

Order Of Worship  
 St. John's United Church Of Christ  
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446  
 10:15 AM – May 20, 2018 – **Pentecost Sunday**

**We Gather For Worship**

**“Spirit for All”  
 Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday**

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude on *God, When I Came into This Life* (Hymn #354) - Gerald Near

INTROIT Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary - Thompson and Scruggs  
 United Voices

\*OPENING HYMN Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us.....#267

\*REFLECTION ON THEME

\*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Gracious God ~ How good it is to know that we are loved by you! What we tend to forget is that “so are they.” How good it is to know that you have poured out your Holy Spirit upon us! What we fail to recognize is that your Spirit is not just for us, but for all people. Forgive us, O God, for thinking we are more special, more important or more deserving than those around us. Fill us with both humility and grace so that your life-giving Spirit might be evident in all we do. May it be our deep desire to lead lives overflowing with your steadfast love, your mercy and your compassion. This we pray in Jesus’ Name. AMEN

\*WE ASK FOR MERCY

Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
 Christ have mercy, have mercy on us.

\*WE RECEIVE GOD’S GIFT OF GRACE

\*WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND THANKS

Amen, we praise your name, O God.  
 Amen, we praise your name, O God.  
 Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
 Amen, we praise your name, O God.

**This Week At St. John’s**

If you would like more information please contact the church office 215.855.5489 or [office@st-johns-ucc.org](mailto:office@st-johns-ucc.org)

May	20	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Confirmation, Communion, Strengthen the Church Offering, Fairly Traded Coffee Sales
May	21	Mon	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Girl Scouts Prayer Group
May	22	Tue	12:00 PM 1:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	AGO Tuesday Noon Organ Recital – Young Shim Quilters Brownies/Girl Scouts AA
May	23	Wed		
May	24	Thu	7:00 AM 11:00 AM 6:15 PM 7:30 PM	Prayer Walk Enlightener Folding United Ringers Chancel Choir Rehearsal
May	25	Fri	6:00 PM 8:30 PM	Chess Club AA
May	26	Sat	10:00 AM	The Art of Living
May	27	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary

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 website at <http://www.st-johns-ucc.org>  
 Susan C. Bertolette, D. Min., Senior Pastor  
 Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div., Associate Pastor  
 Lisa Delp, Church Administrator  
 David L. Furniss, M.S.M., Minister Of Music  
 Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children and Youth  
 Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Bill Bergey, Custodian  
 Marge Jewell, Council President

**May 20, 2018**

A nursery for children kindergarten age and younger is available. While children are always welcome in worship, this is available for your convenience if they become restless.

Junior Church is available following the children's message for children 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents may pick up children downstairs following the 10:15 service.

If you would benefit from having the worship bulletins or hymns in large print, please see one of our ushers.

Please ask an usher for an audio device if you are having difficulty hearing the service.

CD's of this morning's service are available by contacting the church office.

*Reminder: The wheelchairs, first aid kit and the automatic external defibrillator (AED) are stored in the "First Aid Closet" in the narthex (the door is clearly labeled).*

### **Worship Assistants**

**Ushers:** Team Leaders, Nancy Roberts & Roger Atkin, Brian Hutchinson, Judy & Alan Johnston, Ginny Wilkinson, and Herb & Marilyn Nannen

**CD Technician:** Bob George

**Driver:** Scott Vanderburg

**Greeters:** Judy Neidhardt and Jean Wietecha

**Elder of the Morning:** Jo-Ann Sine

**Acolytes:** Aidan Gage and Connor Sivco

**Junior Church:** NO Jr. Church

**Chancel Flower Ministry:** Wendy & Rick O'Connor

**Nursery Staff:** Charlene & Paul Herrick

**Social Hosts:** Confirmation/Educators

**Kitchen Monitors:** Scott Vanderburg

**Umbrella Ministry:** Marcia Stacy

**United Adult Class:** Teachers – Steve Butz, "Alive in Love", Acts 2:1-21; John 15:26, 16:15

### **Chancel Flowers**

In memory of Anne Carolus from Dick, Mary Sue & Betsy Anne

In memory of Paul and Betty Fehnel from their son, Robert, and Jean Fehnel

In memory of Willoughby Moyer and loved ones from Jackie Hunsberger and Grace Moyer

In memory of Paul H. "Buck" Bergey's May 23rd birthday from his daughter, Melody

### **We Listen For God's Word**

SCRIPTURE Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.  
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.  
And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div.

### 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

ANTHEM Come Down, Lord - Stan Pethel  
Chancel Choir

HYMN God, When I Came into This Life.....#354, Stanzas 1, 2, 3  
SERMON "A Breath of Fresh Air"  
Susan C. Bertollette, D. Min.; Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div.  
HYMN God, When I Came into This Life.....#354, Stanzas 1, 4, 5  
SILENCE

**We Respond in Faith**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit,  
God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God,  
and to your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being,  
create persons in your own image,  
and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by your righteous will  
declared through prophets and apostles.  
In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,  
you have come to us  
and shared our common lot,  
conquering sin and death  
and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit,  
creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,  
binding in covenant faithful people of all ages,  
tongues, and races.

You call us into your church  
to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be your servants in the service of others,  
to proclaim the gospel to all the world  
and resist the powers of evil,  
to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table,  
to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you  
forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,  
courage in the struggle for justice and peace,  
your presence in trial and rejoicing,  
and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

**JOYS, CONCERNS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**WE HAND OVER TO GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**  
Peace, I am, Peace I am,  
Quiet, calm, steady, sure, Peace I am.

**INVITATION TO SHARE**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** The Fruits of the Spirit - Natalie Sleeth  
United Voices

**\*WE OFFER UP OUR GIFTS**

Praise God, the Giver and the Gift. Hands, hearts and voices now uplift:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Breath of Glad Surprise, Freeing our spirits, opening eyes:  
Three in Oneness, love communing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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***Rite Of Confirmation***

**Confirmation Class Members**

Alexander George Ace  
Jessica Elizabeth Ace  
Emily Patricia Kelsey Donahue  
Anna Jane Evans/Krail  
Aidan John Gage  
Darcy Milena Reese  
Connor John Sivco

**Confirmation Class Statement of Faith 2017 (see insert)**

**LAYING ON OF HANDS**

**Sacrament Of Holy Communion**

**INVITATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION PRAYER**

**CONFIRMANDS COMMUNE**

**CONGREGATION COMMUNES** (Wine outer circle, grape juice inner circles, gluten free bread will be offered)

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

\* HYMN I Come with Joy.....#349

**\* COMMISSION & BEDICTION**

**RECEIVING LINE FOR CONFIRMANDS AND FELLOWSHIP IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL**

\*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

## Confirmation Class of 2018 Statements of Faith

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- ~Gives second chances.
- ~Created us for a purpose and wants us to experience everything we can in the world.
- ~Made each of us to be different from each other.
- ~Gives us meaning and is there when we need him, even if we don't know we need him.
- ~Is with us through thick and thin.
- ~Is all knowing, powerful, and caring.
- ~Calls us, and all people, to be loving and caring and faithful.
- ~Is the very essence of all things and the only one who is truly in control.

### **We have faith in Jesus! We believe that Jesus...**

- ~Is the way that God reaches us.
- ~Is the heart of all things.
- ~Died on the cross to save us.
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- ~Is represented as strength, power, and love.
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- ~Is a group of people believing in and celebrating God.
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- ~Is a group of people that we can turn to when we need help, like a second family.
- ~Is more than the building. We can pray and believe in God outside of these walls!
- ~Travels with us. We do not just GO to church, we ARE the church.

We are excited to be joining the church! To us, this means that we will be able to help more people in our community and connect to more people on a spiritual level. Today we will confirm that we believe in God, want to grow closer to him, and are eager to be a trustworthy member of this faith community. Becoming a member of the church means that we belong at St. John's. We have faith in US! We pray that you will have faith in us, too.

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