



May 10, 2026

Sixth 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 Sixth 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 "Easter Hymn" *arr. Marlott*

Answering God's Call to Worship

One: One last time in this season of Easter, we celebrate the good news:

All: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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!

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of new life!

^ Hymn "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

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

**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,
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.**

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 16:1-8

Lynne Hay

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

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

Bach

Sermon

"Rewriting the Ending"

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

"Hymn of Promise"

^ Benediction

^ Postlude

"Menuetto Grazioso"

Reicha

Enriching Our Worship of God

Music Director

Janet Kaido

Greeter

Chrissy Bouvier

Coffee Servers

Sandy Forbes, Jeanne Thompson

The Devon Brass

Jeff Estabrook, Frank Mercurio, Paul Steege

Flowers

Given in honor of Mother's Day and all of the women in our lives who reflect the mothering love of God to us.

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

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!

240 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name. *Fine*

E C#m F#m B E

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
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E C#m F#m B *to Refrain*

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
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Hymn of Promise

Unison

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
 2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
 3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin - i - ty;



in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!
 there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.



In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
 In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.



Announcements

Congregational Life

Annual Progressive Dinner - Saturday, May 16

Our annual Progressive Dinner takes place this Saturday! If you have already signed up, we will start with the Appetizer & Cocktail Reception at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Steve & Lisa Scolari (739 Clovelly Lane, Devon). At 7:30 p.m. we will depart for dinner and dessert at our various host homes. If you have questions, please contact Wanda Odom (wmodom@verizon.net) for details.

Horse Show Parking

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.

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 20 Barbara McConnell
May 4 Alex Engheta	May 21 Judy Milieto
May 4 Graham Hillier	May 22 Dan Lortz
May 8 Christa Fisher	May 23 Betsy Friend
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 16 Lisa Scolari	May 31 Nancy Davis

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.

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.

Congregational Care

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

Mimi Wright is recovering from surgery for a broken hip after a fall last Sunday. Cards can be sent to:

Mimi Wright
1345 Argyle Road
Berwyn, PA 19312

Around the Church...

Handicap Ramp Update

The handicap ramp leading to the sanctuary is almost finished, and it looks better than ever! Special thanks to Joe Arico, John Griffin, Jim Ryland, John Adams, Mark Ntow, and Matt Crill for their hard work in getting this done. And because we did it in-house rather than hiring it out, it saved the church around \$20,000! Be sure to thank them when you see them!

Faith Formation

Pop-Up Sunday School - We Believe - May 17

Each year the confirmation students write faith statements outlining what they believe at this point in their faith journey. This year they have challenged the congregation to do the same! Youth and adults are invited to join after worship next Sunday to discuss what we believe. What do you believe about God? The Holy Spirit? Jesus? There are worksheets to guide you in the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall (and in the weekly email). Please come having worked through the worksheet and bring a rough draft of your faith statement so we can share what we believe with each other.

Women's Book Study – 2 Opportunities

Sundays at 8:15 a.m. in the Carriage House (except the first Sunday of each month). They are working through a 5-week series titled "Shall We Long Endure," based on a sermon series from Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York. 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.

Mondays at 10:00 a.m., in the Kean Room and on Zoom. They are reading, "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

Wednesday, May 20 at 7 a.m. in the Carriage House. Contact Pastor Patrick to get more information.

Looking Ahead...

Sunday, June 7 - In worship we will celebrate the Lord's Supper and commission the Middle and High School youth who will be going to Massanetta and Montreat this summer.

Sunday, June 14 - We will be celebrating our graduates and giving thanks for our Sunday School teachers in worship. After worship is our annual Strawberry Festival!

Giving

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

This is the last week that 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

As of April 30, year-to-date operating income from all sources totaled \$304,511, above budget by \$77,146, due largely to some people already giving their full pledges for the year. That always slightly inflates the financial picture in these first few months, but will average out over the course of the year.

Expenses year-to-date are \$253,872, under budget by \$1,628.

Income minus Expenses yielded a surplus of \$50,639. Thank you for all the ways that you make the life and ministry of our church family possible!

This Week in the Church Office

Pastor Patrick will be out of the office all day on Tuesday for a Presbytery meeting.

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

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This Week at St. John's

Scan this QR Code for the complete church calendar:



Sunday, May 10 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:15 am Trustees Meeting (Kean Room)

8:15 am Women's Book Group (Carriage House)

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

Monday, May 11

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

Tuesday, May 12

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday, May 14

5:00 pm Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

6:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)

7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Friday, May 15

Noon Vangie Jaggard Memorial Service

1:00 Reception in Carriage House

Saturday, May 16

9:00 am Exercise Class (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 17 - Ascension of the Lord Sunday

8:15 am Women's Book Group (Carriage House)

9:30 am Worship & Sunday School

11:00 am Pop-Up Sunday School - We Believe (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

