

St. John's at Worship Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Answering God's Call to Worship

From the hymn, "Open My Eyes That I May See"

One: Open our eyes that we may see
glimpses of truth you have for me.

**All: Place in our hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set us free.**

One: Open our ears that we may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear.

**All: And while the wave notes fall on our ear,
everything false will disappear.**

One: Open our mouths and let us bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere.

**All: Open our hearts and let us prepare
love with your children thus to share.**

One: Silently now we wait for thee,
ready, our God, thy will to see.

**All: Open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

*Hymn 92 (vss. 1, 3, 4) "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

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.

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 Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin, Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:1–13 (pg. 40, N.T.)

Nancy Arico

Children's Time

Sermon

SEEING ANEW

Rev. Dr. Marshall

*Hymn 623 (vss. 1–3) "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Presentation of Offering & 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

*Hymn 339 (Insert)

"Be Thou My Vision"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist

Janet Wooden

Greeter

Susanne Engheta

Flowers

Given by Kathy Johnson and family in
memory of Tom.

Coffee Server

Lynne Brown

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so happy that you have joined us this morning to celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ, and we hope that you experience the new life that this season of Easter brings! 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 each of the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us downstairs for refreshments and fellowship immediately 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

During the 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!

AROUND THE CHURCH...

We will soon be updating the landscaping in the front of the church building. It has become overgrown, and we want to present a welcoming, inviting face to the community! The work will be done with money from Ruth Lieberman's memorial fund, which Ruth would have *loved*. Mark Ward has shared his landscape architecture expertise to get the project rolling. Be on the lookout for some beautiful new greenery!

CAN YOU HELP IN THE NURSERY THIS SUMMER?

Courtney Cato will be providing Nursery care this summer, in order to give our wonderful volunteers a break in July and August. We still need another adult to help each week. If you can help, please sign up using the link in the weekly email or contact Pastor Ridgley. **We are in immediate need of a nursery worker on July 14.**

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will be **Wednesday, July 10 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to continue discussing chapter 8 of Romans. All men are welcome!

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!

Sunday Morning Group is taking the summer off and will begin with a new book in September. Please contact Nancy Wolfe if you have any questions (nj.wolfe@verizon.net).

The Monday group will resume with a new book on September 16. But they have also decided to meet periodically throughout the summer to explore various forms of prayer. This will mostly be a Zoom gathering on the following dates at 10:00 a.m.: **July 8, July 22, August 5, August 19.** If you have any questions or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net).

OFFERING & PRAYER CARDS

During the summer months, we will not be passing the offering trays. Instead, trays will be located at each door in the sanctuary, if you would like to give an offering. You can also give electronically through our website (just click the "Donate" button at the top right), or through the Church Center app.

If you would like to give a prayer card, you can place it in the basket between Pastor Patrick and Pastor Ridgley when you come up to receive communion.

SUMMER SUNDAYS OF SERVICE

This summer, we are bringing back our Summer Sundays of Service during coffee hour! Mark your calendars for the last week of every month, **July 28, and August 25!** On July 28, filling backpacks for Gemma Services after worship in the Fellowship Hall. This event is for all ages, so we hope you will join us!

BACKPACK PROJECT FOR GEMMA SERVICES

We will again be providing 48 backpacks filled with school supplies for the children who are receiving care, therapy, and education through Gemma Services. Their need is even greater this year, and the staff at Gemma is truly grateful for your ongoing support. Plan to join us after worship on **Sunday, July 28**, when we will fill 48 backpacks with school supplies for students in Gemma Services Programs. If you'd like to help us prepare for this project, we are in need of packs of 24 Crayola Crayons. There's a box on the table in Fellowship Hall where we are collecting the crayons. Thank you so much for your help! To learn more about Gemma Services, please visit www.gemmaservices.org.

CHANGEMAKERS KIDS CLUB – UPDATE

July 23, from 5:30–8:00 p.m. (with dinner)

This summer we will be partnering with St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon to provide a night of fellowship, learning and fun for busy families. Join us July 23 for dinner and a program (for adults too!) at St. Luke Lutheran Church (203 N. Valley Forge Road). This event is for children 2 years old to rising 5th graders. Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to come and help as counselors. During the children's programming we will have a workshop for parents on bringing faith practices into the home! **We need adult shepherds for this event, please contact Pastor Ridgley if you can help!**

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, July 7	8:15 am	Deacon's Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
Mon, July 8	10:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
	6:00 pm	Transformation Team (Kean Room)
Tues, July 9	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, July 11	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, July 13	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, July 14	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Rm)
	9:30 am	Worship

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley will be on vacation from Wednesday, July 10, through Wednesday, July 17, back in the office on Thursday, July 18. During that time she will be unavailable by email or phone.

Our Church Administrator Roseann Christian is in the office every day, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to her by Noon on Wednesday.

Friday is Pastor Patrick and Pastor 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.

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

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

– From "Little Gidding," in *Four Quartets*
by T. S. Eliot

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