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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

9:30 am

Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

9:30 am—July 7, 2024— Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

Variations on *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing*: Variation 3.....Albert L. Travis

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Great is the Holy One who sits sovereign and near!

The earth rejoices on the holy mountain, at the heights and depths of God's love.

We gather, we observe, we recognize, we ponder the wonders of Creator's majesty!

God's name, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

The mighty deeds of power astound and amaze.

We remember and recount from generation to generation.

Our Guide reigns forever and ever. Praise our God!

*OPENING HYMN

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing.....459

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

*CONFESSION

Gracious and Loving God, have mercy on us. We confess our own forms of rebellion and stubbornness. We seek our own way and fail to wait for your counsel, wisdom, and insight. We hold fast to hopes and dreams that do not include your kingdom or our neighbors. We choose comfort over holy confrontation, doctrine over faithful discipleship and position over spiritual power. Awaken in us hunger and thirst for righteousness. Amen.

*ASSURANCE

Power-filled beloved, the Holy One is with you and fuels your journey. God grants you power to be the church, to be faithful, and to be active agents in the kingdom. You have power to make things new in your heart, in your neighborhood, and in your community. Receive the grace to try even when your way is uncertain, to hope even when circumstances seem dim, and to love even when love does not come easily.

God is with you and will be with you. 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 48

1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.
**His holy mountain, 2 beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.**
3 Within its citadels God
has shown himself a sure defense.

**4 Then the kings assembled;
they came on together.**
5 As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic; they took to flight;
**6 trembling took hold of them there,
pains as of a woman in labor,**
7 as when an east wind shatters
the ships of Tarshish.
**8 As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God establishes forever.**

9 We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.
**10 Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with victory.**
11 Let Mount Zion be glad;
let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments.

**12 Walk about Zion; go all around it;
count its towers;**
13 consider well its ramparts;
go through its citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
**14 that this is God,
our God forever and ever.
He will be our guide forever.**

Focus Scripture
Mark 6:1-13

6 He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. 2 On the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown and among their own kin and in their own house." 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Go, My Children, with My Blessing.....Setting by Jane Holstein

SERMON

“The Unseen Jesus”.....Pastor Tom Adil

*HYMN

Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way.....465

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

Variations on *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing: Variation 1*.....Albert L. Travis
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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing.....77

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Variations on *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing: Variation 4*.....Albert L. Travis

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

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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:

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

Elder of the Morning:

Bill Cagney

Deacon of the Morning:

Judy Johnston

CD Technician:

Robin MacMullen

Chancel Flower Ministry:

Gayle & Bob George

Driver:

Scott Vanderberg

Greeters:

OPEN

Social Host:

Mark & Grace Bruen



 In memory of Fred Brunner's July 7th birthday from his wife, Thelma

Greeters & Social Hosts

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 and Social Hosts for after service!**

The Greeters sign up sheet is in the Narthex, and Social Hosts can speak to the Deacons for more information.

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



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 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
A Look at the Week of June 30, 2024	
Attendance: 9:30 am, June 30, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	95
Offering For Current Income	\$4,059.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$542.00

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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.

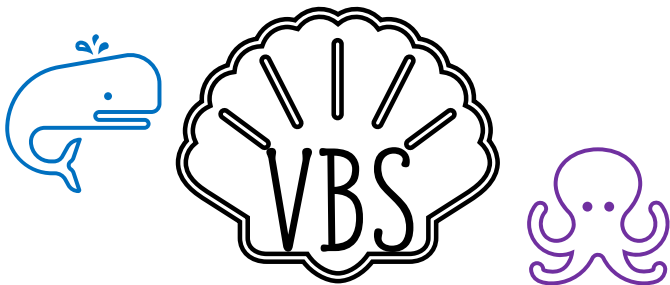
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 for the month of July are available for pick up in the narthex or church office.

In person meeting will be Wednesday, July 24 at 7pm outside by the playground. Remember to bring in your pictures of helping keep our waters cleaned during vacation!



The Summer Stitch

The Praying Hands Stitchers will meet this summer before service!

8:30 - 9:15 am

August 4th

September 1st



Summer Pop Up Choir

July 28 & August 18



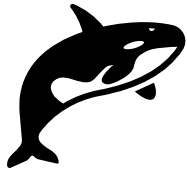
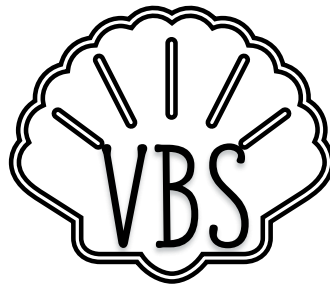
You are invited to join the Chancel Choir in singing an anthem this summer! We will meet at 8:45am in the choir room to rehearse the anthem for the 9:30am worship service. No evening rehearsal required - come and make a joyful noise to the Lord!

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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July	7	Sun	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall
July	9	Tues	7:00 pm	AA, Assembly Hall
July	11	Thurs	1:00 pm	Stampers, Activity Room
July	12	Fri	6:00 pm	Chess, Assembly Hall
July	14	Sun	9:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall A Sunday Serenade, Sanctuary



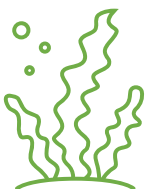
WELCOME SEA EXPLORERS!!

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

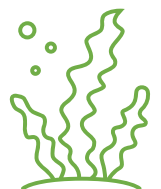
How can we help our oceans to stay clean?

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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