

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

We Gather For Worship
“Thirsty Voices”

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE O Mankind, Bemoan Thy Grievous Sin - J. S. Bach

INTROIT Let Justice Flow like Streams

*OPENING HYMN Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer.....#18

*REFLECTION ON THEME

*WE CONFESS OUR SINS

Loving God ~ You know the sound of thirsty voices all too well. At times they are angry and accusing, at other times desperate and demanding. While we may not recognize our voices as being thirsty, thirsty is what we most certainly are: for meaning, for answers, for reassurance, for hope. Forgive us when our thirsty voices are misdirected, or when they are so busy crying out that we miss your calm voice responding to our pleas. Forgive us for misdirecting our thirst, and instead of craving you and the grace and strength you offer, we crave what the world offers. May we allow you to quench our thirst with the life-giving water of your Spirit so that we, in turn, might be able to use our voices to herald your message of saving grace to those we encounter along life's way. 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	15	Sun	8:00 AM 8:30-10:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 11:30-12:30 PM	Third Sunday in Lent Morning Worship, Sanctuary Members & Friends Appreciation Breakfast Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fairly Traded Coffee Sales, Goodie Box Items Due Members & Friends Appreciation Breakfast
Mar	16	Mon	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Girl Scouts Prayer Group
Mar	17	Tue	1:30 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM 7:30 PM	Quilters Girl Scouts Worship @ Manna AA
Mar	18	Wed	12:00 PM 12:30 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	Communion Communion United Voices Children's Choir NO Lenten Study
Mar	19	Thu	9:30 AM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	Enlightener Folding United Ringers Yoga Chancel Choir
Mar	20	Fri	6:00 PM	Chess Club
Mar	21	Sat		
Mar	22	Sun	8:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:15 AM 4:00 PM	Fourth Sunday in Lent Morning Worship, Sanctuary Sunday School for all ages Morning Worship, Sanctuary One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, Hogan Baptism Artist Series – Alan Morrison, Organ

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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
 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 15, 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 Leader Jim Lederach; Mary Billy, Frances Fraelich, Griff Francis, Jenn Moyer, Kelly Bresadola, Joe Slover, Ethan Moyer, and Steve Bossert

CD Technician: Bob George

Driver: Scott Vanderburg

Greeters: Bob & Conny Tanis

Elder of the Morning: Judy Leslie

Acolytes: Jen and Caiden Gilbert

Junior Church: Amy Faga

Chancel Flower Ministry:

Nursery Staff: Cindy and Darcy Reese

Social Hosts: Breakfast - Deacons

Kitchen Monitor: Deacons

Umbrella Ministry: Marilyn Nannen

United Adult Class: Teacher – Steve Butz, "The Well of Living Water," John 4:5-42

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Christian E. Wurster's March 15th birthday from Christine Wiley.

Remembering with love, Wallace & Kier MacKinstry on St. Patrick's Day and Granny's March 16th birthday, from Jean MacKinstry Rogers and the MacKinstry/Rogers family

In memory of Ruthanne Harrison's March 20th birthday from her daughter and son-in-law, Sue & Wayne Bailey

We Listen For God's Word

SCRIPTURE John 4:5-26 (Pg. 88)

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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 Ubi Caritas - Maurice Duruflé
Chancel Choir

Where charity and love are, God is found.
Gathered are we into one by Christ's love.
Let us exalt, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and love God who lives.
And from our heart, love Him sincerely.

SERMON "Rocks, Ropes and Reason to Hope"
Rev. Dr. Sue Bertolette

SILENCE

We Respond in Faith

*HYMN The Thirsty Cry for Water, Lord (See insert)

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 Wade in the Water - African American Spiritual, arr. Logan
United Voices

*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 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.....#489

* COMMISSION

* POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Minor – J. S. Bach

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*Denotes Congregation Standing, if Able

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

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.

Weekly amount needed for Current Income	\$7,902.88
Weekly amount needed for OCWM	\$893.46
A Look at the Week of March 1, 2020	
Attendance 8:00 AM	63
Attendance 10:15 AM	152
Offering For Current Income	\$12,580.23
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,231.00
A Look at the Week of March 8, 2020	
Attendance 8:00 AM	48
Attendance 10:15 AM	148
Offering For Current Income	\$8,719.84
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,422.00




**The Members & Friends
Appreciation Breakfast - Today!**
brought to you by Deacons and friends

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

Easter Lilies

If you wish to make a donation for Easter Lilies in honor/memory of a loved one, please fill out the attached form and place it in the offering plate or contact the church office at 215-855-5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org

Lily Donation Form



In honor of _____

In memory of _____

From: _____

Amount \$ _____ Envelope # _____