



# *Bread of Life*

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 4, 2024**

**9:30 am**

# Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

9:30 am—August 4, 2024— Eleventh 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

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!.....Setting by David Cherwien

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One is just and merciful, righteous and compassionate, wise and near.

**O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom.**

**Enliven joy and gladness within our hearts.**

We long for your presence and gather before you in gratitude and awe of your steadfast love.

**O God, you desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom.**

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Create just, righteous, and loving hearts within us.

Renew our spirits as we declare your praise and seek you in prayer.

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### \*OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!.....257

*Stanza 1: All*

*Stanza 2: All in Harmony*

*Stanza 3: Lower Voices*

*Stanza 4: All*

### \*CONFESSION

**Redeemer, forgive us. We confess our complicity with the systems of this world that hurt and harm your children and your creation. We confess our complacency with the status quo, incrementalism when urgency is required, and the claim that nothing ever changes. We confess our comfort holds more influence over us than your command that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive us and release us from the bonds of guilt and shame so that we can be free to change and grow, free to receive your power and new life, and free to be your agents of transformation in the world. Holy One, in your mercy, hear our plea. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE

Redeemed, the Sovereign God has given you power and freedom to live as full citizens of the kingdom of God. Receive the grace to do your best for today trusting that the Spirit will guide you to your best for tomorrow. The past has no power to keep you from new life in the present and abundant life in the future. Claim your redemption and, in gratitude, the new life gifted to you in Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

### \*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 51:1-12

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.
- 2 **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 **Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**
- 5 Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 6 **You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 **Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- 9 Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 10 **Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.**
- 11 Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- 12 **Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Focus Scripture  
John 6:24-35

24 So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Holy God, We Praise Your Name.....Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

SERMON

"Jesus Food" .....Pastor Tom Adil

**\*HYMN**

Eat This Bread.....788

*The soloist sings the stanzas, all sing 788 as the refrain when indicated below.  
The refrain may be sung in harmony.*

**Refrain.**

*I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the Father. **Refrain.***

*Your ancestors ate manna in the desert, but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Refrain.***

*Eat my flesh and drink my blood, and I will raise you up on the last day. **Refrain.***

*Anyone who eats this bread, will live forever. **Refrain.***

*If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. **Refrain.***

**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**

Improvisation on "One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All".....Andrew Paulson

*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

In Christ There Is No East or West.....395

*Stanza 1: All*

*Stanza 2: All in Harmony*

*Stanza 3: Higher Voices*

*Stanza 4: All*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!.....Charles Callahan

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

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**Worship Leaders**

Pastor Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor  
Susan Fitzpatrick, Liturgist

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music  
Summer Handbell Quartet

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*Grant Us Wisdom to Perceive You*

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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](https://www.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 Bertollette,  
Margie Jewell, Gale Linderman,  
Rick O'Connor, Scott Vanderburg

## Elder of the Morning:

Anne Kinsey

## Deacon of the Morning:

Judy Leslie

## CD Technician:

Robin MacMullen

## Chancel Flower Ministry:

Cindy Reese

## Driver:

Scott Vanderburg

## Greeters:

Judy Johnston

## Social Host:

Sally & Steve Jarinko



🌸 Remembering Rev. Sue on the 2nd anniversary of her passing on August 4, with love from the Bertollette family

🌸 In memory of Warren Badger's August 6th birthday from his daughter, Susan, and John Hendricks

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 July 21, 2024</b>	
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
<b>A Look at the Week of July 28, 2024</b>	
Attendance: 9:30 am, July 28, Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	108
Offering For Current Income	\$3,786.14
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$400.00

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recently, the Lansdale Fire Marshall conducted their annual inspection of our church and 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 the interior space.**” Therefore, not knowing who they are, I am putting out a request to volunteers who are responsible for certain storage areas to 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. May I suggest that 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 August 16 as 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,

Bob Bertolette, Chair of Trustees Committee



## Summer Pop Up Choir

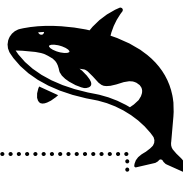


August 18



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](mailto:andrew@st-johns-ucc.org) for additional info.



In person meeting for VBS Sea Explorers will be **Wednesday, August 21st 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

September 1<sup>st</sup>

## 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](mailto:office@st-johns-ucc.org)

Aug	4	Sun	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am	<b>Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b> Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall
Aug	6	Tues	7:00 pm	AA, Assembly Hall
Aug	9	Fri	6:00 pm	Chess, Assembly Hall
Aug	11	Sun	8:45 am 11:00 am	<b>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Enlightener Due Date</b> Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall

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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?  
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