



Flourishing

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

9:30 am

Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

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

PRELUDE

In the Bulb There Is a Flower.....Setting by John Carter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. Smallest of seeds, yet greatest of trees; home for the birds of the air.”

**Let our faith bloom and grow in this time of worship;
let this place be a shelter and home for all who are weary.**

The kingdom of heaven is like yeast, kneaded into flour, that it might rise and feed many.

**Let the community gathered here increase in faith and devotion,
so that we might nourish the world with the good news of God.**

The kingdom of heaven is like hidden treasure, buried in a field until it is discovered in joy.

Let this time of worship be an uncovering of God's mysteries.

God is here! Christ is revealed! The Spirit lives among us! Let us worship God!

*OPENING HYMN

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*CONFESSION

God of love and peacefulness, sometimes we are not always a peaceful people. Where there is conflict, help us, guiding Spirit, to know your peace. Where we know envy, help us to feel your soothing balm of acceptance. When anger gets the best of us, grant us help through forgiving hearts.

When we have caused pain and conflict, please, loving God, forgive us. Help us to grow in love and peace as we live out our discipleship. This is our prayer in the name of the Prince of Peace. Amen.

*ASSURANCE

Listen! Here is good news: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.” To forgive you in your follies and foibles, to accept you as you are, to set you free from evil's power and make you what you were meant to be.

Thanks be to God, Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE

I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and free,
The life of Je - sus to re-call, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.

Scripture
Psalm 20

- 1 The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
- 2 **May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion.**
- 3 May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.
- 4 **May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans.**
- 5 May we shout for joy over your victory
and in the name of our God set up our banners.
May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.
- 6 **Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.**
- 7 Some take pride in chariots and some in horses,
but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.
- 8 **They will collapse and fall,
but we shall rise and stand upright.**
- 9 Give victory to the king, O Lord;
answer us when we call.

Focus Scripture
Mark 4:26-34

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30 He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? 31 It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, 32 yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

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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

His Eye on Us Will Fall.....Carl Maria von Weber

*And though a cloud o'er-spread yon heaven, The sun in splendor shines on high,
By chance alone we are not driven, A loving Father e'er is nigh.
His tender care is over all, His loving eye on us will fall.*

*I know He will not let me sorrow, In whom my heart and faith confide,
And though I ne'er should see the morrow, In Him alone I will abide.
His tender care is over all, His loving eye on us will fall.*

-English version by Natalia Macfarren

SERMON

“A Tangle of Faith”.....Pastor Tom Adil

*HYMN

De colores (Sing of Colors).....402

Stanza 1 may be sung in Spanish or English.

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

Verset.....Léon Boëllmann

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

Sent Forth by God’s Blessing.....76

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Psalm 20 (Homage to Benedetto Marcello).....Gordon Young

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

Worship Leaders

Rev. Addie Stong, Acting Lead Pastor
Pastor Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music
Susan Sands, Soprano Soloist

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Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

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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
- 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 & Mark Bruen, Mary Billy, Anne Haines,
Gerry Linderman, Rickie Lee Sands, Ginny Wilkinson

Elder of the Morning:

Emilie Truscott

Deacon of the Morning:

Sumiko Booraem

CD Technician:

Griff Francis

Chancel Flower Ministry:

Shelly Longcoy

Driver:

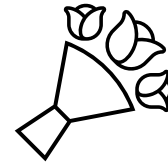
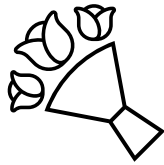
Gale Linderman

Greeters:

Marcia Stacy

Social Host:

The Hogans



Chancel Flowers

- 🌻 In honor of the 74th wedding anniversary of our parents, Lorene and the late Herman Ahrens, on June 18th, from their loving family
- 🌻 In memory of Warren Koenig from wife Judy
- 🌻 In memory of Robert D. Schultz from his daughter, Merle Anne Morcom and Walter Hawkins
- 🌻 In memory of David Evans from Jeane Fritz and family
- 🌻 In memory of William C. Fritz from Robert, Connie, Judy and family
- 🌻 In memory of Charlotte Yocum's June 22 birthday from her family
- 🌻 In memory of Jim Stevenson on Father's Day and his 75th birthday on June 15 from his wife, Lois, 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 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
A Look at the Week of June 9, 2024	
Attendance: 9:30 am, June 9, Third Sunday after Pentecost	93
Offering For Current Income	\$2,450.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$385.00

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If you would like more information about St. John's please speak with one of the staff or contact the office.

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.

Have questions or comments about the church website or social media?
 Please contact Grace Marchione, Communications Coordinator, at
communications@st-johns-ucc.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Summer Stitch

The Praying Hands Stitchers will meet
this summer before service!

8:30 - 9:15 am

July 7th

August 14th

September 1st

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!

YOUR announcement



Have something you want St. John's to know?
Email Kay at office@st-johns-ucc.org to get it in
the Sunday bulletin, Herald, & eHerald!



Summer Pop Up Choir



July 28 & August 18

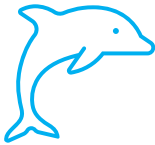
You are invited to join the Chancel Choir in singing an anthem this summer! We will meet at 8:45am in the choir room to rehearse the anthem for the 9:30am worship service. No evening rehearsal required - come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Contact Minister of Music Andrew Paulson at andrew@st-johns-ucc.org for additional info.

This Week at St. John's

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June	16	Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Father's Day Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall
June	18	Tues	7:00 pm	AA, Assembly Hall
June	19	Wed		Juneteenth
June	23	Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am	Fifth 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.



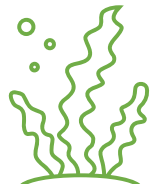
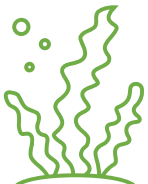
How can we help our oceans to stay clean?

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 20

Prayer for Victory

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

1 The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

2 May he send you help from the sanctuary
and give you support from Zion.

3 May he remember all your offerings
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices. Selah

4 May he grant you your heart's desire
and fulfill all your plans.

5 May we shout for joy over your victory
and in the name of our God set up our banners.

May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

6 Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed;
he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.

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but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God.

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answer us when we call.

Mark 4:26-34

13 But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in The Parable of the Growing Seed

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