

St. John's at Worship Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Make You Feel My Love" *Dylan*

*Answering God's Call to Worship From Psalm 145

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**All: The Lord is good to all,
and God's compassion is over all that God has made.**

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

**All: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

One: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

**All: You are faithful in all your words,
and gracious in all your deeds.
You uphold all who are falling
and raise up all who are bowed down.**

*Hymn **11 (Green)** "Be Still, for the Presence"

*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 *Written by Rev. Dr. Joan S. Gray*

God, I know that I need you.

**I also know that there are mountains between us
that I cannot climb over or move.**

I cannot *make* myself believe in you.

Nor can I fix the most basic problems in my life.

I need you to do what only you can do.

I trust that Jesus can bring me over everything that separates us.

I want him to do this,

**and I invite his Holy Spirit into my life to take control
so this can happen.**

**Help me trust that this work is happening in me day by day,
despite how I may feel.**

**Protect me from any attempts to destroy my faith
or push me back to where I started.**

I pray this, trusting not in *myself*,

but in what Jesus did for me out of love.

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 *From "Our World Belongs to God"*

**As followers of Jesus Christ living in this world—
which some seek to control, and which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until God's kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to God!
God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!**

**We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.**

Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you!

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30 (pg. 11, N.T.) John McClintick

Children's Time Rev. Joyner

*Hymn **183 (Insert)** "Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

Scripture Reading Romans 7:15–25a (pg. 157, N.T.)

Sermon EASING THE BURDEN Rev. Marshall

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

Offertory "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" *Hoffman/Showalter*

*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 **560** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*Benediction

*Postlude "My Lighthouse" *Rand Collective*

**My Lighthouse, my lighthouse,
Shining in the darkness, I will follow You.
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse, I will trust the promise;
You will carry me safe to shore. (Repeat)**

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Ushers Lynne Hay, Herb Thal
Greeter Alice Bell
Music Director Iris Blanco-Urgelles
Flowers Given by Nancy Kimmons & John Senior, in loving memory of their fathers, and in honor of John's mother.

Coffee Servers Barb Beucler
Joy Messengers Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Lisa Howell, Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Pam Schafer, Jeff Wagner, Rich Scott

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!

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Summer, 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!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Our Church Administrator **Roseann Christian** and her family are celebrating the birth of their first grandchild, Harry Christian Diehl, born this past Wednesday, July 5! Cards can be sent to Roseann at the church office: *P.O. Box 399, Devon, PA 19333*

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.

HOSTS FOR HOSPITALS

Hosts for Hospitals (who did a Minute for Mission here in March) is looking for folks to provide lodging for patients and families traveling to Philadelphia for medical care. If you are interested in helping, you can contact them by phone (484-380-2999) or email (lodging@hostsforphospitals.org).

MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of our Men's Group will be **Wednesday, July 12 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be discussing chapter 3 and 4 of Carol Dweck's book *Mindset*, which is available on Amazon or at Barnes & Noble. Men of all ages are welcome, even if you haven't done the reading!

URGENT NURSERY CARE NEEDED

This Spring, the CE elders hired a Nursery Supervisor to serve as one of the adults in the nursery for July and August to give our volunteers a much needed break. Unfortunately, the person hired for this position didn't work out and we are in urgent need of 1 extra person to serve in the nursery per week from July 16-Aug 27. If you are available even just for ONE of those Sundays we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Pastor Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com) if you'd like to volunteer.

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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| 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, July 9 | 8:30 am | Trustees Meeting (Kean Room) |
| | 9:30 am | Worship |
| Tues. July 11 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Wed. July 12 | 7:00 am | Men's Group (Carriage House) |
| | 9:00 am | Companions in Prayer (Kean Room) |
| Thurs, July 13 | 5:00 pm | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Sat. July 15 | 9:00 am | Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall) |
| Sun, July 16 | 9:30 am | Worship |

This Week in the Church Office

Ridgley will be out of the office from Wednesday, July 12 through Tuesday, July 18 for the annual Ride to End Alzheimer's in South Carolina. During this time, she will be unavailable by email or phone. Please pray for her to have a safe ride!

Friday is Patrick'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.



A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

Bear ye one another's burdens,
 As ye struggle on through life;
 Turn not on your brother, sister
 Add not to their care and strife;
 Let your heart beat kindly for them,
 For this world with sin is rife.
 If their burden be so heavy
 That they stoop beneath the care,
 Help them bear it, of your vigor,
 Give them as you well can spare.

– From the hymn, “Bear Ye One Another’s Burdens”
by Eden Reeder Latta



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