Order Of Worship
St. John's United Church Of Christ
500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
10:15 AM – October 21, 2018

We Gather For Worship

"Great Service"

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prayer - Léon Boëllmann

INTROIT Sanctuary
United Voices

*OPENING HYMN Children of God.....#533

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS
Gracious God ~ We know that your Son Jesus came to this earth not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life so that we might have life. All of this sounds really good until we realize that as his followers, we have been called to do the same. Serving is not easy, and often involves making sacrifices, being inconvenienced, or helping those we have difficulty loving and understanding. Forgive us for those times when we have taken the easy way out: when we have avoided stepping up and reaching toward those who were struggling, or when we have wanted to claim the places of honor rather than doing the hard work of living in ways that honor you. Grant us a deep desire to emulate your Son and in so doing, to be givers of life and hope to those we encounter along the way. This we pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN

*WE ASK FOR MERCY Sung responsively
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!

*WE RECEIVE GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE

*WE OFFER OUR PRAISE AND THANKS Sung responsively
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever!
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

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

Oct	21	Sun		**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
			8:00 AM	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
			9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
			10:15 AM	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
				New Member Sunday, Card Sales, Fairly Traded Coffee Sales
				Nominating Committee Meeting following Worship
			1:00 PM	CROP Walk
			6:00 PM	Philadelphia Korean Senior Choir Concert
Oct	22	Mon	7:00 PM	Prayer Group
Oct	23	Tue	1:30 PM	Quilters
			7:00 PM	Brownies/Girl Scouts
			7:30 PM	AA
Oct	24	Wed	5:30 PM	United Voices
			6:00 PM	Children's Choir
			7:30 PM	Bible Study
Oct	25	Thu	7:00 AM	Prayer Walk
			11:00 AM	Enlightener Folding
			6:15 PM	United Ringers
			7:00 PM	Yoga
			7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Oct	26	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess
			8:30 PM	AA
Oct	27	Sat	10:00 AM	Art of Living
Oct	28	Sun		**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
			8:00 AM	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
			9:00 AM	Sunday School for all ages
			10:15 AM	Morning Worship, Sanctuary
			12:00 PM	AGM Meeting, Library
			4:00 PM	Artist Series Concert, Joshua Stafford, Organist

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 21, 2018 Mark 10:35-45

Great Service

Children's Sabbath/Laity Sunday

Much that concerns many churches in mainstream Protestant denominations are these questions: How do we grow? How do we add people in the pews? How do we survive? Trying to answer these questions often leads to reminiscing about when the sanctuary was full or there were 30 confirmands, or the pastor stayed for 30 years in the same church. Back in those days, there wasn't much a church needed to do except have a personable pastor, probably a young man with a wife and two darling toddlers. It was a time when youth had less to draw down their time and fewer places for fellowship. So-called Blue Laws prohibiting many businesses from being open on Sundays thus carving out a space in people's lives for Sunday worship. You didn't have to worry much about what it meant to be church. Church was a part of the world. Today, all that is different. There is so much else to do Sunday mornings, and ways to believe in this world, and pastors don't stay more than 5-7 years anymore. What is a church to do?

In today's scripture, Jesus talks about service. He says the measure of being great is being a servant to all. He says, "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (NRSV) In John's Gospel, Jesus says, "If you love me, feed my sheep." Perhaps it's time for us to stop thinking what the world should do for us, but what we should do for the world. Perhaps our worry is not how to grow, but how to serve. That's the whole reason for our "Three Great Loves" campaign. (Participate in the UCC's Child or Elder Sponsorship Program. Keep your neighbors in your prayers. Organize a neighborhood clean-up. Volunteer to serve a community meal. Help a young person learn something new.) *Love of Children. Love of Neighbor. And, Love of God's Creation.*

You can show your commitment to Three Great Loves on a button, a magnet. Display a poster or spread the word by giving away pens. There are many ways to have that message out there, but the one that might be the most biblical response is to pick two or three and do them. Perhaps the church is not a place to simply receive and welcome, but to put people to work. If you are serving others in any way, do not hide your light under a bushel, let the rest of the churches know. Go to *ucc.org* and tell your story.

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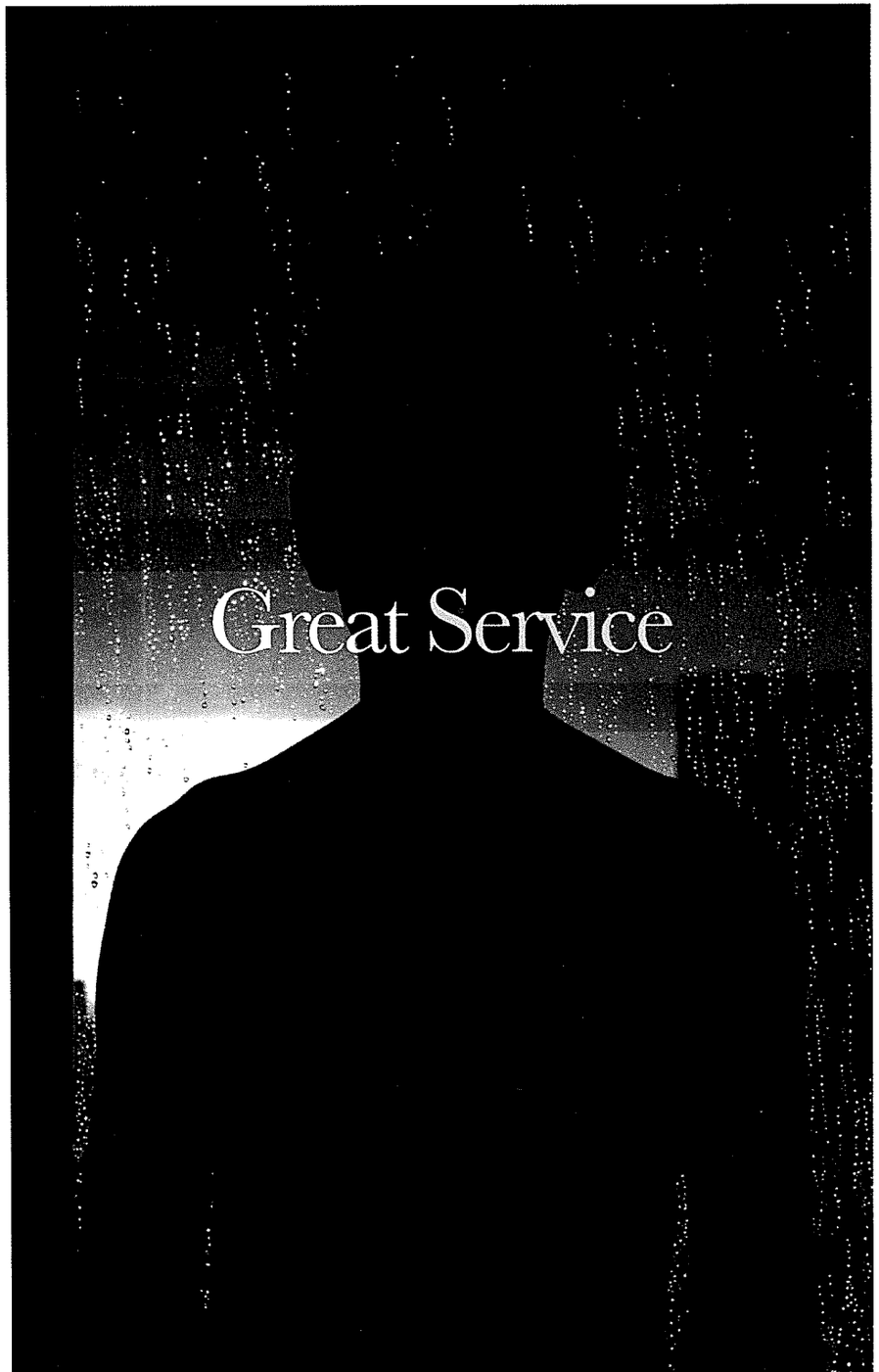

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Psalm 91:9-16 (Pg. 527)

Mark 10:35-45
James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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 O Come, Ye Servants of the Lord - Christopher Tye
Chancel Choir

SERMON "The Lost Art of Serving"
Susan C. Bertolette, D. Min.

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN Standing at the Future's Threshold.....#538 (Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN)

JOYS, CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE HAND OVER TO GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS O Lord, Hear My Prayer
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

INVITATION TO SHARE Kathleen Siddall

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Savior God Above - Duke Ellington
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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*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN Take My Gifts.....#562

* COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

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

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. Recent sermons can be heard on the Audio-Sermons page of our website http://st-johns-ucc.org/podcast-audio

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 Leader Jim Lederach; Mary Billy, Griff Francis, Jenn Moyer, Kelly Bresadola, Joe Slover, Ethan Moyer, and Steve Bossert
CD Technician: Bob George
Driver: Scott Vanderberg
Greeters: Linda & Leroy Horst
Elder of the Morning: Judy Leslie
Acolytes: Open
Junior Church: Rev. Patti Thomas
Chancel Flower Ministry: Open
Nursery Staff: Pam and Jessica Ace
Social Hosts: Gerry Reinhardt
Kitchen Monitors: Aly Faga
Umbrella Ministry: Nancy Robert
United Adult Class: Teacher – Steve Butz, "A New Way", Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

Chancel Flowers

In memory of parents from Mr. Roger Wardlow

RECEPTION INTO MEMBERSHIP FOR: David Douglass sponsored by Herb & Marilyn Nannen, **Bevery & Wayne Fink** sponsored by Ellen Allen, **Warren & Christine Johnson** sponsored by Bob & Sandy Taylor, **Dorene Rice** sponsored by Donald Gibson, **Kathleen Stanzian** sponsored by Chriss Bodde.

Pastor: Do you, by this act of joining the church, profess your desire to live out your faith as a member of this congregation, ever seeking to better reflect the image of God in your daily life and ever desiring to more fully understand and embody the teachings of Jesus Christ, whom we are called to love and serve?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, with God's help and grace, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of St. John's United Church of Christ, taking to heart the commitment you are making today before God and the members of this faith community?

New Members: I do.

Pastor: Let us say what we believe.
We are not alone, we live in God's world.

All: 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 in 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. (A New Creed, the United Church of Canada, 1980)

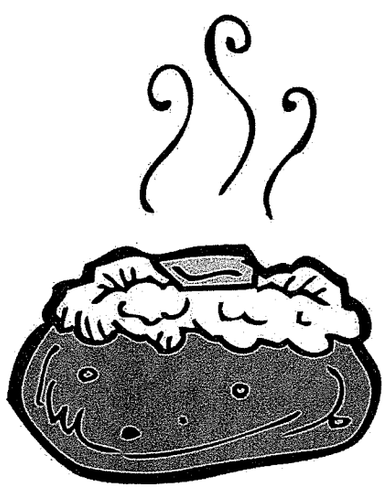
Pastor: Members of St. John's, let us express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Weekly amount needed for Current Income	$7,563.00
Weekly amount needed for OCWM	$879.00
A Look at the Week of October 7, 2018	
Attendance 8:00 AM	63
Attendance 10:15 AM	133
Offering For Current Income	$7,763.80
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	$839.00
A Look at the Week of October 14, 2018	
Attendance 8:00 AM	54
Attendance 10:15 AM	148
Offering For Current Income	$10,331.01
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	$1,082.00

Calendar Sponsors Needed

It is that time of year again when we begin piecing together St. John's 2019 Calendar, which will include, as usual, a wonderful assortment of photos highlighting St. John's members and activities. To help defray the cost of having the calendar printed, we invite individuals, families and businesses to sponsor each month of the year. If you would like to sponsor a month in honor or in memory of someone special, please call the Church Office and speak with Lisa Delp. The cost to sponsor a month is $100. Call soon because the months get claimed quickly!



If you are looking forward to today's Congregational Dinner, you'll love the **SPUD LUNCH** on **November 11th** during fellowship time following the 10:15 worship service!

A free-will offering will be collected to raise funds for the National Youth Event in July 2020 at Purdue University!

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Pension Board Campaign

Early in 2018, The Pension Board of the United Church of Christ challenged PSEC to make a $50,000 contribution to The United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (UCBMA) Campaign.

For more than a century, The United Church Board for Ministerial Assistance (UCBMA), the charitable arm of The Pension Boards-United Church of Christ (PBUCC), has provided financial assistance to clergy and lay church workers. In recent years, UCBMA introduced leadership development programs for clergy to be effective in today's rapidly changing world of ministry.

Members of our Conference are direct beneficiaries of UCBMA's work.

- Only seven percent (7%) of our clergy are younger than 40 but four of those participate in the Next Generation Leadership Initiative Program;
- three pastors have benefited from the mid-career CREDO program.
- in 2017, more than $60,000 in Ministerial Assistance Grants went to individuals in Pennsylvania Southeast.
- The need will increase dramatically over the next several years as half of all our authorized ministers are now 60 years or older. Soon, there will be more retired than active authorized ministers in our Conference.

This shift persuaded delegates of the PSEC 2018 Annual Spring Conference Meeting to join other UCC partners in a $20,000,000 Pension Board Campaign to do several things:

- Meet financial assistance needs for 14,412 retirees by 2027
- Fund 150 new Next Generation Leadership Initiative participants
- 1,000 participants in the CREDO wellness program
- 240 clergy receive personal financial management training, and 500 receive assistance with seminary debt reduction

(You can find additional information about the UCBMA's campaign here: https://pbucc.org/index.php/capital-campaign.)