

Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – February 16, 2020

We Gather For Worship
“From the Heart”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Machs Mit Mir, Gott, Nach Deiner Güt - Walther

INTROIT For the Beauty of the Earth

*OPENING HYMN This Is the Day.....#84

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Loving God ~ When you created humankind, you chose to give us hearts that not only pump blood and keep our bodies alive, but hearts that feel deeply, love widely and give generously. Sadly, we have not always used our hearts as fully as you dreamed we would, and because of that, our hearts have shriveled up from disuse and those around us have suffered. Forgive us, merciful God, and massage our hearts back to life that we might live and love, serve and share, in ways that honor you while touching the lives of those we encounter every day. 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

Feb	16	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Frey Baptism Fairly Traded Coffee Sales
Feb	17	Mon	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Presidents' Day Girl Scouts Prayer Group
Feb	18	Tue	1:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Quilters Girl Scouts Worship @ Manna AA
Feb	19	Wed	6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Children's Choir Search Committee
Feb	20	Thu	8:00 AM 9:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Soup Prep Enlightener Folding Yoga Chancel Choir
Feb	21	Fri	8:00 AM 6:00 PM	Soup Cooking Chess Club
Feb	22	Sat		
Feb	23	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Transfiguration Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Soup Sale, Emergency Preparedness Team

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 or visit 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
 Don Atkiss, 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 Sally Jarinko, Mark Methlie; Mark Bruen, Peter Conner, Nicole Groff, Vernon Hunsberger, Judy Koenig, and Charles Sisian

CD Technician: Bob George

Driver: Scott Vanderburg

Greeters: Joe & Jen DiPlacido

Elder of the Morning: Sue Clemens

Acolytes: Cameron and Cara Albano

Junior Church: Jen Gilbert

Chancel Flower Ministry: Susan Popjoy

Nursery Staff: Pam Ace and Gretchen Reese

Social Hosts: Charyl & Lester Suzuki

Kitchen Monitor: Scott Vanderburg

Umbrella Ministry: Marilyn Nannen

United Adult Class: Teacher – Gayle George, "Grow," Matthew 5:21-37

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Jean's Parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Moyer, from Jean and Tom Beggs

In memory of George W. Knipe from his grandchildren, John Skibbe III & Wendy Hunt

In memory of Corinne McNabb's birthday on February 22 from her daughter, Linda & Bill Siegel

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM for Elliott Samuel Frey, son of Julie & Nicholas Frey

Pastor: Elliott ~ Baptism is a sacrament of God's boundless grace, a celebration of God's unconditional, never ending love. It is also a promise-making time. Julie & Nicholas, will you promise, with God's help, to reflect God's "no strings attached", endless love in your relationship with Elliott?

Julie & Nicholas: Yes, we will.

Pastor: Baptism is also a christening. It completes the naming process.

To the name you have given your child, Elliott, we will add the name, Child of God, member of God's family. Will you seek to help Elliott come to know who he is at the deepest and most basic level?

Julie & Nicholas: Yes, we will.

Pastor: Baptism is also about anticipation. We anticipate the time when Elliott will confirm the decision to live in the power of God's love and grace and follow the ways of Christ.

Will you, with your nurturing and encouragement, prepare Elliott for that time?

Julie & Nicholas: Yes, we will.

Pastor: Will you the congregation of St. John's promise your friendship, prayers, love, and availability to Elliott, Julie and Nicholas?

Congregation: Yes, we will.

Baptism Hymn: Jesus Loves Me..... # 327 (Verse 1)

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Psalm 119:1-8 (Pg. 542)

Matthew 5:21-37

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny."

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell."

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery."

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Rev. Addie Stong

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, for Thy Tender Mercies' Sake - Richard Farrant
Chancel Choir; Alan Malachowski, Director

SERMON "Where It All Begins"
Rev. Dr. Sue Bertolette

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN If I Have Been the Source of Pain.....#544

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 Just As I Am, Without One Plea – arr. Cindy Berry

*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 for a World.....#575

* COMMISSION

* POSTLUDE

*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

A special thank you to Ihna Cho and Alan Malachowski for their participation in Worship today.

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