

## St. John's at Worship Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

\*Answering God's Call to Worship *Based on Psalm 145*

One: We will extol you, our God and King, and bless your name forever.

Every day we will bless you and praise your name.

**All: You are great, O Lord, and greatly to be praised!  
Your greatness is unsearchable.**

One: We shall celebrate your abundant goodness and sing aloud of your righteousness.

**All: You are gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
You are good to all,  
and your compassion is over all that you have made.**

One: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.  
You are faithful in all your words and gracious in all your deeds.

**All: You uphold all who are falling  
and raise up all who are bowed down.  
You are just in all your ways, and kind in all your doings.**

One: You are near to all who call on you.  
You hear their cry and save them.

**All: Our mouths will speak your praises,  
and all flesh will bless your holy name forever!**

\*Hymn 77, vss. 1, 3, 4 "How Great Thou Art"

\*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 Lord, we so easily lose sight of the good news of our faith:  
that we are forgiven and loved and set free from sin.**

**We are so constantly surrounded by *bad* news,  
that the fear and anger of the world around us overwhelms us  
and becomes a part of us.**

**In humility, we confess that we have lived from that place of fear  
and anger.**

**But we *want* to embody your great, good news,  
living from a place of love and joy.**

**Remind us, again, that we are forgiven and loved,  
so that we might live from *that* place,  
trusting and glorifying you in all that we do.**

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 the Book of Common Worship*

One: This is the good news which we have received,  
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**All: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,  
he was buried, he was raised on the third day,  
and he appeared, first to the women,  
and then to many faithful witnesses.  
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
He is our Lord and our God.**

One: Great is the mystery of faith!

**All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Scripture Reading Isaiah 52:7–10 (pg. 683, O.T.) Pat Marshall

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn 454 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Scripture Reading Luke 4:16–30 (pg. 61, N.T.)

Sermon WHAT IS THE GOSPEL? Rev. Marshall

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

Offertory "Faith"

\*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 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

### ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Ushers** Lauren & Jason Feldman

**Greeter** Alice Bell

**Music Director** Iris Blanco-Urgelles

**Flowers** Given by a grateful congregation in loving memory of Irene A. McElreavy and her parents.

**Coffee Server** Barb Beucler

### 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

Marie Cantafio has been placed on hospice care at home. If you would like to visit Marie, please call first (610-971-2187). Cards can be sent to Marie at: *1106 Brian's Way, Wayne, PA 19087*

### TREASURER & FINANCIAL SECRETARY UPDATE

The handoff has been completed, and we are happy to share that **Nancy Arico** has fully taken on the role of Treasurer! We are so grateful to **Brian Bouvier** for his 12 years of faithful service as Treasurer, as well as for the time and energy he devoted to training Nancy, ensuring a smooth transition.

It is with immense gratitude that we announce the retirement of **Ken Dilloway** as our Financial Secretary. Ken has served in this role faithfully and well for over 20 years, helping guide the church through some challenging times. We are so grateful for his years of service to God through the life of our church. Thank you, Ken!

**Brian Bouvier** will be taking Ken's place as Financial Secretary, and they completed their handoff earlier this month. We will be honoring both Brian and Ken soon but wanted to share this news with you now. Until then, if you would like to send them a note of gratitude, they can be sent to:

*Ken Dilloway, 207 S. Aberdeen Ave, Wayne, PA 19087*

*Brian Bouvier, 433 Creekside Dr., Downingtown, PA 19335*

Thank you Brian, Nancy, and Ken for all that you *do* and *have done* for our church family!

### USHER & SCRIPTURE READER SIGN-UPS

We are always looking for volunteers to help usher and read scripture in worship. There will be a link in today's email update where you can look at the available dates and sign up online to do one or both! We hope that you will check it out and pick a Sunday (or two!).

### SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

The Christian Outreach Committee invites you to join us for our second Summer Service Project immediately following worship on Sunday, July 23. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to fill 48 backpacks with school supplies for children who participate in programs offered by the amazing staff at Gemma Services. By purchasing in bulk, we have been able to buy all of the backpacks and necessary supplies for just under \$20 per student. If you would like to support this effort by covering the cost of one or more backpacks, we would be grateful for your help. You may send a check to the church (please write "School Supplies" on the memo line) or contribute in person on July 23. To learn more about Gemma Services, please visit [www.gemmaservices.org](http://www.gemmaservices.org). Questions? Please contact Nancy Higgins.

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 would like to learn more, please visit their website at [www.gemmaservices.org](http://www.gemmaservices.org).

### MEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of our Men's Group will be **Wednesday, July 26 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House. We will be discussing chapter 5 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 one extra person to serve in the nursery per week from July 16 through August 27. If you are available even just for ONE of those Sundays, we would greatly appreciate it! Please contact Pastor Ridgley ([rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com](mailto:rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)) if you would like to volunteer.

### HOSTS FOR HOSPITALS

Hosts for Hospitals (who did a Minute for Mission here in March) is looking for people 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@hostsforhospitals.org](mailto:lodging@hostsforhospitals.org)).

### 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](mailto:laurengfeldman@yahoo.com)) with questions and how to connect at each event. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

<b>Sun, July 16</b>	9:30 am	Worship
<b>Tues. July 18</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed. July 19</b>	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
<b>Thurs, July 20</b>	9:00 am	Outreach Meeting (Zoom)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sat. July 22</b>	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, July 23</b>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Service Project (Fellowship Hall)

### This Week in the Church Office

**Ridgley is taking part in the annual Ride to End Alzheimer's in South Carolina and will be back in the office on Wednesday, July 19. During this time, she is not available 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.



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

"The Good News"  
by Thich Nhat Hanh

*They don't publish the good news.  
The good news is published by us.  
We have a special edition every moment,  
and we need you to read it.  
The good news is that you are alive,  
and the linden tree is still there,  
standing firm in the harsh Winter.  
The good news is that you have wonderful eyes  
to touch the blue sky.  
The good news is that your child is there before you,  
and your arms are available:  
Hugging is possible.  
They only print what is wrong.  
Look at each of our special editions.  
We always offer the things that are *not* wrong.  
We want you to benefit from them  
and help protect them.  
The dandelion is there by the sidewalk,  
smiling its wondrous smile,  
singing the song of eternity.  
Listen! You have ears that can hear it.  
Bow your head.  
Listen to it.  
Leave behind the world of sorrow  
and preoccupation  
and get free.  
The latest good news  
is that you can do it.*

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