

St. John's at Worship Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*Answering God's Call to Worship

From Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in times of trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
and the mountains tremble.**

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

One: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter.
God utters his voice; the earth melts.

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us.
The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

One: Be still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations.
I am exalted in the earth.

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

One: Let us worship God!

*Hymn 314, vss. 1, 2, 5 (Insert)

"Christ, Be Our Light"

Prayer of Invocation (ending with 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

From *The Book of Common Prayer*

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

**For the sake of your son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Confessing Silently

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 Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried.**

**He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father, Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:9-13 (pg. 6, N.T.)

Judy Mileto

Children's Time

Rev. Joyner

*Hymn 463, vss. 1, 3, 4, 5 "Lord, Speak to Me"

Scripture Reading

Luke 11:1 - 4 (pg. 72, N.T.)

Sermon

LEARNING THE LANGUAGE Rev. Dr. Marshall
SERMON SERIES: "TEACH US TO PRAY..." (LUKE 11:1)

*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 "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

*Benediction

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD

Organ/Piano

Michelle Cohen

Greeter

Barbara McConnell

Ushers

Jim Little, Alberto Urbina

Flowers

Given by Laurie Cato to all St. John's students with wishes for a successful year!

Coffee Server

Doris Humphrey

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! **Sunday School will resume on Sunday September 22!**

BACK TO SCHOOL!

During the children's time today, we will be presenting our kids with back to school blessing packs for our families. These are for youth and children, so please make sure each child gets a bag. Also, we have extra if you have anyone in your life you would like to take it home for!

CHURCH TREASURER UPDATE

Nancy Arico is away through Wednesday, September 11. If you have any needs for reimbursement or bill payments during this time, please email Nancy (Treasurer@stjohnsdevon.com) and attach a copy of the reimbursement form with a copy of any receipts or invoices. The reimbursement form is available in this afternoon's weekly email update, or you can pick up a paper copy from the church office.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet **this Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 a.m.** in the Carriage House to discuss chapter 11 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. Their final meeting of the summer will be a Zoom gathering on **August 19 at 10:00 a.m.** If you have questions or are interested in attending, please contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net).

SUMMER SUNDAYS OF SERVICE – TODAY!

Join us after worship today our last Summer Sunday of Service, as we pack hygiene kits for disaster relief through Church World Services! There continues to be great need in communities devastated by natural disasters, poverty, and ongoing conflicts. These kits can mean the difference between sickness and health for struggling families displaced from their homes. We will be assembling 300 hygiene kits, and with lots of helpers the project takes less than an hour to complete.

FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINARS

Please join us for a series of seminars to help you arm yourself against some of the most common forms of fraud we face daily. We will meet on **Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m.** for an introductory session to review two very important steps everyone needs to know. You will leave with at least one tool that can be used immediately. Please contact Brian Bouvier for more information (215-284-3567 or brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

SUPPER AT ST. JOHN'S IS COMING!

Supper at St. John's returns on **Wednesday, September 18** and will run through **November 20**. We begin at 6:00 p.m. with a meal followed by a class starting at 7:00 p.m. and conclude promptly at 8:00 p.m. Childcare is available with one week's advance notice. More information (including signups) will be coming soon.

This fall Pastor Patrick will be leading a class called, "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time." We will be reading through Mark's gospel, trying to shed our preconceived notions of Jesus and seeing him as he actually is. If you don't know much about Jesus, this will be a great introduction, and if you *do* know Jesus, this might help you see him in a new way. We hope that you will join us!

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.

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!

ST. JOHN'S CALENDAR

Sun, Aug 25	8:30 am	Deacons Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship
	10:30 am	Packing Hygiene Kits (Fell. Hall)
Tues, Aug 27	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Thurs, Aug 29	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sat, Aug 31	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
Sun, Sept 1	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Mon, Sept 2		Church Office Closed for Labor Day

This Week in the Church Office

There will be volunteers in the office this week to answer the phone and greet anyone who comes. Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email can be sent to admin@stjohnsdevon.com 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

"Praying" by Mary Oliver

It doesn't have to be
the blue iris, it could be
weeds in a vacant lot, or a few
small stones; just
pay attention, then patch

a few words together and don't try
to make them elaborate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway

into thanks, and a silence in which
another voice may speak.

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