

St. John's at Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Thee With Tender Care" Bach

*Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Children of God, welcome!

All: Welcome to this place of love and grace.

One: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

All: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community.

One: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

All: We are welcome, just as we are! We are loved, just as we are!

One: In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

*Hymn 139 *vrs. 1-4* "Praise to the Lord, The Almighty"

*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 *-From the Cathedral Church of St. George, Cape Town, South Africa*

Holy One, we confess our day-to-day failure to be human.

We confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.

We confess that we cut ourselves off from each other, and we erect barriers of division.

Holy One, we confess, that by silence and ill-considered words, we have built up walls of prejudice.

We confess, that by selfishness and lack of sympathy, we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.

Holy Spirit, speak to us in the silence.

Help us to receive your word of forgiveness, and free us up to change.

Confessing Silently

Lord, thank you for your mercy!

Christ, thank you for your mercy!

Spirit, thank you for your mercy!

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

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Scripture Reading 1 John 4:7-21 (pg. 241, N.T.) Bruce Phillips

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

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!**

*Hymn 242 (Green) "The Steadfast Love of the Lord"

(Iris will play the first verse, and the congregation will sing the hymn 2x through).

Anthem "Which is the Properest Day to Sing" Arne

Sermon LOVE IN ACTION Rev. Joyner

Offering (Ushers will also collect blue prayer request cards at the time of the offering.)

Offertory

*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 (If you need to sit for the prayer, please feel free.)

*Hymn 300 (Insert) "We Are One in the Spirit"

*Benediction

Postlude "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" Lutkin

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Barbara Beucler, Ryan Marshall

Greeter Joe Arico

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Flowers Given by the Women's Fellowship Board in recognition and appreciation of Pastor Ridgley, as we celebrate the sixth anniversary of her ministry with St. John's! We continue to hold her in prayer as she faithfully serves God, St. John's, and our community. Thank you, Pastor Ridgley!

Coffee Servers Jean Converse, Lynn Brown

Devon Brass Mark Ator, Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege

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.

SCHOOL'S OUT! JOIN US FOR SUNDAES - TODAY 3-4:30 PM

All Youth and Children are invited to join Pastor Ridgley at the church for some sweet treats, fellowship and games to celebrate the end of school!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

This month, the Outreach Committee invites you to be part of our annual School Supply Drive for Gemma Services. We have purchased 48 backpacks and the necessary supplies, and our congregation will be filling the backpacks, as part of our Summer Service Opportunities, after worship on Sunday, July 23. Please consider supporting this project by contributing to help us cover our costs. Checks can be made payable to St. John's with "School Supplies" in the memo line. Our congregation has always responded so generously, and we are grateful for your continuing care for the children who will receive these packs.

Gemma Services (formerly theVillage) serves children, teens, and families throughout the Philadelphia area who are dealing with emotional and behavioral challenges. Their staff provides education, mental health services (in residential and community settings), foster care and adoption services, and prevention programs. If you'd like to learn more, please visit their website at www.gemmaservices.org.

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of our new Men's Group will be **Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. Men of all ages are welcome, and you can contact Pastor Patrick for a copy of the reading.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

The Women's book study is taking the summer off and will resume their study of Isaiah in the fall.

SUMMER SUNDAY OF SERVICE – PACKING HYGIENE KITS

On Sunday, June 25, the Outreach Committee will host a Hygiene Kit assembly project to support the Church World Service's national and global community service efforts. Great need exists in communities around the world that are devastated by natural disasters, political conflicts, violence, and poverty, and these kits can often mean the difference between sickness

and health for struggling families. We are seeking 10-15 volunteers to help with the assembly of 300 hygiene kits for approximately 1 hour. Email Lisa Pool (lisa.pool@verizon.net) if you have any questions.

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ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, June 18	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School
	10:45 am	Online Giving Meeting (Kean Room)
Mon, June 19	Church Office Closed in Observance of Juneteenth	
Tues. June 20	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Wed. Jun 21	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carriage House)
	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Thurs, June 22	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat. June 24	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, June 25	9:30 am	Worship, Sunday School

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

The is the world
You loved so much that for it
You gave your only begotten Son,
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, to hang
From the cross, done to death
Love nearly overwhelmed by hate
Light nearly extinguished by darkness
Life nearly destroyed by death –
But not quite –

For love vanquished hate
For life overcame death, there –
Light overwhelmed
Darkness, there –
And we can live with hope.

– Desmond Tutu

June 18, 2023

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