



“Love One Another” by Emma Taylor

Living by Faith

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Laity Sunday

June 9, 2024

9:30 am

Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

9:30 am—June 9, 2024— Third Sunday after Pentecost/Laity Sunday

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

PRELUDE

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight.....Setting by James Biery

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Dear God, We are passionate about our faith.

We are passionate about our faith.

We have made a choice to Live by Faith.

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Faith is everything to us.

It must be kept true at all costs.

It is too vital to our culture,

our traditions, and how we understand life.

Faith is everything to us.

It must stand true at all costs.

It is too vital for the Good News,

for traditions and culture to stand in the way

of this new understanding of life.

We will keep the faith pure,

We will keep the faith growing

We will not lose heart! Our inner nature is being renewed day by day as we Live by Faith!

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*OPENING HYMN

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.....403

The refrain may be sung in harmony.

*CONFESSION

Living God, do not let us lose heart! When our outer nature is wasting away, nourish our inner nature, keep it renewed by showing us how to Live by Faith.

Help us to stand true to our faith, to keep our faith pure. Keep us passionate about our faith so that when you speak to us, we hear your words. When you call us we hear your voice. And when you show us how to Live by Faith, we celebrate with thanksgiving.

Forgive us, merciful God, for losing sight of our faith amongst our busy and confusing lives. We call on you now, dear God, to increase our faith and strengthen our souls. Stretch out Your hand to us, God, so that we may fulfill your purpose for us and live in your steadfast love with Faith!

In Christ's Name we pray, AMEN.

*ASSURANCE

Let go of your doubts. Let go of your fears. God pours His love on you and through you to others. Do not doubt God's might. It is God who has called you to live your faith through your hearts and spirits. God is with you. Be at peace.

*SUNG RESPONSE



Scripture
Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

² **I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

³ On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ **All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

⁸ **The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Focus Scripture
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our slight, momentary affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸ because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen, for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5 For we know that, if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Draw Near All Ye People (from Elijah).....Felix Mendelssohn

Draw near all ye people, come to me. Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, this day let it be known that Thou art God, and that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! Oh show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word. Oh hear me, Lord, and answer me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, oh hear me and answer me, and show this people that Thou art Lord God. And let their hearts again be turned.

SERMON

“What Living By Faith Means to Me”.....Sarah Hogan, Robin MacMullen, and Debby Hendricks

*HYMN

We Live by Faith and Not by Sight.....256

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Higher Voices

Stanza 3: Lower Voices

Stanza 4: All

JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE

Grant us wis - dom to per - ceive you, hearts a - wak - ened to re - ceive you,
 minds a - lert to thoughts that grieve you, God of mer - cy, hear us.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....Setting by Karl Osterland

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 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

*CLOSING HYMN

If You But Trust in God to Guide You.....410
Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in G Minor.....Paul Fey

Following worship, you are invited to join us for fellowship in Assembly Hall.

Worship Leaders

Sally Atkiss
Chris Bodde
Bill Cagney

Amy Faga
Sally Jarinko
Margie Jewell
Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Robin MacMullen
Sarah Hogan
Debby Hendricks

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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 Sermon can be found on **Spotify** following the service, search **"St. John's UCC Lansdale Sermons"**
- Today's worship audio will be available later online on St. John's Facebook Page, Website or YouTube: [youtube.com/stjohnsucclansdalepa](https://www.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:

Bill Leslie, Bob Bertolette, Margie Jewell,
Gale Linderman, Rick O'Connor, Scott Vanderburg

Elder of the Morning:

Sally Atkiss

Deacon of the Morning:

All Deacons

CD Technician:

Scott Cunningham

Chancel Flower Ministry:

Grace & Gerry Linderman

Driver:

Jo-Ann Sine

Greeters:

Joyce Huisenga

Social Host:

Church Picnic

Chancel Flowers

- 🌸 In memory of Sara Line's birthday from her sister, Jeane, and Bob Fritz
- 🌸 In celebration of Polly Hartzell's birthday on June 11th from Dee Reedman & Family
- 🌸 In memory of Dr. Herman C. Ahrens, Jr. June 12 birthdate from his loving 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 May 26, 2024	
Attendance: 10:15 am, May 26, Trinity Sunday	78
Offering For Current Income	\$3,574.50
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$323.50
A Look at the Week of June 2, 2024	
Attendance: 9:30 am, June 2, Second Sunday after Pentecost	107
Offering For Current Income	\$8,273.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,076.00

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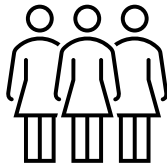
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Rev. Adelaide L. Stong, M. Div., Acting Lead Pastor Pastor Tom Adil, M. Div., LPC, Bridge Support Pastor
Andrew Paulson, M.M., M.A., Minister of Music Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music for Children & Youth
Kay Peebles, Church Admin. Leroy Horst, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor Bill Bergey, Custodian
Grace Marchione, Communications Coordinator Mark Bruen, Council President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



VFW Post 32 in Lansdale will be retiring American Flags that are done their useful life. There is a kitchen size trash can in the church library. Please put yours there. Rickie Sands will be taking them to the Post for proper disposal with ceremony and burning to be done on June 14, Flag Day.



Women's Retreat

When: 10 am to Noon on June 15, 2024
Where: St. John's Church Library

There is no presenter this month as the focus will be discussing programs for the coming year, which begins on September 14. Anyone who would like to contribute a goodie, and has not already signed up, please call or text Sally Jarinko at (215) 421-6678 by June 12.

All Women Are Welcome!

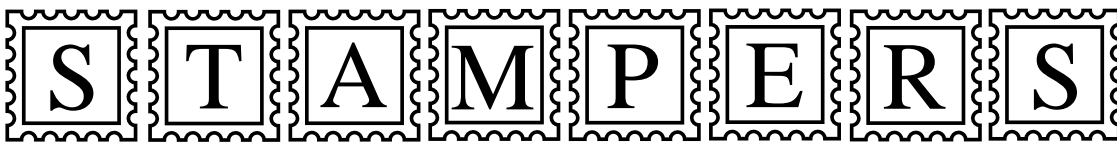
Greeters Needed!

Are you someone who enjoys socializing? Does the idea of making new friends and checking in on old ones excite you? Well, you are in luck! St. John's needs greeters for Sunday mornings! The sign up sheet is in the Narthex for those interested.



Social Hosts Needed!

Are you someone excited to be the go to when it comes to hosting social events? Do you want to be in charge of what is eaten at Fellowship after service? St. John's needs Social Hosts for after service! Please speak to the Deacons for more information!



The next meeting of the St. John's Stampers is coming up!!

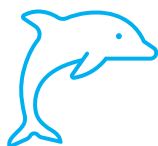
When: Thursday, June 13th at 1pm

Where: the Activity Room!

This Week at St. John's

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June	9	Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm	Third Sunday after Pentecost Laity Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Congregational Meeting Church Picnic
June	10	Mon	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, Assembly Hall
June	11	Tues	7:00 pm	AA, Assembly Hall
June	15	Sat	10 am – 12 pm 3 pm – 11 pm	Women's Retreat, Library Fairmont Car Show
June	16	Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall



WELCOME SEA EXPLORERS!!

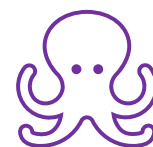
God made the oceans and they are big and beautiful.
Many, many animals live in the oceans but they need clean
oceans to live.



How can we help our oceans to stay clean?

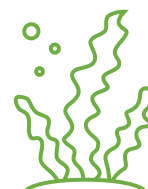
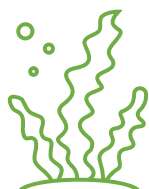
This summer, if you are at the beach, take a picture of your
family helping to keep our ocean clean. Bring in the photo
and we will put it on the bulletin board.

If you are fishing or playing on a creek or a river, bring a
photo of that because guess what? Creeks and rivers go to
the ocean! So if they get dirty,
the ocean gets dirty.



So... WHAT'S THE PLAN, STAN?

Take pictures of your good work and bring them in!



Psalm 138

Thanksgiving and Praise
Of David.

1 I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**2 I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and
your faithfulness,
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.**

3 On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.

**4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

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for great is the glory of the Lord.

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but the haughty he perceives from far away.**

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