

St. John's at Worship Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements Ken Coradi

Introit "Here is Love" *Martin*

*Answering God's Call to Worship From Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in distress.

All: We will not fear, though earth is shaken and the oceans churn.

One: Though the waters rage and foam, though mountains tremble,

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; God is our safe refuge.

One: Be still; know that God is Lord.

All: In life and death, God is our refuge and our strength.

*Hymn **158** "Come Christians, Join to Sing"

*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

**O God of all, great and small, source of our life, source of compassion—
we confess that the paths we have walked this week are strewn
with good intentions unfulfilled, healing words left unspoken,
and grudging thoughts allowed to fester.**

**We've hurried past people clearly in need of material help
or emotional care.**

**We're too often more eager to talk than listen;
quicker to judge than forgive.**

In your mercy, forgive what we have done and left undone.

**By the power of your life-giving Spirit,
help us amend the wrongs we have done.**

Open our eyes to injustices around us.

Open our ears to the cries of people hungry for food, dignity, and hope.

**We ask these things, trusting in your infinite mercy
and your power to make us more like Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Confessing Silently

**Lord, thank you for your mercy!
Christ, thank you for your mercy!
Spirit, thank you for your mercy!**

The Promise of Forgiveness

One: Friends, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. Believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*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 Genesis 21:8–21 (pg. 17, O.T.) Ken Coradi

Children's Time Sue Chudy

Anthem "Great Spirit, Come Rest in Me" *McFayden*

Scripture Reading Matthew 10:26, 29–31 (pg. 10, N.T.)

Sermon CRIES IN THE WILDERNESS Rev. Dr. Brown

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.) Jim Tiede

*Hymn **120 (Insert)** "Your Love, O God"

*Benediction

Choral Response "The Lord Be with You" *Yannerella*

Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Teagan Bullock, Jim Little

Greeter Alice Bell

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Flowers This week's flowers are given in celebration of our church administrator Roseann Christian's birthday on June 29! We are so grateful to God for her and the gifts that she brings to the life of our church family!

Coffee Servers
Guest Musician Luciana Piovan (soprano)

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!

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Our guest preacher this morning is the Rev. Dr. Sally Brown (Elizabeth M. Engle Professor of Preaching and Worship Emerita at Princeton Theological Seminary). Upon retirement, Sally moved to Chester County, serving the churches in the area and in Donegal Presbytery, the presbytery that ordained her when she first became a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). We are so grateful to have her with us, proclaiming the word of God this morning! We would also like to thank our members who are helping lead us in worship: Ken Coradi, Sue Chudy, and Jim Tiede!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Starting today, our children and youth will stay in worship for the full service as we worship as a church family. This will give our wonderful teachers some well-deserved rest during the summer months. We will still have a children's sermon for our kids (Grades 4 and under) to connect and learn about God. We have activity bags with children's materials, located in the coat closet in the back of the sanctuary. If you have trouble finding them, an usher will be happy to help you!

PASTORAL UPDATE

Pastor Patrick is on vacation until Sunday, July 9. During that time, he is not available by email or phone. **Pastor Ridgley** is on her way back from the Massanetta Springs Youth Conference in Virginia with our middle schoolers. She will be back in the office on Tuesday but is available by phone/email both today and Monday.

COMMUNION NEXT SUNDAY

We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in worship next Sunday. 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. We hope that you will join us!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

We celebrate with **Kermit & Earline Eck** the birth of a new grandson, **Anderson Hōhepa Hancock**, born to Joey & Hailey (Eck) Hancock on Thursday, June 15. He is 8 lbs. 6 oz. and 18.75" long. Hōhepa means "Joseph" in Māori, one of the official languages of New Zealand, which is a special place to the Hancock family. Anderson joins siblings, Hensley (6) and Ellie (3 ½). Congratulations can be sent to: Kermit & Earline Eck, 11 Carriage Lane, Helena, MT 59601

Steve Barnes is having mitral heart valve replacement surgery on Tuesday, June 27. Steve & Kelly would appreciate our prayers, and well-wishes can be sent to them by email (skma30@aol.com).

Betsy Miller is recovering at home following knee replacement surgery this past Monday. Cards can be sent to: 388 Castlewood Drive, Devon, PA 19333

SUMMER SUNDAY OF SERVICE – TODAY!

After worship today, the Outreach Committee is hosting 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 have been devastated by natural disasters, political conflicts, violence, and poverty. These kits provide basic hygiene products that can often mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship to help us put together 300 hygiene kits and show God’s compassionate love to those in need.

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 Men’s Group will be on **Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. They will be reading chapters 3 and 4 of the book *Mindset* by Carol Dweck (copies are available on Amazon and at Barnes & Noble). This is open to men of all ages, and even if you haven’t done the reading, we would love for you to come and join the conversation!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY

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

YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART – SUMMER CONCERTS

Join us for free local outdoor concerts this summer as we relax and enjoy good music together. Bring a pizza or picnic, a friend, your family (kid friendly!), or just yourself and join us on the dates below. No RSVP is required, but please reach out to Lauren Feldman (laurengfeldman@yahoo.com) with questions and how to connect at each event. We look forward to seeing you there!

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| Friday, June 30 (7:30 p.m.) | AM Radio Tribute Band – Rose Tree Park |
| Wednesday, July 12 (7:30 p.m.) | Jimmy and The Parrots – Rose Tree Park |
| Thursday, July 20 (7:00 p.m.) | Chico’s Vibe – Wilson Farm Park |
| Sunday, July 30 (7:30 p.m.) | Lights Out: Decades – Rose Tree Park |
| Wednesday, August 9 (7:30 p.m.) | Reggae Thunder – Rose Tree Park |
| Thursday, Sept. 7 (7:00 p.m.) | AM Radio Band – Wilson Farm Park |

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

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| Sun, June 25 | 9:30 am | Worship |
| | 11:00 am | Hygiene Kits Assembly (Fellowship Hall) |
| Tues. June 27 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed. Jun 28 | 9:00 am | Companions in Prayer (Kean Room) |
| Thurs, June 29 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Sat. June 30 | 9:00 am | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Sun, July 2 | 9:30 am | Worship & Communion |

This Week in the Church Office

Our Church Administrator Roseann Christian will be in the office on Monday and Tuesday (from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), and will be out of the office Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Because of this, any announcements for next week’s bulletin or email are due by Noon on Tuesday.

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 484-604-0499.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

When our lives are darkest night,
hope has burned away,
Love, Your ray of guiding light,
show us the new day.
Love of all things, great and small,
Leaving none, embracing all,
Fold around me where I fall.
Bring in the new day.

– From the hymn, “Born on a New Day” by Phillip Lawson,
adapted from song by John David

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