

St. John’s at Worship
Third Sunday of Easter
Youth Sunday

Welcome

Introit “For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. Larson

Answering God’s Call to Worship Sarah Crill
One: We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:
All: “I have seen the Lord!”
One: We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:
All: “Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit.”
One: We are here like doubting Thomas who finally cried:
All: “My Lord and my God.”
One: We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus:
All: “I’m going fishing.”
One: We are here because of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face:
All: “Do you truly love me?”
One: We gather here to whisper timidly:
All: “Yes, Lord, you know that we love you.”
One: We are here only because many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus’ words:
All: “Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid!
Go and tell, ‘Jesus has been raised!’”

*Hymn (Insert) “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Invocation & Confession Claire Tiede

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 The Book of Common Worship
One: This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved:
All: Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, he was buried, he was raised on the third day, and he appeared, first to the women, then to Peter and the disciples, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. He is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; He is our Lord and our God.
One: Great is the mystery of faith!
All: Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Scripture Reading John 21:1–14 (pg. 115, N.T.) Emily Marshall

As Pre-K–4th graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:
Pastor: Now we go our separate ways to worship and learn about God.
Cong.: May God be with you there!
Children: May God be with you here!

Anthem “Morning Canticle” arr. Tucker

Scripture Reading John 21:15–19 (pg. 116, N.T.)

Sermon WHEN WE KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN Ryan Crill

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Invitation to the Table
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving Rowan Bellew
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 & Prayers of the People Graham Hillier

*Hymn 267 (Green) “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction Sophie Coradi

*Postlude

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director Janet Kaido
Ushers Teagan Bullock, Graham Hillier
Greeter Libby Dalrymple
Coffee Servers John & Sharon Griffin
Bell Choir Betsy Miller (Director), James Adams, Garrick Bellew, Rowan Bellew, Sophie Coradi, Ryan Crill, Christina Fish, Brandon Marshall, Emily Marshall, Claire Tiede, Jim Tiede
Flowers Given by Pat Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Norris & Irva Gene Mahan.

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!
We are so happy that you have joined us as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ this morning, and we hope that you experience the new life that the season of Easter brings! No matter who you are, where you come from, what you look like, or what you are wearing, you are welcome here! No matter where you are in your faith, you belong here. All we want is to help you experience the presence and love of Jesus Christ! 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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
After the scripture reading, grades K–4th will leave with their teachers. Grades 5–12 will remain for communion. If this is your child’s first time in Sunday School, the ushers have pamphlets that tell you everything you need to know. As always, nursery care is provided for children ages 5 and under.

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.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
We are currently receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The PC(USA) receives this offering every year to provide water, food, and disaster relief for those in need around the world. You can give using the envelopes in your bulletin or online through the church’s app or website.

HORSE SHOW PARKING IS COMING!
It is that time of the year again! From Wednesday, May 21 through Saturday, May 31, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Signs-up to volunteer for shifts are now live on our website, or you can sign up at coffee time following worship. We are also currently recruiting Day Leaders for each day. Day Leaders do not have to be here all day. If you are interested in being a Day Leader, please email Pastor Ridgley.

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!
The Sunday book group meets from 8:15–9:20 a.m. in the Kean Room to read Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God's Justice by Scott Black Johnson. They do not meet the first Sunday of the month. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) with any questions.

The Monday group meets at 10:00 a.m., both in person in the Kean Room and on Zoom (use the church Zoom room link on the website). They just started a new book, Turn My Mourning into Dancing by Henri Nouwen. It’s a short book that will take them to the beginning of June, so it’s a great time to come see what they are all about. If you would like to find out more, contact Nancy Arico at nancy.arico@verizon.net or 610-550-9547.

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will meet on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. This week they will be starting a new study on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, discussing Matthew 5. All men are welcome!

SUPPORT THE CHESTER COUNTY FOOD BANK
Due to recent federal funding cuts, the Chester County Food Bank has announced that they are going to be experiencing a \$250,000 shortfall over the next three months. Please consider donating non-perishable items such as: cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter, strawberry or grape jelly, marinara sauce, spaghetti, granola bars, juice boxes, tuna, canned fruit, Tastycakes or cookies, crackers, pretzels, cleaning supplies, paper towels, and toilet paper. There are donation bins in the Fellowship Hall where you can drop them off (on Sundays or during the week). Check out other ways to support CCFB in the weekly email.

YOUTH END-OF-YEAR PARTY – TODAY!

Join us this afternoon from 4:30–6:00 p.m. at the home of Stephanie & Matt Crill (3 Patriot Circle, Devon). Please bring a dessert or side to share, as well as a memory about our Seniors (Avery, Ryan, and Rowan) for their last youth group! To RSVP, please click the link in the weekly email.

WOMEN’S TEA – TODAY AT 3 P.M.

April showers bring May flowers, as well as the Women’s Tea! All women, including youth in 5th grade and above, are welcome to join Women’s Fellowship today at 3:00 p.m. for tea, dessert, and a lovely vocal performance. In lieu of a craft this year, we are asking that everyone bring in a bag of food donations for the Chester County Food Bank. Our church administrator, Annie Carruthers, will be singing. We hope to see you there!

IMMIGRATION FORUM – SATURDAY, MAY 10

St. John’s has supported the work of the Wellspring Karitas Foundation in Mexico for many years. Their work building community-based programs for food, education, and jobs has been life changing for homeless and near-homeless families. Please join us in the Carriage House on Saturday, May 10 at 4:00 p.m. for a special gathering to examine the roots of migration and how we can help cultivate sustainable alternatives. How can we build opportunities for people to stay at home? Please contact Betsy Friend (betsyfriend23@aol.com) or Sandy Forbes (54sandyjo@comcast.net) with any questions.

ANNUAL PROGRESSIVE DINNER – SATURDAY, MAY 17

Join us for St. John’s annual Progressive Dinner, as we gather to share a wonderful evening of food and fellowship together! We all start at one house for appetizers before breaking up into small groups for dinner and dessert. The cost is \$10. You can sign up with Lauren Feldman in the Fellowship Hall after worship, or online using the link on the weekly email and the church website. Please consider hosting! You will only make the main dish (we will suggest an easy recipe). Or you can just come and be our guest!

MAY BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy birthday to those in our church family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a happy birthday in person or sending them birthday wishes by text, email, or a card in the mail. Please join us today for cake after the service in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our St. John’s members who are having birthdays this month!

May 3 Kristen Loftus

May 4 Alex Engheta

May 4 Graham Hillier

May 4 Vangie Jaggard

May 8 Christa Fisher

May 9 Ridgley Joyner

May 10 Lynne Brown

May 13 Marianne McClennan

May 13 Nancy Higgins

May 16 Lisa Scolari

May 20 Barbara McConnell

May 21 Judy Mileto

May 22 Dan Lortz

May 27 Ashlee Oliver

May 28 Barbara Hicks

May 29 Lee Holt

May 31 Nancy Davis

If you have a May birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmccconnell@aol.com).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025

Join us August 4–8 from 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for Vacation Bible School! We will gather for music, Bible study, games, crafts, and FUN, as we navigate how to trust Jesus in a wild world full of twists and turns. You can register using the link in the weekly email through May 28. We are also looking for volunteers to help with shepherding, station leading, and more! We have a volunteer position for everyone, even those who can only come one day. To sign up to volunteer click the same link you use to register! For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley.

ST. JOHN’S CALENDAR

Sun, May 4	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
	3:00 pm	Women’s Tea (Carriage House)
Mon, May 7	7:00 pm	Enhancing Worship & Music Task Force
	Tues, May 6	5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Wed, May 7	5:30 pm	Marketing & Publicity Task Force (Kean)
	7:00 am	Men’s Group (Carr. House)
Thurs, May 8	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Sat, May 10	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	4:00 pm	Immigration Forum (Carr. House)
Sun, May 11	8:15 am	Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

This Week in the Church Office

Any announcements for next week’s bulletin or email must be sent to Annie by **Noon on Wednesday** (admin@stjohnsdevon.com).

Pastor Ridgley will be out of the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for Continuing Education. 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, please call 484-604-0499



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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH



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