

St. John’s at Worship
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit “Nearer, my God to Thee” arr. Coates

*Answering God’s Call to Worship From Philippians 4
One: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, rejoice!
All: The Lord is near!
One: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
All: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
One: Let us set our hearts on what is true and honorable and just, on what is worthy of praise.
All: And the God of peace will be with us!
One: Let us worship God.

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

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 from A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:25–34 (pg. 6, N.T.) Bruce Phillips

Children’s Time

Anthem “An American Hymn” Holdridge

Scripture Reading Romans 8:26–28, 31–39 (pg. 158, N.T.)

Sermon WHAT TO DO WITH WORRIES Rev. Dr. Marshall

*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 177, vss. 1–3 “I Will Come to You”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Assurance” arr. John Ness Beck

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Organist Nancy Kimmons
Guest Musicians Linda Duncan, Cat Duncan
Greeter Susanne Engheta
Flowers The flowers are given by Jim & Sylvia Louise Ryland in memory of their parents, Virginia & John Richardson and Betsy & Robert Ryland.
Coffee Server Linda Duncan

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
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!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE
Marilyn Benton fell on Tuesday and broke her leg, shoulder, and arm. She had surgeries on Thursday and Saturday. Cards can be sent to her in care of her daughter:

Marilyn Benton (c/o Susan Clover)
548 Rick Rd.
Southampton PA 18966

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 need of a nursery worker on July 28.

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will be Wednesday, July 24 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 9 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 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 one of the offering trays before worship or during the greeting time.

GAME NIGHT FOR ALL AGES – NEXT SUNDAY!

Join us next Sunday, July 21 at 4:30 p.m. for an intergenerational game night and dinner. Bring your favorite game and a friend for this evening of Fellowship! We will be serving pizza, salad, drinks, and snacks. The cost is \$5 per person, and you can sign up in the Fellowship Hall after church or by emailing Lauren Feldman (laurengfeldman@yahoo.com)

THE SUMMER BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook has some new books in it...recommended by you! Check it out when you're in the Fellowship Hall and see if something catches your interest. All of the books are available for purchase on Amazon and are also likely available through your local library. You can borrow the copies that are in our Book Nook, but we ask that you please sign them out and return them as soon as possible, so that others can enjoy them, too!

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 14	8:30 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
Mon, July 15	10:00 am	Women's Book Group (Kean Room)
Tues, July 16	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, July 18	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	6:00 pm	Transformation Team Meeting (Zoom)
Sat, July 20	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, July 21	9:30 am	Worship

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley is on vacation and will be back in the office on Thursday, July 18. During this time she is 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

“The Serenity Prayer”
by Reinhold Niebuhr

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can,
and wisdom to know the difference.

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