



Part of a mural entitled *The Encounter* by artist Daniel Cariola

Healing Powers

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 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

Improvisation on *There Was Jesus by the Water*.....Andrew Paulson

The prelude is an improvisation on today's hymn after the sermon. You are invited to turn to NCH 545 during the prelude to familiarize yourself with the hymn in preparation of singing it later in the service.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come as we are this day.

We come with all our cares and our wounds.

We long to touch you and be touched by you.

We reach out, in our brokenness, for healing and restoration.

Strengthen our faith and make us whole,

that we may worship you with the joy that comes from knowing that we are seen, held, and loved. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story.....522

The refrain may be sung in harmony.

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Lower Voices

Stanza 3: Higher Voices

Stanza 4: All

*CONFESSION

God, you do indeed have healing powers in our lives, but so often, we only tap into them when we have exhausted all other options and have nothing left to lose. Asking for healing is risky because we are afraid of not getting an answer, or perhaps just not the answer that we want. Being in need of healing means being honest about our struggles and shortcomings, and that isn't always easy. We let our doubts and anxieties overwhelm our thoughts: What if people think we are crazy for believing that God could heal us? What if I believe that God will heal me, and nothing happens? What if God's healing takes me to places I would rather not go? In the midst of all of these questions, strengthen our faith and our voice that we might continue to ask for your healing and believe in its power. Help us to broaden our view of what healing might look like and not put limits on the ways in which you heal us. May we feel your healing spirit each day, whether we think we need it or not. Amen.

*ASSURANCE

The grace that we receive when we confess our sins is a gift of healing. The healing nature of God's mercy gives us life in the places of darkness, guilt, and shame. May we receive that gift, may we be healed by it, and may we extend it to all whom we meet, in the name of Christ.

We are forgiven! 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 130

1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

2 Lord, hear my voice!

**Let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications!**

3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

**4 But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.**

5 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits,
and in his word I hope;

**6 my soul waits for the Lord
more than those who watch for the morning,
more than those who watch for the morning.**

7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,
and with him is great power to redeem.

**8 It is he who will redeem Israel
from all its iniquities.**

Focus Scripture
Mark 5:21-43

21 When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he was by the sea. 22 Then one of the leaders of the synagogue, named Jairus, came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 23 and pleaded with him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." 24 So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. 25 Now there was a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years. 26 She had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had, and she was no better but rather grew worse. 27 She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28 for she said, "If I but touch his cloak, I will be made well." 29 Immediately her flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30 Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my cloak?" 31 And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" 32 He looked all around to see who had done it. 33 But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34 He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

35 While he was still speaking, some people came from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" 36 But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the synagogue leader, "Do not be afraid; only believe." 37 He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38 When they came to the synagogue leader's house, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39 When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." 40 And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. 41 Taking her by the hand, he said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" 42 And immediately the girl stood up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. 43 He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Prelude (Opus 12, No. 5).....Marcel Dupré

SERMON

“A Touching Story”Rev. Addie Stong

*HYMN

There Was Jesus by the Water.....545

Stanza 1: Soloist

Stanzas 2-4: 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

Healer of Our Every Ill.....Setting by Franklin D. Ashdown

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**

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me.....474
Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me.....Setting by Keith Hampton

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
Nicole Albright, Flute

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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:

Robin MacMullen, Peter Conner, Griff Francis,
Stefanie Giampa, Carol Luehrs, Jenn Moyer, Matt Rivett

Elder of the Morning:

Bill Leslie

Deacon of the Morning:

Rickie Lee Sands

CD Technician:

David Douglass

Chancel Flower Ministry:

Kay Peebles & Grace Marchione

Driver:

Jo-Ann Sine

Greeters:

OPEN

Social Host:

Deb Hendricks



 In memory of Eric Kirk from his mother, Barbara

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 16, 2024	
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
A Look at the Week of June 23, 2024	
Attendance: 9:30 am, June 16, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	81
Offering For Current Income	\$7,475.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$707.00

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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!

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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
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 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

Best Basket Raffle Yet!

This year, we had 27 beautiful and creative baskets that enticed our congregation and the greater Lansdale community. We had many wonderful people who enthusiastically volunteered to help sell tickets, carry tables, transport baskets, give time at events, and of course, design the baskets.

We raised a record-breaking total of **\$2544** toward Current Expenses!

A heartfelt thanks to all!



Carry-Out VBS "Sea Explorer" bags will be available for pick up after service today for the month of July in the narthex or church office.



Psst...

Have a Joy, Concern, or Prayer Request you wish to share with the congregation? Email Kay in the Office to ensure it gets announced on Sundays!

office@st-johns-ucc.org



The Summer Stitch

The Praying Hands Stitchers will meet this summer before service!

8:30 - 9:15 am

July 7th

August 4th

September 1st



Summer Pop Up Choir



July 28 & August 18



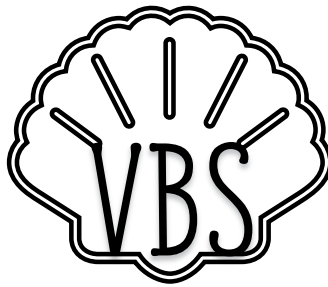
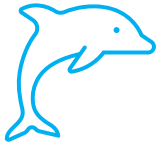
You are invited to join the Chancel Choir in singing an anthem this summer! We will meet at 8:45am in the choir room to rehearse the anthem for the 9:30am worship service. No evening rehearsal required - come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

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	30	Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall
July	2	Tues	7:00 pm	AA, Assembly Hall
July	5	Friday	5:30 - 7 pm	Blessing of the Animals, Richardson Ave Lot
July	6	Sat	1 - 3:00 pm	Tim Wegscheder Celebration of Life, Assembly Hall
July	7	Sun	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Morning Worship, Sanctuary Elders Meeting, Library 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?

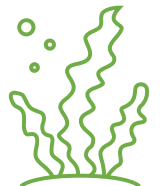
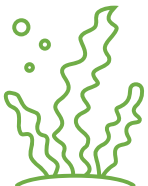
This summer, if you are at the beach, take a picture of your family helping to keep our ocean clean. Bring in the photo and we will put it on the bulletin board.

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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