not be surprised when God does not recognize the distinctions we make between the two. Earth is so thick with divine possibility that it is a wonder we can walk anywhere without cracking our shins on altars.

Barbara Brown Taylor