



*“He is not here...
For He is risen!”*

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

10:15 am

Order of Worship
St. John's United Church of Christ
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
10:15 am—March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday

You are invited to stand when indicated by an asterisk and speak the words in bold if able.

PRELUDE: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!.....Setting by Michael Burkhardt

JOYOUS WELCOME

EASTER PROCLAMATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is Risen indeed!

Death did not get the last word! Darkness has been overcome!

The brilliant light of hope shines now and forever!

Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Amen!

EASTER FANFARE: Danza.....Tielman Susato, arr. Kevin McChesney

SCRIPTURE: Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

*OPENING HYMN: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today.....233
Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

*CONFESSION

Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey as we have sought to grow in our understanding of your love. This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that the journey continues as we seek to become "Easter People", people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered, and what was dead is now alive. Forgive our stubbornness, our fears, and our failure to believe. Fill us with your healing love and help us to become the disciples that you need to serve in this world. We pray all of this in the name of Christ, our crucified and risen savior. Amen!

*ASSURANCE

Friends, hear the good news of the Gospel: The tomb is empty! Jesus has risen from the grave! That which was dead is now alive! Nothing, not even sin nor death, can keep us from the grace and mercy of God! We are forgiven, loved, and set free from all that binds us! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***SUNG RESPONSE: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**

Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 break-ing our bread, giv-ing us glo - ry: Je - sus our bless-ing, our con-stant sur - prise.
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise. Give God the glo - ry! Al-le - lu - ia!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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: Alleluia.....Elaine Hagenberg

*All shall be Amen and Alleluia.
 We shall rest and we shall see.
 We shall see and we shall know.
 We shall know and we shall love.
 Behold our end which is no end.
 -Saint Augustine*

SERMON: "An Ending That's Not the End".....Rev. Addie Stong

***HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!**

All: 1. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 All: 2. Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 Choir: 3. Weep-ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 All: 4. Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,
 Splen-dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 break-ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry: Je - sus our bless-ing, our con-stant sur-prise.
 Cher - u - bim sing, O grave, be o - pen! Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise. Give God the glo - ry! Al-le - lu - ia!
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JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/SUNG RESPONSE: Now the Green Blade Rises

When our hearts are win-try, griev-ing, or in pain, Christ's warm touch can call us back to life a-gain,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come a - gain like wheat that ris-es green.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC: Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!.....Setting by Mark Sedio
Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during the Offertory music. The plates will then be dedicated during the Offertory Sung Response. You may also donate by scanning the QR code found in the bulletin and on laminated cards in the pews.

*SUNG RESPONSE: Praise God, The Giver and The Gift

Praise God, the Gi-ver and the Gift. Hands, hearts, and voi-ces now up - lift:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise, praise the Breath of glad sur - prise, free - ing our spir-its, op'n-ing eyes.
Three in One - ness, love com - mun - ing,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In the company with all who hunger for spiritual food,
we come to this table to know the risen Christ,
in the sharing of this life-giving bread and in the sharing of the cup.**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks...Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and earth,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution
 Prayer of Blessing
 Sharing of the Bread and Cup
 Prayer of Thanksgiving

*CLOSING HYMN: Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!.....253

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Toccata from Symphony for Organ No. 5.....Charles-Marie Widor

***Following worship, you are invited to join us for fellowship in Assembly Hall.
 From all of us at St. John's, Happy Easter!***

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dale Davis, Interim Senior Pastor
 Rev. Addie Stong, Associate Pastor
 Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Chancel Choir
 United Ringers
 Brass Ensemble

Brass Ensemble Members

Trumpet I: Dave DiValentino
 Trumpet II: Alan Malachowski
 Horn: Steve Hendricks

Baritone: Bill Leslie
 Tuba: Chuck Neidhardt

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

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Now the Green Blade Rises

Text: John W. Crum, © 1928 Oxford University Press.

Praise God, The Giver and The Gift

Text: Brian Wren, © 1989 Hope Publishing Company.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, © 1978 Augsburg Fortress.



2024 Lilies



In memory of Warren & Lorraine Badger from John & Susan Hendricks

In memory of Martine Boorse from husband Dick

In memory of parents Madge & Carlton Bruen, Ray McNamee, from Mark & Grace Bruen

In memory of Grace Ehly from Cliff Kneipp

In memory of Grace & Pete Ehly from their daughter Dean Meacham

In memory of a dear friend Rosa Giletti from Judy & Connie

In memory of Judy Haiges from Cindy, Darcy and Gretchen Reese

In memory of Norman & Charlene Haldy from Judy Neidhardt

In memory of June Hendricks from John & Susan Hendricks

In memory of Anna & Daniel Henninger from Lyn & Don Huntsinger

In memory of Blanche & Archie Huntsinger from Lyn & Don Huntsinger

In memory of Warren Koenig from his wife Judy

In memory of James "David" Krail and Herb & Kay Crouthamel from Debbie Krail and Family

In memory of Loved Ones from the Keim/Baker Family

In memory of Loves Ones from James, Frances & Siobhan Morris

In memory of Charles R. May from his wife Connie

In memory of Allen (Bud) Moyer from Ruth Moyer and Family

In loving memory of Michelle Lee Snyder, Charles James Snyder, and Louise & Duane Snyder.
Gone but always in our hearts. From Jerry & Mary Ellen Snyder

In memory of Jim Stevenson from Cliff Kneipp

In memory of the Swartley Family - Bertha, Alma, Earl and Emma - from John & Susan Hendricks

In memory of husband Thomas Timko and daughter Tobi Timko from Vada Timko

In memory of Bob & Bette Trevorah from the Trevorah Family

In memory of Alberta Walsh from the Trevorah Family

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- The Nursery will be open for you to use mindfully, if your little one needs a break. No volunteers will be on duty, so a parent, grandparent, or responsible adult must stay with their child.
- Today's worship available later online on St. John's Facebook Page, Website or YouTube Channel: youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa
- Please ask a Hospitality Team member 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.
- 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

Hospitality: Grace and Mark Bruen, Team leaders; Mary Billy, Anne Haines, Gerry Linderman, Rickie Lee Sands, Ginny Wilkinson
Elder of the Morning: All Elders
CD Technician: Scott Cunningham
Chancel Flower Ministry: Sue & Mike Donahue
Driver: Jo-Ann Sine
Greeters: Cliff Kneipp, Jo-Ann Sine

Chancel Flowers

In memory of Lester Long from wife, Rachel, and family

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2024	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2024	\$798.00
A Look at the Week of March 17, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, March 17	153
Attendance: 5:30 pm, March 13	20
Offering For Current Income	\$5,346.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$564.50
A Look at the Week of March 24, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, March 24	149
Attendance: 4:00 pm, March 24, Artist Series Concert	207
Attendance: 5:30 pm, March 20	20
Offering For Current Income	\$24,738.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$821.50

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 Andrew Paulson, M.M., M.A., Minister of Music Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children & Youth
 Lisa Delp, Church Admin. Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Bill Bergey, Custodian
 Mark Bruen, Council President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



A new member interest meeting will be held on Sunday, April 14, at 11:30am in the Library. If you are interested in learning more about St. John's and possibly becoming a member of this faith community, please join us!



You are invited to...

- A Community Meal served between 5-6:45pm**
Enjoy a delicious meal from a local restaurant, donations welcome but not expected
- Family Worship 5:30pm**
Join in worship with communion and have a mid-week spiritual connection
- Education & Music 6pm**
Engage in Children's Music (preschool through high school) and Adult Education
There's more! Stay for adult Handbell Choir rehearsal at 6:45pm and adult Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7:30pm
Contact Minister of Music Andrew Paulson at andrew@st-johns-ucc.org for info



The Final Concert of the 2023-2024 Season
Latitude 39: East Meets West
Sunday, April 28, 2024, 4pm

Latitude 39 is a dynamic and innovative collaborative trio comprising world-class musicians: Diana Seitz - violin, Nick May - saxophone, and Maya Tuylieva - piano. Drawing inspiration from both Eastern and Western musical traditions, Latitude 39 transcends boundaries, fusing diverse musical influences into a harmonious tapestry of sound.

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	31	Sun	7:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am	Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, Holy Communion @ White's Road Park bandshell Egg hunt for children/coffee and treats for all following worship NO Connect ³ Morning Worship, Holy Communion in St. John's Sanctuary Chancel choir, United Ringers & Festive Brass Fellowship, Assembly Hall
Apr	1	Mon		Church Office Closed
Apr	2	Tue	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Search & Call, Library NAMI, Activity Room AA, Assembly Hall
Apr	3	Wed	5:00-6:45 pm 6:00 pm 6:45 pm 7:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live Community Meal, Assembly Hall Evening Worship, Fireside Room Adult Education, Library NO Children's Music, Music Room NO United Ringers Handbell Ensemble, Sanctuary NO Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
Apr	5	Fri	6:00 pm	Chess
Apr	6	Sat	9:00am-Noon	Bucks Mont Faith Community Nursing Network, Assembly Hall
Apr	7	Sun	9:00 am 10:15 am 11:30 am	Second Sunday of Easter Connect ³ , Activity Room Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall Basket Raffle Team, Activity Room Elders, Library Stewardship, Assembly Hall

