



May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Worship Notes

There are offering trays located at each entrance to the sanctuary. If you would like to give, you can put your offering there before worship. You can also give online using this QR code:



If you have a prayer request, there are blue prayer cards in your pew racks that can be put in the trays, as well.

The ^ symbol indicates that you are invited to stand, as you are able.

You can find the hymns on pages 3 and 4 of the bulletin.

Today is the Fifth Sunday in the season of Easter. Easter is not just a single day, but a 40-day season in which the risen Christ was with his disciples, teaching them and preparing them for the ministry ahead. This is a time in which we think about what it means to live in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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 greeters located at the sanctuary doors. We would love for you to join us for refreshments downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship. We are so glad that you are here and hope you will worship with us again soon!

Welcome & Announcements

Introit "Alleluia" *Iona*

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: With the angel at the empty tomb, let us proclaim:
All: "He is not here! He has been raised!"
 One: With the women who first saw him, let us bear witness:
All: "We have seen the Lord!"
 One: With Thomas and his doubts, let us trust:
All: "Blessed are those who believe *without seeing!*"
 One: With the whole Body of Christ throughout time and place, let us celebrate:
All: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
 One: Let us worship our risen savior!

^ Hymn "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.

Promise of Forgiveness

^ Gloria Patri (#71 in the red hymnal)
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

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The scripture reading is printed on the back of the bulletin.

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:13-27

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

"Shout For Joy"

Hopson

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:28-35

The Lord's Supper 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 dip in the shared cup.

Sermon

"An Eye-Opening Experience"

Rev. Dr. Marshall

After the sermon, there will be a brief musical interlude, offering time for reflection.

The Lord's Supper

^ 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

"Open Our Eyes"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude

After the Postlude, you are encouraged to greet one another (especially people you don't already know!) and come downstairs for a time of refreshments and fellowship. If you see someone standing alone, go talk to them!

Enriching Our Worship of God

Pastors

Rev. Dr. Patrick Marshall, Rev. Ridgley Beckett

Music Director

Janet Kaido

Greeter

Chrissy Bouvier

Coffee Servers

Sandy Forbes, Jeanne Thompson

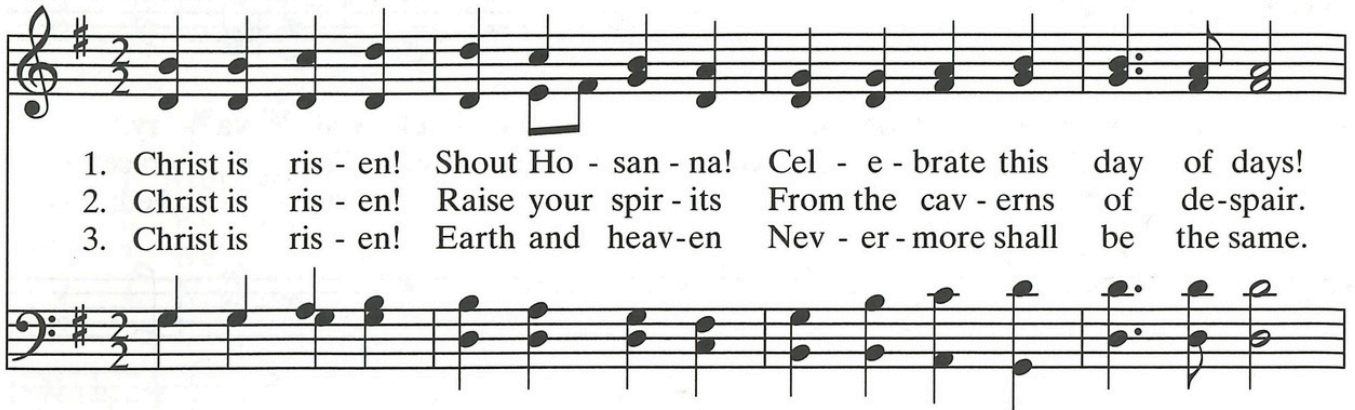
Flowers

Given by Pat Marshall to the glory of God and in loving memory of her parents, Norris & Irva Gene Mahan.

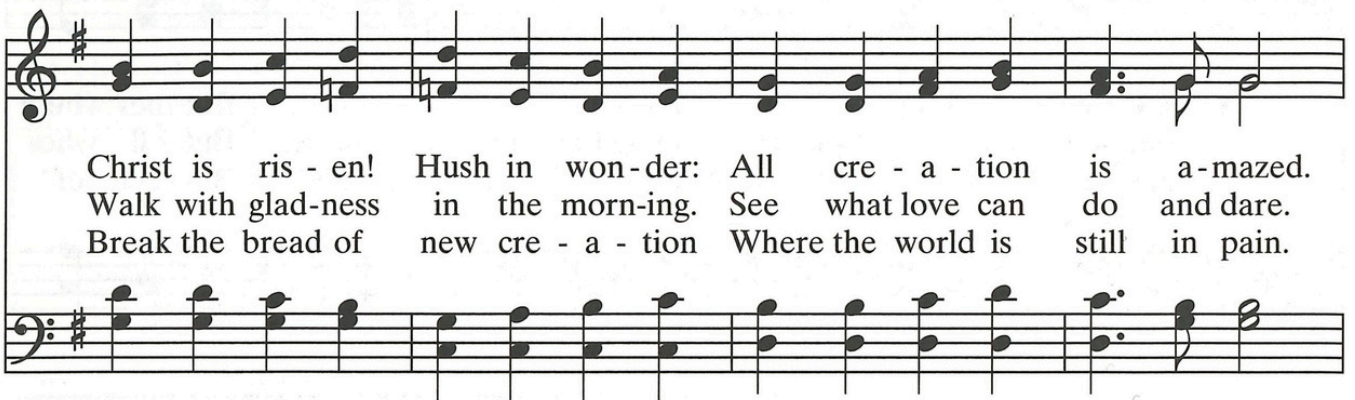
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

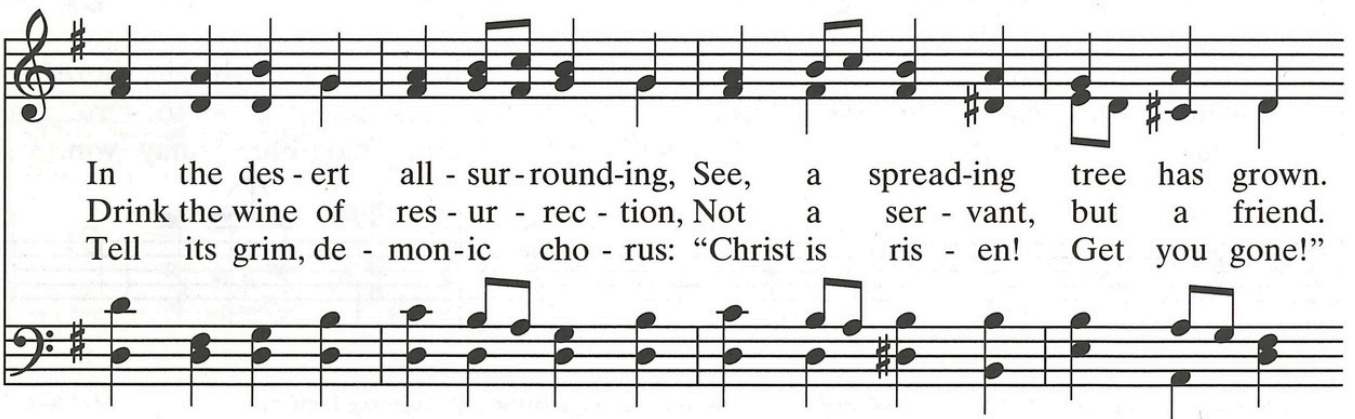
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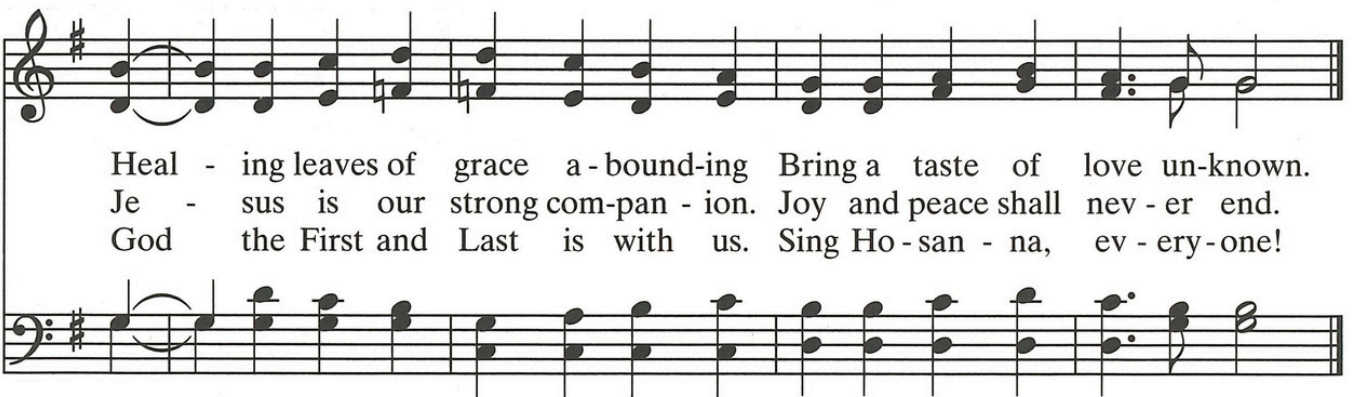
1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of de - spair.
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!

Open Our Eyes

Refrain

Capo 1
 Eb2(D2) Gm(F#m) Ab(G) Fm7(Em7) Bb(A)
 Come and bring light to a peo - ple in dark - ness.

Eb2(D2) Gm(F#m) Ab(G) Bb(A)
 Come set us free from the chains we have made.

Ab(G) Eb/G(D/F#) Db(C) Fm7(Em7) Bb(A)
 We are your peo - ple, the flock that you tend. Lord,

Eb(D) Db(C) Bbm7(Am7) Eb2(D2) Eb(D)
 o - pen our eyes once a - gain.

To stanzas; final time to Coda

Gm/D(F#m/C#) Cm(Bm) Gm/Bb(F#m/A) Ab(G) Gm(F#m)
 1 To the ones bro - ken - heart - ed:
 3 When a col - or di - vides us:
 4 To those full of life's sor - row:

Fm(Em) Gm(F#m) Ab(G) Bb(A)
 To the plight of the poor:
 When the dark - ness sur - rounds us:
 To the needs of the low - ly:

Ab(G) Eb/G(D/F#) Gb2(F2) Cbmaj9(Bbmaj9)
 To the in - no - cent chil - dren:
 When we choose to look else - where:
 To the ones who seek peace:—

Db(C) Abm/Cb(Gm/Bb) Ab/Bb(G/A) Bb(A) Refrain
 Teach us com - pas - sion and love.

Coda

Abmaj7(Gmaj7) Db(C) Bbm7(Am7) Eb2(D2) Eb(1)
 O - pen our eyes once a - gain.

Announcements

Congregational Life

Fraud Prevention Seminar - Today!

After worship today, our church Financial Secretary Brian Bouvier is hosting a seminar to help arm you against some of the most common forms of fraud we face daily. Join us at 11:00 a.m. in the Carriage House, as he talks about A.I./deepfake scams, data breach scams, how to protect yourself, and what to do if you fall victim. Questions? Contact Brian (brianbouvier57@gmail.com).

May Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone in our church family who is celebrating a birthday this month! Please wish them a happy birthday in person at church or send them birthday wishes by text, email, or a card in the mail. Join us after worship today for cake in Fellowship Hall to celebrate our May birthdays.

May 3 Kristen Loftus	May 16 Lisa Scolari
May 4 Alex Engheta	May 20 Barbara McConnell
May 4 Graham Hillier	May 21 Judy Millette
May 8 Christa Fisher	May 22 Dan Lortz
May 9 Rev. Ridgley Beckett	May 27 Ashlee Oliver
May 10 Lynne Brown	May 28 Barbara Hicks
May 13 Marianne McClennan	May 29 Lee Holt
May 13 Nancy Higgins	May 29 Jewel Owusu-Ntow
	May 31 Nancy Davis

Annual Progressive Dinner - Saturday, May 18

RSVP by May 8!

There's one week left to sign up for the fun at St. John's Annual Progressive Dinner. All are warmly invited to this beloved occasion of shared meals, lively fellowship, and meaningful connection. Enjoy a relaxed evening as we travel from home to home, savoring great food, gracious hospitality and the simple joy of being together. Whether you come on your own or as a pair, this gathering is designed to forge new and deeper friendships.

5:30-7:15 p.m. — Appetizer & Cocktail Reception
(home of Lisa and Steve Scolari)

7:30-9:30 p.m. — Dinner & Dessert

RSVP by Friday, May 8 using the link in the weekly email. If you cannot access the online form, please contact Wanda Odom (wmodom@verizon.net) for details.

Congregational Life (cont.)

St. John's Guitar Club

The next gathering of our new Guitar Club will be this Wednesday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. Whether you are a beginner, an experienced player, or are just curious, this is open to all levels of ability. We just want to have fun, play together, and learn from each other. For questions, contact Brian Bouvier or John Senior.

Horse Show Parking is Coming!

It is that time of the year again! From Wednesday, May 20 through Saturday, May 30, we will be parking cars on the church grounds from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. You can sign up to volunteer for shifts on our website or at coffee time after worship. **We are also still in need of a Day Leader for Friday May 22. Day Leaders do not have to be here all day.** If you are interested in being a Day Leader, please email Pastor Ridgley.

Children & Youth

Scan the QR code to subscribe to
our Children & Youth Newsletter:



Summer Trips Parents Meeting

Those who are registered to attend Massanetta and Montreat Youth Conferences this summer are invited to join us for our final parent meeting on Monday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. This meeting will be recorded for those who are unable to join us.

Vacation Bible School 2026

OPERATION RESTORATION: Mending God's World

Join us August 3-7 from 9 a.m. to Noon at St. Luke Lutheran Church in Devon for VBS! We will gather for music, Bible study, games, crafts, and FUN. Registration for students and volunteers is open now. You can register through May 30 using the link in the weekly email through. We are 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. For more information, contact Pastor Ridgley.

Service

Coffee Drive for Great Valley Food Cupboard

We are accepting ground coffee or Keurig cups (decaf and caffeinated) for the Great Valley Food Cupboard. A collection box will be in Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Care

A memorial service for **Vangie Jaggard** will be held at St. John's on Friday, May 15 at Noon. There will be a reception in the Carriage House following the service.

Giving

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

During the season of Easter, we are receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This offering benefits Presbyterian ministries working to end hunger and poverty, provide assistance after disaster strikes, nurture sustainable community development, and come alongside immigrants, migrants, and refugees.

You can give using the envelopes by the offering plates, or by scanning this QR code and selecting, "One Great Hour of Sharing" from the dropdown menu. To learn more, visit www.pcusa.org/oghs



Financial Update

An update for the month of April will be available soon.

Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

Save the Date

May 16 Annual Progressive Dinner

May 17 Pop-Up Sunday School - We Believe

May 20-30 Devon Horse Show Parking Fundraiser

June 14 Strawberry Festival

This Week in the Church Office

Please note that Pastor Ridgley will be out of the office on Continuing Education this week.

Any announcements for next week's bulletin or email must be sent to Annie 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, please call 484-604-0499

Faith Formation

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

The Sunday group meets at 8:15 a.m. in the Carriage House (except the first Sunday of each month). They are currently working through a 5-week series titled "Shall We Long Endure," based on a sermon series from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. They listen to the sermons at the beginning of each class, followed by discussion. You can also listen to the sermons on the FAPC website at fapc.org. Contact Nancy Wolfe (nj.wolfe@verizon.net) for more information.

The Monday group will meet at 10:00 a.m., both in person and on Zoom. This week they are beginning a new book: "From Daughters to Disciples: Women's Stories from the New Testament" by Lynn Japinga. Copies are available in the church office. Contact Nancy Arico (nancy.arico@verizon.net) for more information.

Men's Group

This Wednesday, May 6 at 7 a.m. in the Carriage House. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

Pop-Up Sunday School - We Believe - May 17

Youth and Adults are invited to join us in the Carriage House after worship at 11:00 a.m. to discuss what we believe! This year our Confirmands have charged the congregation to do what they've been working on for the past year but especially in the past month—what is it that you believe? About God? About the Holy Spirit? About Jesus? There are worksheets to guide you in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (these will also be in the weekly email every week!) Please come having worked through these worksheets and a rough draft of your statement of faith so we can share together what we believe as an intergenerational church family!

April Pop-Up Sunday School Recording

We recorded last week's class on "Faith, the Brain, and Mental Wellbeing" for those who could not make it. Please email Pastor Ridgley to get the link.

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, May 3 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:15 am Women's Book Group (Carriage House)
8:15 am Deacons' Meeting (Kean Room)
9:30 am Worship (Communion) & Sunday School
11:00 am Fraud Prevention Workshop (Carriage House)

Monday, May 4

10:00 am Women's Book Group (Kean Room)

Tuesday, May 5

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, May 6

7:00 am Men's Group (Carriage House)

Thursday, May 7

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)
6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Saturday, May 9

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 10

8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)
8:15 am Women's Book Group (Carriage House)
9:30 am Worship & Sunday School
11:00 am Fraud Prevention Seminar (Carriage House)

St. John's Mission Statement

Reflecting God's unconditional love to all!

Core Values

Faith

We seek to grow in our faith and to recognize God's presence in our lives through scripture, worship, music, fellowship, study, and prayer.

Love

All people are welcome here. We are a caring, inclusive, intergenerational community, following Jesus Christ's example to love everyone, to be with one another in difficult times, and to share in each other's joys.

Service

We are passionate about helping those in need within our church family, in our local communities, across the country, and throughout the world. Led by the Holy Spirit, we are generous with our time, talents, and resources to bring hope to others in tangible, transformative ways.

Vision Statement

A spiritual home for the community where...

- everyone is welcomed with open hearts, showing each other grace in a complicated world
- people find belonging as they are known, valued, and loved
- together, we grow in our knowledge and love of God
- Jesus inspires us to serve others with compassion

