



*Jesus Calms the Storm by Laura James, 1995*

# *Pushing the Boat Out*

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**June 23, 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 23, 2024— Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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## PRELUDE

Brother James' Air.....Setting by Dale Wood

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled seas...

**Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and steers us toward faith...**

Ever-present God, who fills us with both comfort and confusion...

**Focus our eyes to see and recognize you in our boat today.**

Strengthen our hearts for whatever storms and waves lie ahead.

**Open our ears this day to hear the words you speak.**

**Come, let us listen and worship!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

This Is a Day of New Beginnings.....417

### \*CONFESSION

**Powerful and loving God, Each and every day we are faced with storms. Whether they are storms at work, storms at home, or storms that involve our personal health or the wellness of those we love, we are no strangers to the feeling of a rocking boat. Like the first disciples, we often find ourselves in a state of worry—being tossed around by life's winds and waves—afraid of drowning, sinking in the circumstances of our own lives. And also like the disciples, we confess that we sometimes think that you are asleep on the job—overlooking our peril, ignoring our needs, wondering if you are even seeing the stormy seas that we are navigating! Forgive us, merciful God, and grant us the courage to trust that you are in the boat with us and we will never have to fend for ourselves. Help us to listen for your voice and reassure us of your strong and calming presence, no matter how awful the storm or scary the destination. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE

God hears our prayers with an abundance of grace, love, and mercy. In and through Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free from all that holds us back from trusting that God will calm the storms within us and around us. God is with us and we are not alone.

**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 9:9-20

9 The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,  
a stronghold in times of trouble.  
10 And those who know your name put their trust in you,  
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion.  
Declare his deeds among the peoples.  
12 For he who avenges blood is mindful of them;  
he does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

13 Be gracious to me, O Lord.  
See what I suffer from those who hate me;  
you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death,  
14 so that I may recount all your praises  
and, in the gates of daughter Zion,  
rejoice in your deliverance.

15 The nations have sunk in the pit that they made;  
in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught.  
16 The Lord has made himself known;  
he has executed judgment;  
the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands.  
Higgaion. Selah

17 The wicked shall depart to Sheol,  
all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

19 Rise up, O Lord! Do not let mortals prevail;  
let the nations be judged before you.  
20 Put them in fear, O Lord;  
let the nations know that they are only human. Selah

Focus Scripture  
Mark 4:35-41

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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

Now Thank We All Our God.....J.G. Walther

SERMON

"Calm Down".....Rev. Addie Stong

\*HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul (When Peace Like a River).....438

*The refrain may be sung in harmony.*

*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

Simple Gifts.....Setting by Jon Spong

*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

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....42

*Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lift High The Cross.....Setting by Lani Smith

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

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### Worship Leaders

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

David Spitko, Guest Organist

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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://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:

Mark Methlie, Jen Gilbert, Sarah Hogan,  
Bonnie & Walt Weber

### Elder of the Morning:

Emilie Truscott

### Deacon of the Morning:

Judy Leslie

### CD Technician:

Matt Rivett

### Chancel Flower Ministry:

Judy Johnston

### Driver:

Jo-Ann Sine

### Greeters:

Judy Koenig, Betty Elliot

### Social Host:

OPEN



🌸 In honor of their June 24 wedding anniversary and in memory of their granddaughter, Caitlyn Jade Liebel, by Grace and Gerald Linderman, Jr.

🌸 In memory of Thomas Timko, husband & father, from Vada Timko and son, Tim, and family.

🌸 In memory of Tobi Timko, daughter & sister, from Vada Timko and brother, Tim, and family.

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2024	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2024	\$798.00
<b>A Look at the Week of June 9, 2024</b>	
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
<b>A Look at the Week of June 16, 2024</b>	
Attendance: 9:30 am, June 16, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	85
Offering For Current Income	\$7,973.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$796.00

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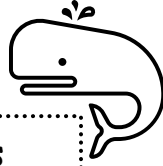
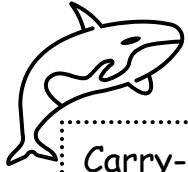
### St. John's United Church of Christ

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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  
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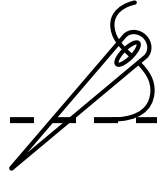
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Carry-Out VBS "Sea Explorer" bags will be available for pick up on Sunday, June 30th for the month of July in the narthex or church office.

### **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.



## The Summer Stitch

The Praying Hands Stitchers will meet this summer before service!

8:30 - 9:15 am

July 7<sup>th</sup>

August 4<sup>th</sup>

September 1<sup>st</sup>



### **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!



## Summer Pop Up Choir



July 28 & August 18



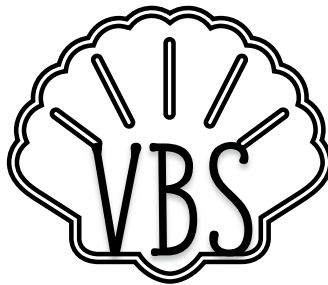
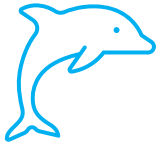
You are invited to join the Chancel Choir in singing an anthem this summer! We will meet at 8:45am in the choir room to rehearse the anthem for the 9:30am worship service. No evening rehearsal required - come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Contact Minister of Music Andrew Paulson at [andrew@st-johns-ucc.org](mailto:andrew@st-johns-ucc.org) for additional info.

## This Week at St. John's

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June	23	Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall
June	25	Tues	7:00 pm	AA, Assembly Hall
June	30	Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am	<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 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?

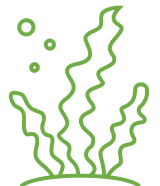
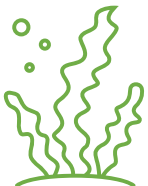
This summer, if you are at the beach, take a picture of your family helping to keep our ocean clean. Bring in the photo and we will put it on the bulletin board.

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!





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