

Order Of Worship
 St. John's United Church Of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – July 29, 2018

We Gather For Worship
“God’s Abundant Presence”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Carillon - Theodore Dubois

*OPENING HYMN Enter, Rejoice, and Come In.....#73

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Generous God, your giving knows no limits, but we confess that, all too often, we don't follow your lead, but choose keep our own hands, hearts, and minds firmly closed. Forgive us for the times when our own wants and needs take center stage and push aside those of our neighbors. Forgive us for moments when the fear that sharing what we have will leave us with nothing. Forgive us for situations where we see only the problem rather than daring to dream about the solution. Help us to transcend self-centeredness, greed, and fear and to always to feel, think, and act as those who know the hope that is rooted in and inspired by your abundant generosity. Amen.

*WE ASK FOR MERCY

God, tender and just, forgive our sins; forgive our sins.

*WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE

*WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND THANKS

Hymn #28, Stanza 4

For the good that love inspires, for a world where none exclude,
 For a faith that never tires, and for every heart renewed,
 God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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

July	29	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Morning Worship, Sanctuary United Adult Class Morning Worship, Sanctuary Prayer Shawl Sunday
July	30	Mon		
July	31	Tue	7:30 PM	AA
Aug	1	Wed	6:00 PM	Eagle Scout Board of Review
Aug	2	Thu	7:00 PM	Art of Living
Aug	3	Fri	6:00 PM 8:30 PM	Chess Club AA
Aug	4	Sat	10:00 AM	Art of Living
Aug	5	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Morning Worship, Sanctuary United Adult Class Morning Worship, Sanctuary

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 Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Bill Bergey, Custodian
 Marge Jewell, Council President

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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 1st through 4th 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 and first aid kit are stored in the "First Aid Closet" in the narthex (the door is clearly labeled). **The automatic external defibrillator (AED) is located in the church Library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary.***

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: Barbara Kirk and Cliff Kneipp

Elder of the Morning: Sumiko Booraem

Acolytes: Debra Fitzgerald and Rev. Patti Thomas

Junior Church: Amy Hutchinson

Chancel Flower Ministry: Lillian & Dan Panachyda

Nursery Staff: Amy Faga and Gretchen Reese

Social Hosts: Ted Kasander and sons

Kitchen Monitors: Jessica Rice & Matt Carson

Umbrella Ministry: Sally Jarinko

United Adult Class: Teachers – Tom Collipp, "Into the Land of Faith", John 6:1-21

Chancel Flowers

In memory of her mother Emma K. Jenkinson's July 31st birthday and C. Webster's Haag's August 1st birthday from Joan Haag Beiter

In memory of Marian Schafer's August 2nd birthday, from her husband, Dave Schafer

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Psalm 145:10-18 (Pg. 555) Liturgist – Janet Morton

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

SOLO Save the People, from *Godspell* - Stephen Schwartz
Allison Deratzian, Soloist

SERMON "Underestimated"
Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div.

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer.....#18

JOYS, CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE HAND OVER TO GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS #775

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of God's hand.

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY How Can I Keep from Singing? Robert Lowry, arr. Brent Yorgason
Allison Deratzian, Soloist

*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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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN You Are Called to Tell the Story.....#357

* COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the Assembly Hall, the room below the sanctuary. All Are Welcome!!!

Weekly amount needed for Current Income	\$7,563.00
Weekly amount needed for OCWM	\$879.00
A Look at the Week of July 15, 2018	
Attendance 8:00 AM	49
Attendance 10:15 AM	130
Offering For Current Income	\$7,294.03
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$474.00
A Look at the Week of July 22, 2018	
Attendance 8:00 AM	50
Attendance 10:15 AM	130
Offering For Current Income	\$5,995.68
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$795.00

Keep Those Post Cards Coming!

It has been great fun reading the post cards sent by St. John's members from near and far away places. Check out the bulletin board in the sanctuary and see where we are BEING the church.

Summer Communion

Summer communion will be held on Sunday morning, August 12th, during both worship services.