

St. John’s at Worship
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Answering God’s Call to Worship

All: Home is not a building or a place we meet.

One: Home is not just where we came from.

All: Home is more than people and memories.

One: Home is more than sentimentality or traditions.

All: Home is a welcome at the door.

One: Home is a hug of acceptance.

All: Home is laughter around the table, bread and cup.

One: Home is remembering promises made in water and spirit.

**All: Home is seeing where God is leading us,
and going there together.**

One: Welcome Home.

*Hymn 145 “Morning Has Broken”

*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

One: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

All: But, O Lord, we are consumed with wanting more.

One: He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**All: But, O Lord, other pastures seem greener.
The waters aren’t always still.
Our souls still thirst.**

One: He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

**All: O Lord, we long to be led by you,
though we may complain along the path.**

One: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

**All: And yet, O God, we do sometimes fear.
May we feel your presence, your comfort
and your forgiveness anew.**

One: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**All: O God, sometimes we refuse to sit down at your table.
Forgive us and help us to see your overflowing mercy.**

One: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

All: Forgive us, God, and lead us into your house.

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 Psalm 23 (*Pg. 501 O.T.*) Nancy Arico

Sermon WELCOME HOME Rev. Joyner

*Hymn 803 (*Insert*) “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

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 769 (*vs. 1-3, 5*) “ For Everyone Born”

*Benediction

Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Nancy and Tom Higgins

Greeter Alice Bell

Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles

Flowers Given by Jim and Sylvia Louise Ryland in memory of their parents, Virginia & John Richardson, and Betsy & Robert Ryland.

Coffee Servers Pat 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!

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 is also a basket of pre-sealed juice cups, if you would prefer not to do intinction.**

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

In July and August, 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 will be back from vacation on Sunday, July 9. Until then, he is not available by email or phone. **Pastor Ridgley** is available for any pastoral care needs.

SUMMER SUNDAY OF SERVICE

Many hands make light work! We successfully packed over 300 hygiene kits in less than an hour Sunday after church. A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to making this service project a success. The hygiene kits support Church World Services' global disaster relief efforts. Thanks again.

JULY 23

On Sunday, July 23, we will have our second Summer Sunday of Service after worship. Join us in the Fellowship Hall during coffee time as we pack backpacks for Gemma services.

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!

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

Sun, July 2	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Tues. July 4	Church Office Closed for 4th of July	
Wed. July 5	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
Thurs, July 6	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat. July 8	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, July 9	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship

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 484-604-0499.**

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 earth is your sanctuary;
life is your liturgy;
and creation is your community.

With your eyes, be a vision to a world in need;
With your mouths, be a voice to your heavenly creed;
With your ears, listen to those you may have disagreed;
With your hands, God's people may you feed;
With your feet, go where you must in speed;
With your minds, keep the gospel in thought, word, and deed;
With your spirits, may your connection with God exceed.

In all, feel freed.

-Amy Langston

(Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center Workshop Leader)

July 2, 2023

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