

Order of Worship
 St. John's United Church of Christ
 500 West Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
 10:15 AM – March 1, 2020

We Gather For Worship
“Abundant Grace”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE O God, to Whom We Turn - J. S. Bach

INTROIT O God, How We Have Wandered

*OPENING HYMN O My Soul, Bless Your Creator.....#13

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Gracious God ~ As we enter into this season of Lent – a season of being honest with you and ourselves about our lives and what we might be doing differently – how good it is to know that your grace is abundant. There is nothing tight-fisted or stingy about the forgiveness, compassion or mercy you freely bestow upon us, no strings attached. When we least deserve it, you pour out your love, and for that we are thankful beyond words. In the days ahead, as we take a good, hard look at the changes we will need to make and the steps we will need to take in order for those changes to become real, grant us courage, grant us strength beyond our own, and grant us a deep desire to be a source of abundant grace in the lives of others. This we pray in Jesus' Name. AMEN

*WE ASK FOR MERCY If I Have Been the Source of Pain, O God #544

If I have been the source of pain, O God;
 If to the weak I have refused my strength;
 If, in rebellion, I have strayed away;
 Forgive me, God.

*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	1	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	First Sunday in Lent Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Basket Raffle Meeting, Confirmation Class
Mar	2	Mon	6:00 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Eagle Scout Board of Review Prayer Shawl Girl Scouts Stewardship
Mar	3	Tue	1:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Quilters NAMI Girl Scouts AA
Mar	4	Wed	12:00 PM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM 7:30 PM	Communion Communion United Voices Children's Choir Lenten Study
Mar	5	Thu	6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	United Ringers Yoga Chancel Choir
Mar	6	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess Club
Mar	7	Sat		
Mar	8	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM	Second Sunday in Lent Daylight Saving Time begins Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Girl Scout Sunday, Manna Sunday, Enlightener Due Date

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 or visit our **website** at <http://www.st-johns-ucc.org>
 Susan C. Bertolette, D. Min., Senior Pastor
 Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div., Associate Pastor
 Lisa Delp, Church Administrator
 David L. Furniss, M.S.M., Minister of Music
 Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children and Youth
 Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Bill Bergey, Custodian
 Don Atkiss, Council President

March 1, 2020

- 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: Bob George

Driver: Jo-Ann Sine

Greeters: Bob & Sandy Taylor

Elder of the Morning: Jim Stevenson

Acolytes: Siobhan Morris and Katie Morris

Junior Church:

Chancel Flower Ministry: Bill Kurz & Mike Goldstein

Nursery Staff: Amy Faga and Gretchen Reese

Social Hosts: Liz & Scott Vanderburg

Kitchen Monitor: Francis Fraelich

Umbrella Ministry: Joyce Huisenga

United Adult Class: Teacher – Steve Butz, "One Voice, One Choice," Matthew 4:1-11

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Nancy Kirk from her daughter, Barbara Kirk

In memory of Charles May's March 4th birthday from his wife Connie

In memory of Robert Clayton's March 5th birthday from his wife, Rose

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7 (Pg. 2)

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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 Kyrie from *St. John's Mass* - Davis Giersch
Chancel Choir

SERMON "The Original Scammers"
Rev. Dr. Sue Bertolette

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN Our God, to Whom We Turn.....#37

JOYS, CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE HAND OVER TO GOD OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (Tune: TALLIS' CANON)

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends.

INVITATION TO SHARE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY Variations on O God, to Whom We Turn - 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 Sent Forth By God's Blessing.....#76

* COMMISSION

* POSTLUDE

*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

Please join us after worship for fellowship and refreshments 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 February 16, 2020	
Attendance 8:00 AM	64
Attendance 10:15 AM	150
Offering For Current Income	\$5,859.01
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$493.84
A Look at the Week of February 23, 2020	
Attendance 8:00 AM	61
Attendance 10:15 AM	150
Offering For Current Income	\$6,675.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,198.00



**The Member Appreciation
Breakfast**

brought to you by Deacons and
friends

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
&
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

March 15, 2020

The 2020 Contribution Envelopes and St. John's Activity Calendars are available in the Narthex.

You may pick up your 2019 contribution statements Sunday mornings on the round table in Rev. Sue's office and throughout the week in the Church Office.