

St. John's at Worship Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit "Let All Things Now Living" *Katherine K. Davis*

*Answering God's Call to Worship

One: Christ calls us to come, to worship.
All: To rest from our troubles and find peace in him.
One: To empty ourselves out in praise,
All: And be filled by his Spirit of life.
One: May the peace of Christ be with you!
All: And also with you!
One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 139, vss. 1, 2, 5 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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 A Modern Affirmation

**We believe in God the Creator,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all God's works,
and whose will is ever directed to our good.
We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of God's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.
We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.
We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.
Amen.**

Scripture Reading Mark 6:30–34, 53–56 (pg. 41, N.T.) Jim Ryland

Children's Time *Commissioning Our Montreat Youth*

Anthem "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *Charles Wesley*

Sermon HEALING REST 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 347 "Spirit Song"

*Benediction

*Postlude "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" *William Williams*

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organist Jonathan Kreamer
Guest Musicians Cassia Harvey, Myanna Harvey
Greeter Kate Johnson
Flowers Given by a grateful congregation in loving memory of Irene A. McElreavy and her parents.
Coffee Server Nancy Phillips

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!

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

On Saturday, 13 youth from St. John's and Covenant Pres. in Frazer are headed to Montreat, NC for a week of learning, play, and spiritual growth in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Today in worship we will be praying for their week together, but we ask that you continue to keep them in your prayers as they grow closer to God this week. On August 4, they will be sharing what they learned about during the sermon!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Steve Nelson died on Thursday, July 18. Condolences can be sent to:
Gail Nelson, 770 Hobbs Road, Wayne, PA 19087

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 – TODAY!

Join us today 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 **next 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

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

This summer we are 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! **Please be sure to let Pastor Ridgley know if you plan to attend this event if you haven't already. The cost is \$5 per person, \$20 family max, and payment can be brought on the day of the event.**

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, July 21	9:30 am	Worship
Mon, July 22	10:00 am	Women's Book Group (Zoom)
Tues, July 23	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 pm	Changemakers Kids Club (St. Luke Lutheran)
Wed, July 24	7:00 am	Men's Group (Kean Room)
Thurs, July 25	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, July 27	7:30 am	Youth leave for Montreat (Swarthmore Pres.)
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, July 28	9:30 am	Worship

This Week in the Church Office

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 Peace of Wild Things"
by Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

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