

Prelude	“Beautiful Savior”	<i>Klein</i>
Welcome		
Introit	“Morning Song”	<i>Prins</i>
Scripture Reading	Luke 24:44–53 (pg. 91, N.T.)	

Answering God’s Call to Worship

- One: On Easter we celebrated that Christ rose up from the earth, ascending from the grave into a glorious new life!
- All: Let us rise up with Christ, our bodies and spirits ascending into the newness of resurrection!
- One: Today we celebrate that Christ rose up from the earth, ascending into heaven to reign in glory forever!
- All: Let us rise up with Christ, our hearts and voices ascending into songs of praise!
- One: Christ is risen!
- All: He is risen indeed! Let us worship God!

*Hymn 312 (vss. 1–3) “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

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 to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Capo 3: (G) (D) (G) (D) (G) (D) (Em) (D)
B^b F B^b F B^b F Gm F



1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
2 World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(D) (G) (C) (G) (Em7) (A7)
F B^b E^b B^b Gm7 C7



and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(A7) (D) (F#) (Bm)
C7 F A Dm



and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
World with - out end, 7 with - out end. A - men.

(Bm7) (D) (Bdim7) (Em7) (Dm)(A7) (D)
Dm7 F Ddim7 Gm7 Fm C7 F



As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

*Affirming Our Faith From the PC(USA)’s *Declaration of Faith*
God keeps his promises and gives us hope.
In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God kept his promises.
All that we can ever hope for was present in Christ.
But the work of God in Christ is not over.
God calls us to hope for more than we have yet seen.
The hope God gives us is ultimate confidence that supports us when lesser hopes fail us.
In Christ God gives hope for a new heaven and earth,
certainty of victory over death,
and assurance of mercy and judgment beyond death.
This hope gives us courage for the present struggle.
We know our efforts cannot bring in God’s kingdom.
But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil
that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives.
Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition,
however invincible it may seem,
for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming.
Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning!
He will be Lord at the end! Even now, he is Lord!

Scripture Reading	Acts 1:3 – 14 (pg. 118, N.T.)	Gail Nelson
	<i>As Pre-K–4th graders leave for Sunday School, we send them with this liturgy:</i>	
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!	

Sermon HOW DO WE LIVE IN A WORLD WITHOUT GOD? Rev. Dr. Marshall

Anthem “The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune” *Williams*

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper
Song “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise” *Carl Schalk*

*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 Insert “Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise”

*Benediction

*Postlude “Fugue in D Major” *Handel*

	ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP OF GOD
Music Director	Janet Kaido
Usher	Jim Little
Greeter	Barbara McConnell
Devon Chapel Bells	Betsy Miller (Director), Diane Alleva, Susan Bain, Rowan Bellew, Ryan Crill, Christina Fish, Nancy Veronesi, Jim Tiede, Katie Yoder
Guest Musicians	Jeff Estabrook (trumpet), Christina Fish (oboe)

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN’S!
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. **Sunday school will be pausing for summer break on June 15.**

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.**

HORSE SHOW PARKING – THANK YOU!
We are so grateful to everyone who gave their time and energy to make Horse Show parking possible! A very special thanks to **Pastor Ridgley, Nancy Wolfe, and Annie Carruthers** for organizing the overall effort; our day leaders: **Nancy Arico, Alice Bell, Bob & Sue Chudy, Ken & Nancy Coradi** (who did two days!), **Megan & Sam Hillier, Doris Humphrey, Kate Johnson, Dan Lortz, Dick Oliver;** and everyone who worked a shift (or *two or three!*). You showed the welcoming face of St. John’s to the community, and without you this event would not be possible, so *thank you* for your dedication to St. John’s and to each other!

MEN’S GROUP
The Men’s Group will meet **this 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 *Elusive Grace: Loving Your Enemies While Striving for God’s Justice* by Scott Black Johnston. 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.

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 – JUNE 8

St. John’s Annual Strawberry Festival is next Sunday, June 8. Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship for delicious strawberry shortcake!

NEW WAYS TO CONNECT WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Do you have a special skill, interest, or hobby that you would like to share with your St. John’s family? Would you like to know who else shares a common interest? If so, please take five minutes to indicate your skills and interests on the survey below. You are not signing up for anything; we just want to connect people with shared interests! Everyone who participates will receive a link providing them with a compilation of our church family’s many talents, hobbies, and interests. If you would prefer to fill out a paper copy of the survey, just contact Annie in the church office.

<https://mator.wufoo.com/forms/skills-interests-inventory/>

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 below, or a paper copy at the exits of the sanctuary. **There is still one listening session left TODAY 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. Our time frame is short for this work, as we want to conclude this phase by early June.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS AT ST. JOHN’S

Happy Birthday to members and friends of our St. John's Family who are celebrating birthdays this month! Please consider wishing them a Happy Birthday in person at church or sending them birthday wishes by text, email, or a birthday 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! If you have a June birthday and would like to be included on this list, please contact Barbara McConnell (blbmcconnell@aol.com).

June 3	Dick Oliver	June 15	Genevieve Bellew
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June 4	Lauren Feldman	June 17	Jack Holcomb
June 5	Joe Arico	June 18	Patrick Bullock
June 6	Alberto Urbina, Sharon Griffin	June 23	Ethan Fisher
June 14	Nancy Kimmons		

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

The complete church calendar is available on our website.

Sun, June 1	8:15 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean Room)
	9:30 am	Worship & Communion
Mon, June 2	9:30 am	Sewing Day (Fellowship Hall)
	10:00 am	Women’s Book Group (Kean)
Tues, June 3	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
	5:15 pm	Marketing Team Meeting (Kean)
Wed, June 4	7:00 am	Men’s Group (Carriage House)
Thurs, June 5	5:00 pm	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sat, June 7	9:00 am	Exercise Class (Fell. Hall)
Sun, June 8	9:30 am	Worship & Sunday School

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Ridgley will be out this week, recovering from Horse Show Parking!

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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A CHURCH FAMILY, A FAMILY CHURCH

They waited for the gift that would make them witnesses to all the world,
and proclaim good news when the news is bad,
trust light when it’s dark,
and even now, we, too, wait:

For a savior to be in our midst,
for the kingdom to come,
for our troubles to be healed by someone,
because God knows we can’t seem to solve them all ourselves,
including all the troubles of the world which mirror our own.

The evidence suggests that that savior packed up and left a long time ago.
And yet, on this day we celebrate his absence!
On this day we take a leap, because from that point on,
he was going to have to be present in a new way,
if he was to be present at all.

– Scott Barton

Sunday, June 1, 2025
Ascension of the Lord Sunday