



“5000 Fed, Ministering to One” by Justin Thompson

God’s Abundant Presence

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 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

Horn Concerto No. 3 in Eb Major.....W.A. Mozart
I: Allegro

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING PRAYER/CALL TO WORSHIP

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled; we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found.

Gather us into your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after feeding the five thousand.

Call us anew to eat our fill and to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven.

Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place the new light is stream - ing, now is the dark - ness
2. We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4. Not in the dark of build - ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - try,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
now is the king - dom, and now is the day. _____



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and

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Gather Us In – Continued

blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

we shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 fire _____ of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

*CONFESSION

Generous God, your giving knows no limits, but we confess that, all too often, we don't follow your lead, but choose to keep our own hands, hearts, and minds firmly closed. Forgive us for the times when our own wants and needs take center stage and push aside those of our neighbors. Forgive us for moments when the fear that sharing what we have will leave us with nothing. Forgive us for situations where we see scarcity rather than abundance and focus on the problem rather than daring to dream about the solution. Help us to transcend self-centeredness, greed, and fear and to always to feel, think, and act as those who know the hope that is rooted in and inspired by your endless generosity. Amen.

*ASSURANCE

God is indeed abundant in generosity, in love, and in mercy. When we dare to be honest, when we confess our sins, when we ask for help, God's abundance is ours and we are forgiven. May we accept the gift of God's grace this day and may we live our lives differently because of them. **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 14

1 Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."
 They are corrupt; they do abominable deeds;
 there is no one who does good.

2 **The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind
 to see if there are any who are wise,
 who seek after God.**

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 there is no one who does good,
 no, not one.

4 **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
 who eat up my people as they eat bread
 and do not call upon the Lord?**

5 There they shall be in great terror,
 for God is with the company of the righteous.

6 **You would confound the plans of the poor,
 but the Lord is their refuge.**

7 O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!
 When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
 Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

Focus Scripture:
John 6:1-14

6 After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. 2 A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. 3 Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. 5 When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" 10 Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now.....William Byrd, arr. Hal H. Hopson
*Lord Jesus Christ, be present now. Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Thy Spirit send with grace divine. O may Thy truth within us shine.
Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise. Our souls to Thee in worship raise.
Make strong our faith, increase our light. O may we know Thy name aright.*
-J. Niedling's "Lutherisch Handbuchlein", tr. C. Winkworth

SERMON

"Something from Nothing"Rev. Addie Stong

*HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table.....332
*Stanza 2 is sung in canon, beginning with the pulpit side and followed by the lectern side.
Please begin to sing when invited to.*

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.

COMMUNION LITURGY

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**In the company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the
risen Christ, in the sharing of this life-giving bread and in the sharing of the cup.**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/PRAYER OF BLESSING

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP/OFFERING

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ.....347

Please follow the dynamic markings indicated at the refrain.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Horn Concerto No. 3 in Eb Major.....W.A. Mozart
III: Allegro

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

Summer Pop Up Choir
Steve Hendricks, Horn Soloist

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Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You

Text: Rae Whitney, 1991; rev. 1994, © 1994, Selah Publishing Co., Inc.

Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

Text: Brian Wren, 1989, © 1989, Hope Publishing Company

- 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:

Chriss Bodde

Deacon of the Morning:

Sumiko Booraem

CD Technician:

Matt Rivett

Chancel Flower Ministry:

Susan & John Hendricks

Driver:

Kay Peebles

Greeters:

OPEN

Social Host:

OPEN



🌻 In memory of Nancy Kirk's July 29th birthday from her daughter, Barbara Kirk

🌻 In memory of Richard (Pete) Mininger's July 31st birthday from his wife Shirley, son Douglas, and daughters Dawn and Connie

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2024	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2024	\$798.00
A Look at the Week of July 14, 2024	
Attendance: 9:30 am, July 14, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	117
Offering For Current Income	\$5,318.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$690.00
A Look at the Week of July 21, 2024	
Attendance: 9:30 am, July 21, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	94
Offering For Current Income	\$4,374.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$535.00

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 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.

This Week at St. John's

If you would like more information, please contact the church office 215.855.5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org

July	28	Sun	8:45 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Summer Communion Summer Pop Up Choir Rehearsal, Music Room Morning Worship, Sanctuary Elders, Library Fellowship, Assembly Hall
July	30	Tues	7:00 pm	AA, Assembly Hall
Aug	2	Fri	6:00 pm	Chess, Assembly Hall
Aug	4	Sun	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall

Special Alert from Board of Trustees

Recently, the Lansdale Fire Marshall conducted their annual inspection of our church. While none of the deficiencies were serious in nature, there were several. As your Chair of the Trustees, I need help from church volunteers to correct the one deficiency involving all storage and closet areas throughout the church including common space (classrooms, kitchen, etc.).

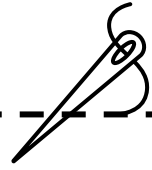
The code states that all “storage shall be at least 24” below the ceiling of interior space.” Therefore, we request that all volunteers who are responsible for certain storage areas remove anything within the 24” zone from the ceiling. I understand that this may be a challenge as our storage space throughout the church is limited. This may be a good time to remove and discard any items not needed to make room for the items within the 24” zone.

Please note that all deficiencies must be corrected no later than Friday, August 16. The follow-up inspection will take place on Monday, August 19. I ask that you communicate with Kay Peebles on your progress and reach out to her if you have any questions regarding this fire code. Also, don't hesitate to connect with Leroy Horst if you need assistance discarding or moving any items. I am also available via cell phone at 610-505-4094. The Trustees will be conducting our own internal inspection to make sure we are compliant.

Thank you for your service to our amazing church.

Peace,
 Bob Bertolette
 Chair of Trustees Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Summer Stitch

The Praying Hands Stitchers will meet this summer before service!

8:30 - 9:15 am

August 4th

September 1st

Social Hosts & Greeters Needed!

Are you someone who enjoys socializing? Are you someone excited to be the go to when it comes to hosting social events? Does the idea of making new friends and checking in on old ones excite you? Do you want to be in charge of what is eaten at Fellowship after service? St. John's needs Greeters & Social Hosts!

Greeters: Sign up in the Narthex.

Social Hosts: Speak to the Deacons for more information!



Summer Pop Up Choir



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.

Carry-Out VBS "Sea Explorer" bags are available in the Narthex for pick up for the month of August!



Orcas (Killer Whales) are actually dolphins!



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?

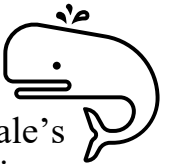
This summer, if you are at the beach, take a picture of your family helping to keep our ocean clean. Bring in the photo and we will put it on the bulletin board.

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.

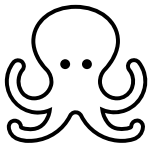
So... WHAT'S THE PLAN, STAN?

Take pictures of your good work and bring them in!

In Person Meeting on
Wednesday, August 21st,
on the Playground!



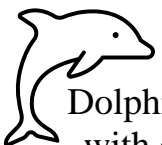
A Blue Whale's heart is as big as a VW beetle!



Octopi have three hearts



Seahorses have no stomach or teeth



Dolphins sleep with one eye open!

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