

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

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "There is a Balm in Gilead" *Traditional*

\*Answering God's Call to Worship *From Psalm 103*

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

**All: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all God's benefits.**

One: God forgives all our iniquity and heals all our diseases.  
God redeems our lives  
and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.  
God satisfies us with good as long as we live.

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

One: God does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**All: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is God's steadfast love toward those who fear him.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn 400 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

\*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

**For the wrong that we have done  
in word, thought, and deed,  
may we know your forgiveness.**

**For the wrong that has been done to us  
in word, thought, and deed,  
may we make your forgiveness known.**

**Heal the wounds that we have caused,  
as well as the ones that we have *received*.**

**Set us free from the sin that we hold on to,  
and from the sin that holds on to us,  
that we may live in your peace,  
and love as we are loved, in Christ.**

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 *PC(USA) Declaration of Faith (1977)*

**God keeps his promises and gives us hope.**

**In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.**

**All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.**

**But the work of God in Christ is not over.**

**God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.**

**The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence**

**that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.**

**In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,**

**certainty of victory over death,**

**assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.**

**This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.**

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom.**

**But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil**

**that are possible now in the world, the church,**

**and our individual lives.**

**Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,**

**however invincible it may seem,**

**for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.**

**Jesus is Lord!**

**He has been Lord from the beginning.**

**He will be Lord at the end.**

**Even now, he is Lord.**

Scripture Reading Matthew 8:1-17 (pg. 7, N.T.) Betsy Friend

Children's Time Rev. Marshall

\*Hymn 420 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Sermon DOES JESUS STILL HEAL TODAY? Rev. Marshall

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

Offertory "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" *William Bradbury*

\*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 796 (Insert) "We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "For All the Saints" *Ralph Vaughan-Williams*

## ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

**Greeter** Alice Bell  
**Flowers** Given by Jim & Sue Tiede in celebration of their family.

**Coffee Server** Jeanne Thompson  
**Guest Musicians** Cassia Harvey, Myanna Harvey

### 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!

### TREASURER & FINANCIAL SECRETARY UPDATE

As we shared last week, **Nancy Arico** has fully taken over the role of Church Treasurer. And after more than 20 years, **Ken Dilloway** has retired as our Financial Secretary. **Brian Bouvier** will be taking Ken's place, and they completed their handoff earlier this month. We will be honoring both Brian and Ken in worship soon. 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!).

### SUMMER SUNDAY OF SERVICE TODAY!

The Christian Outreach Committee invites you to join us for our second Summer Sunday of Service project immediately following worship today! 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 today. 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 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!

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 23</b>	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Service Project (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Tues. July 25</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Wed. July 26</b>	7:00 am	Men's Group (Carriage House)
	9:00 am	Companions in Prayer (Kean Room)
<b>Thurs, July 27</b>	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sat. July 29</b>	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
<b>Sun, July 30</b>	9:30 am	Worship

### This Week in the Church Office

**Pastor Ridgley is preaching at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Frazer today, as a part of our recent joint middle school retreat to Massanetta Springs in Virginia. She will be in the office this week but leaving on Saturday for the high school retreat in Montreat, NC. She will be back on Sunday, August 6.**

Friday is Pastor 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

O Christ, the healer, we have come  
To pray for health, to plead for friends.  
How can we fail to be restored,  
When reached by love that never ends?

Grant that we all, made one in faith,  
In your community may find  
The wholeness that, enriching us,  
Shall reach the whole of humankind.

– From the hymn, "O Christ, the Healer"  
by Fred Pratt Green

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