

Order Of Worship
 St. John's United Church Of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – March 24, 2019

We Gather For Worship
“Open Invitation”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude on Surely No One Can Be Safer - Mark Sedio

INTROIT “Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said

*OPENING HYMN God Loved the World.....#208

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

God, we live in a world that is hungry for love, for genuine connection, and for hope. We are a people thirsty for peace, for contentment, and for deep joy. In an effort to satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst, however, we so often turn to the wrong sources. We fill up on empty things that might temporarily meet our immediate needs, but ultimately spoil our appetite for the nourishment that comes from a life lived with and for You. In the times when we hunger most, feed us with Your unconditional love. When we cry out, thirsty and in need, hear our prayers and remind us that You are the one from whom all blessings flow and true and everlasting satisfaction comes. All of these things we pray in Christ's name. 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 Bless God, O My Soul (#549)

Bless God, O my soul! All within me bless God's name!
 Bless God, who was, and is, and shall ever be the same!

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

Mar	24	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 4:00 PM	Third Sunday of Lent Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Soup Sale Elijah Rehearsal
Mar	25	Mon	7:00 PM	Prayer Group
Mar	26	Tue	1:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Quilters Brownies/Girl Scouts AA
Mar	27	Wed	12:00 PM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Communion Communion United Voices Children's Choir
Mar	28	Thu	7:00 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Prayer Walk United Ringers Yoga Chancel Choir
Mar	29	Fri	6:00 PM 8:30 PM	Chess AA
Mar	30	Sat	10:00 AM	Art of Living
Mar	31	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 4:00 PM	Fourth Sunday of Lent One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for All Ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary New Member Informational Gathering Artist Series Concert – Levente Kuzma, Concert Organist

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 our website at <http://www.st-johns-ucc.org>
 Susan C. Bertolette, D. Min., Senior Pastor
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 Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children and Youth
 Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Bill Bergey, Custodian
 Pricilla Ponist, 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. 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 Leaders, Nancy Roberts & Roger Atkin, Brian Hutchinson, Judy & Alan Johnston, Ginny Wilkinson, and Herb & Marilyn Nannen

CD Technician: David Douglass

Driver: Bob George

Greeters: Sally & Don Atkiss

Elder of the Morning: Deborah Dayton

Acolytes: Christopher and Andrew DiPlacido

Junior Church: Kim Sands

Chancel Flower Ministry: Gale Linderman

Nursery Staff: Charlene & Paul Herrick

Social Hosts: Deb & Steve Hendricks

Kitchen Monitor: Steve Bossert

Umbrella Ministry: Patti Thomas

United Adult Class: Teacher – Gayle George, "Fed by the Glory," Isaiah 55:1-9

Chancel Flowers

In memory of parents, Gerald and Edith Linderman, on their March 26th wedding anniversary, and in memory of his brother, Mark, from Gerry & Grace Linderman

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Umstead and Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Gehman from Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Umstead

In memory of Lester Long from Rachel and Family

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Luke 13:1-9 (Pg. 70)

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Sue Bertolette

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 Lord, Bow Thine Ear from *Elijah* - Felix Mendelssohn
Chancel Choir; Allison Deratzian and Kathleen Siddall, Soloists

SERMON "Hungry Hearts"
Rev. Addie Stong

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN Surely No One Can Be Safer.....#487

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

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Allemande - J. S. Bach

*WE OFFER UP OUR GIFTS Were the Whole Realm (#224, stanza 4)
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

* HYMN There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.....#23

* 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!!!

St. John's Emergency Preparedness Team

In recent months, a committed group of church members, along with St. John's staff, has been working diligently to enhance the safety of all who gather to worship and use our building. Last month, staff members and representatives from our Emergency Preparedness Team were joined by two Lansdale Police officers, who walked through the entire church building with us to better discern how people come and go in and from our space, and to make suggestions with regard to how we might improve on security measures already in place.

In light of the suggestions that were made by our local law enforcement officers, the following changes will be made in the weeks ahead:

~ When the 10:15am worship service begins, the ramp door, the elevator lobby door, and the door that accesses the elevator at street level will be locked. There will be signs on these doors alerting those who arrive after worship begins to use the Narthex doors (located at the front of the church building) to enter. This change goes into effect today, March 24, 2019.

~ During the 10:15am worship service, the Church Nursery will be locked for the safety of our children and the volunteers who care for them.

~ Throughout the 10:15am worship service, ushers will take turns being stationed in the Narthex in an effort to be more aware of persons entering or leaving the building during that time.

~ While it is a bit more challenging to monitor people coming and going during the 8:00am worship service because there are no ushers, there are members of the Emergency Preparedness Team who regularly attend the 8:00am service and they are tuned in to being attentive and vigilant during that time.

~ In the weeks ahead, there will be opportunities for all of St. John's members to learn more about how best to respond in the event of an emergency, should such an event occur. In addition, we will be publicizing community-wide events addressing these same matters. Recognizing that we cannot prevent unthinkable tragedies from occurring, we are committed to doing everything we can to enhance the safety of this place we call our church "home."

