

St. John’s at Worship
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Welcome

Introit “The Peace of Christ” Walker

Answering God’s Call to Worship
One: One last time in this season of Easter, we gather to proclaim the good news...
All: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!
One: Our redeemer lives, and he will never stop!
All: In him we live, and we will never stop!
One: The tomb is and forever shall be empty!
Let us celebrate this good news and worship God!

*Hymn Insert “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

Prayer of Invocation & Confession (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.

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 Our World Belongs to God
As followers of Jesus Christ living in this world—
which some seek to control,
but which others view with despair—
we declare with joy and trust:
Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes,
God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to God!
God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun! Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!
We rejoice in the goodness of God,
renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners,
called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise,
we offer our hearts and lives to do God’s work in his world.
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we eagerly anticipate the Day of the Lord.
And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you!

Scripture Reading John 14:23–29 (pg. 109, N.T.) Ryan Crill

Children’s Time
As Pre-K–12th 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 “God of Every Grace” Getty/Boswell/Fowler
Chorus:
Now to the God of every grace,
who counts my tears, who holds my days,
I sing through sorrow, sing with faith,
O praise the God of every grace.

Sermon FINDING PEACE 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 & Prayers of the People

*Hymn 610 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Shall We Gather at the River” Lowry

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director Janet Kaido
Usher Cindy Kerr
Greeter Alice Bell
Coffee Servers Nancy & Bruce Phillips
Joy Messengers Linda Duncan, Lauren Feldman, Troy Fisher, Lisa Howell, Nancy Kimmons, John Senior, Jeff Wagner, Ryan Crill (saxophone)

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
Grades K–12th are invited to leave with their teachers for Sunday School. 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.

GRADUATE SUNDAY – JUNE 8
On Sunday, June 8, we will be recognizing our graduates in worship. If you, your child, or your spouse has graduated from high school, college, or graduate school in the past year, please submit their name, school, and degree to Pastor Ridgley by Wednesday, so that we can include them in our celebration.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL – SUNDAY, JUNE 8
St. John’s Annual Strawberry Festival is Sunday, June 8. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for delicious strawberry shortcake, or just a bowl of strawberries!

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will meet on Wednesday, June 4 at 7:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. They will be discussing Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 7. All men are welcome!

WOMEN’S BOOK STUDY – 2 OPPORTUNITIES!
The Sunday book group meets from 8:15–9:20 a.m. in the Kean Room to read The Book of Forgiving: The Fourfold Path for Healing Ourselves and Our World by Desmond & Mpho Tutu. 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 are reading 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.

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.

NURSERY CARE NEEDED
We are in great need of help downstairs in our nursery on the first and third Sundays of the month. We have two adults each Sunday to take care of our kids (who are very sweet and excited to see you!). Because of the ages we typically have in the nursery, lifting and holding children is not a requirement. Please consider serving in the nursery once a month so that we can continue to offer this service to our young families who make time to come to church and grow in faith. To sign up click the link in the weekly email or email Pastor Ridgley (rjoyner@stjohnsdevon.com)

HORSE SHOW PARKING IS HAPPENING NOW!
Horse Show Parking is in full swing! Now through Saturday, May 31, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. **We are still in need of volunteers!** You can sign up to volunteer for shifts on our website, or you can sign up at coffee time following worship. If you have any questions, please email Pastor Ridgley.

ST. JOHN’S MARKETING TEAM
St. Johns Marketing team continues the information gathering phase, of the logo/messaging review & update process. For those who have filled out the survey already, thank you! For those that haven’t, see the QR code here, or a paper copy at the exits of the sanctuary. **There is still one listening session left on Sunday, June 1 from 3:00–4:00 p.m. on Zoom.** Log on & give us your thoughts about who we are as a church, what St John’s means to you, and how we present that to the community. To attend that, please RSVP to Lisa Howell at **lhowell.ruhl@gmail.com** by May 29!!! Our time frame is short for this work, as we want to conclude this phase by early June.



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.

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| May 3 Kristen Loftus | May 16 Lisa Scolari |
| May 4 Alex Engheta | May 20 Barbara McConnell |
| May 4 Graham Hillier | May 21 Judy Mileto |
| May 4 Vangie Jaggard | May 22 Dan Lortz |
| May 8 Christa Fisher | May 27 Ashlee Oliver |
| May 9 Ridgley Joyner | May 28 Barbara Hicks |
| May 10 Lynne Brown | May 29 Lee Holt |
| May 13 Marianne McClennan | May 31 Nancy Davis |
| May 13 Nancy Higgins | |

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
TRUE NORTH: TRUSTING JESUS IN A WILD WORLD
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 25	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School
	Noon	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
Mon, May 26	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day	
Tues, May 27	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	5:30 pm	Marketing & Publicity Task Force (Kean)
Wed, May 28	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
Thurs, May 29	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
	7:00 pm	NO CHOIR REHEARSAL
Fri, May 30	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
Sat, May 31	9:00 am	Horse Show Parking (until 9 pm)
	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, Jun. 1	9:30 am	Worship & Communion

This Week in the Church Office

Please remember that Patrick’s sabbatical begins on Monday, June 16 and runs through Sunday, September 14. During that time he will have no pastoral duties and will not be available by email, phone, or in person.

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

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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“Peace is not merely the absence of some negative force – war, tensions, confusion – but it is the presence of some positive force – justice, goodwill, the power of the kingdom of God.”

– Martin Luther King, Jr.

May 25, 2025
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