

Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – January 26, 2020

We Gather For Worship
“Called Together”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE With Timbrel and Dance - Margaret R. Tucker
 St. John's United Ringers

INTROIT You Walk along Our Shoreline

*OPENING HYMN You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore.....#173

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Loving God ~ In your wisdom, you created us to be in community with one another. You never intended for us to operate in isolation or to go it alone, yet far too often we choose to do just that. We view working with others as burdensome and time consuming, and we play down the importance of our coming together to worship each week, convinced that a hurried prayer on the way to the grocery store or an acknowledgement of your presence as we head out on a Sunday morning to enjoy our favorite recreational activity is sufficient. Forgive us, gracious God, and instill within us an unquenchable desire to claim our “called together” status. May we freely choose to be the beloved community you envisioned, taking seriously our call to help each other go the mile and bear the load. This we pray in Jesus' 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 #760

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

Jan	26	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Third Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Prayer Shawl Sunday, Congregational Dinner
Jan	27	Mon	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Eagle Scout Board of Review Visioning Team
Jan	28	Tue	4:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Outreach Girl Scouts AA
Jan	29	Wed	12:00 PM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Communion Communion United Voices Children's Choir Personnel Committee
Jan	30	Thu	6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	United Ringers Yoga Chancel Choir
Jan	31	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess Club
Feb	1	Sat	10:00 AM 10:00 AM	Lansdale Montessori School New Family Orientation Art of Living
Feb	2	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Fourth Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Chancel Choir @ Trinity Lutheran Church

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 or visit our **website** at <http://www.st-johns-ucc.org>
 Susan C. Bertollette, D. Min., Senior Pastor
 Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div., Associate Pastor
 Lisa Delp, Church Administrator
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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: Sumiko Booraem

Acolytes: Gretchen and Darcy Reese

Junior Church: Lisa Thim

Chancel Flower Ministry: Kay Fiala

Nursery Staff: Shirley Hale and Emily Donahue

Social Hosts: Congregational Dinner

Kitchen Monitor: Congregational Dinner

Umbrella Ministry: Joyce Huisenga

United Adult Class: Teacher – Cindy Benedict,
"Follow," Matthew 4:12-13

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Psalm 27: 1, 4-9 (Pg. 487) Liturgist – Gerry Linderman

Matthew 4: 12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Dr. Sue Bertollette

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 Wait for the Lord - Davis Giersch
Chancel Choir

SERMON "When It's Hard to Say NO"
Rev. Dr. Sue Bertollette

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN Hush, Hush, Somebody's Calling My Name.....#604

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;
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 The Gift of Love – Hal Hopson
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 O Jesus, I Have Promised.....#493

* COMMISSION

* POSTLUDE

*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

Please join us after worship for the Congregational Dinner in Assembly Hall, the room below the sanctuary. All Are Welcome!!!

Weekly amount needed for Current Income	\$7,902.88
Weekly amount needed for OCWM	\$893.46
A Look at the Week of January 12, 2020	
Attendance 8:00 AM	54
Attendance 10:15 AM	171
Offering For Current Income	\$15,982.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,015.00
A Look at the Week of January 19, 2020 - Snow & Ice	
Attendance 8:00 AM	31
Attendance 10:15 AM	125
Offering For Current Income	\$3,766.32
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$322.00



**Congregational Dinner
TODAY
Following 10:15 worship!**

An Italian meal will be served compliments of the Deacons.
New Council Members & Officers will be introduced during
this event.