



# *From Ashes to Resurrection*

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 16, 2025**

**10:15 am**

# Welcome to St. John's UCC Lansdale!

Visitors, please complete the ivory visitor's card found in the pew pocket so we can thank you for joining us this Sunday!



Completed cards go in the basket by the narthex.

The **Book of Joys & Concerns** is a green binder on the podium at the front of the chancel. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like stated, celebrated or prayed about during the service, feel free to write inside before service begins!

**Hymnals** are on the back of the pew in front of you.

**Bibles** are on a shelf beneath the pew in front of you.



For **The Children's Message**, youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for a direct and intentional age-appropriate message.



After the Children's Message, children will be dismissed and escorted downstairs for our youth programming; **Connect 3**. Connect 3 is aimed at ages 3 through 12, but all youth are welcome!

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available if you are having trouble hearing the service. Please ask a Hospitality Team Member.



**Wheelchairs & First Aid Kit** are stored in the labeled "First Aid Closet" in the narthex.



**AED** (Defibrillator) is in the church library on the wall closest to the Sanctuary by the window. When entering from the Sanctuary, turn left.

**Audio Recordings** of service can be found online on St. John's Facebook Page, Website, or YouTube. Sermons are available on Spotify; "St John's UCC Lansdale Sermons".

If you would like a physical copy, contact the church office.

**The Nursery** will be open for you to use mindfully. No volunteers will be on duty.

A parent, grandparent, or responsible adult **must** stay with their child.



## Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan, Senior Pastor  
Pastor Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor  
Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Chancel Choir  
Abbie Lampe, Minister of Music  
for Children & Youth

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*I Shall See*

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*O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

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# Order of Worship

St. John's United Church of Christ

500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446

10:15 am—March 16, 2025— Second Sunday in Lent

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

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## PRELUDE

Meditation on *O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns*.....Andrew Paulson

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world around me is disturbing, where do I turn?

**A psalmist says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation."**

When I am afraid, what can I count on?

**"The Lord is a fortress protecting my life."**

We gather in the light of God's protection.

**We come to pray, praise and sing.**

We come to worship as we are today, knowing that God calls us to a new tomorrow.

**Let us worship God together!**

### \*OPENING HYMN

Gather Us In

*This hymn can be found inserted in your bulletin.*

### \*CONFESSION

**Loving Protector, in times of chaos, we can startled by sudden declarations, distracted by claims of solutions to problems. Forgive us, God, for our wandering from you. Forgive us, when our own fears draw other people's attention away from you. Help us to act, not from anxiety, but from faith in your certain presence. Help us to slow down and recognize you within and around us. Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE

No matter how far from God our resistance takes us, God wishes to draw us back, as deliberately as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. Receive God's embrace and this good news: you are forgiven.

### \*SUNG RESPONSE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Let us ev-er walk with Je-sus, fol-low his ex-am-ple pure, through a world that would de-ceive us and to sin our spir-its lure. On-ward in his foot-steps tread-ing, trav-'lers here, our home a-bove, full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav-ior's bid-ding. Faith-ful Lord, with me a-bide; I shall fol-low where you guide.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 27.....Pew Bible Page 487

Luke 13:31-35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

THE 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

I Shall See.....Michael John Trotta

*Teach me your way; lead me in a straight path.  
One thing I seek, to dwell in your house.  
Your face I seek, hide not from me.  
You are my light, whom should I fear?  
  
In times of trouble he shall hide me.  
I will not fear. He is my strength.*

*I believe I shall see  
all of your good in the land of the living.  
  
Wait upon him, and he will strengthen you.  
Wait for him, he is your strength.  
I will not fear. He is my strength..  
-Based on Psalm 27*

SERMON

“The Courage to Love” .....Rev. Tom Adil

\*HYMN

O Jesus Christ, My Grateful Hymns.....Hymn 212

JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/SUNG RESPONSE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Lord, Hear My Prayer'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.'

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Children of the Heavenly Father.....Swedish Folk Melody

*Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during Children of the Heavenly Father.*

*You may also donate by scanning the QR code found in the bulletin and on laminated cards in the pews.*

\*SUNG RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a pres - ent far too small;  
 Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

**Dear God, use our offerings of our resources and of our lives. Bless them, multiply them for your purposes in the world. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

Great Is Your Faithfulness.....Hymn 423

*Stanza 2 and its refrain may be sung in harmony.*

\*BENEDICTION

Friends, nourished by your presence here, go boldly in the way of Jesus. Receive the blessings of God, and be sustained by the Holy Spirit, today and always. Go in Peace.

POSTLUDE

“Little” Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554.....J.S. Bach

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

**Worship Assistants**

**Hospitality:**

Bill Leslie, Bob Bertollette,  
Gale Linderman, Rick O’Connor,  
Scott Vanderburg

**Elder of the Morning:**

Emilie Truscott

**Deacon of the Morning:**

Peter Conver

**Audio Technician:**

Matt Rivett

**Chancel Flowers:**

Kelly Bresadola

**Driver:**

Jo-Ann Sine

**Social Host:**

Mark & Grace Bruen

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2025	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2025	\$826.92
<b>A Look at the Week of March 2, 2025</b>	
Attendance: March 2, Transfiguration Sunday	132
Attendance: March 5, Ash Wednesday	90
Offering For Current Income	\$9,479.00
Offering For Our Church’s Wider Mission	\$1,205.00
<b>A Look at the Week of March 9, 2025</b>	
Attendance: March 9, First Sunday in Lent	168
Attendance: March 12, Holden Prayer	26
Offering For Current Income	\$15,743.53
Offering For Our Church’s Wider Mission	\$2,300.50

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## Announcements

### 2025 Easter Lilies!

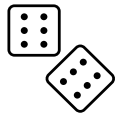
If you wish to donate Easter Lilies in honor or in memory of a loved one, forms can be found in the Narthex and Elevator lobbies with instructions.

A donation form will also be mailed out with each copy of the April Enlightener this week.

The last day to donate is Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

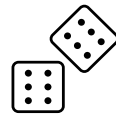
*All donations will be posted  
in the Easter Sunday bulletin.*

### Family Game Night At St. John's UCC!



Thursday, March 20, 2025

6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Assembly Hall



Join the Board of Educators for Family Game night!

**All are welcome.**

There will be a selection of games available. Feel free to bring some of your favorites to share. Meet some new friends and enjoy a fun night of gaming!

Beverages will be provided. Bring a snack to share.

Please RSVP via our Facebook Event Page, the sign-up sheets in the elevator lobby or Narthex OR by contacting the church office so we have enough tables available.

### Are you wearing your Name Tag?

The proper placement is on the right side of your chest, just below the collarbone.

### Don't have a Name Tag?

Sign up for one in the Narthex or Library, and it will be ready next Sunday!

### Wanted: Colors of Ukraine!

1/4" bright yellow and/or  
1/4" royal blue ribbon

Please check your craft closet to see if you have any leftover ribbon! Wanted for an upcoming fundraiser to help rebuild Ukraine. Email Amy at [amy.faga@gmail.com](mailto:amy.faga@gmail.com)

## Wednesday Night Live! Lenten Study

During this season of Lent, the Adult Education Class will be following the curriculum of **The Hardest Part**, a podcast series by Kate Bowler. From her website:

*Lent is here—the season we stop pretending we're fine and admit that life is...a lot. It's forty days of naming what's fragile, walking toward the hard truths, and resisting the urge to skip straight to the happy ending.*

**The Hardest Part** explores the complexities of life, faith, and the challenges we face. In this series, she addresses difficult questions about how to remain compassionate in a harsh world and how to navigate faith during tough times. The series includes reflections, response prompts, and blessings to help listeners process life's fragilities and uncertainties.

While we talk about the lessons and listen to snippets, we will continue drawing our mandalas. Handouts for further home study will be provided.

**Join us every Wednesday at 6:15 pm in the library** after our 5:45 pm community meal. You are welcome to stay after for our Holden Evening Prayer service at 7 pm in the sanctuary.

2024 Contribution Statements are available in the church office.

Offering Envelopes for 2024 will be available in the Narthex until March 16<sup>th</sup>. For your envelopes past this date, please contact the church office.

## Acknowledgements



### In Memory of Judy Lederach

To the Exterior Restoration Fund from:

*Robert & Carol Hammel*

*Ken & Bonnie Hales*

*Dan & Lillian Panachyda*



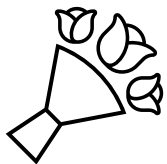
### In Memory of Robert Linderman

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*Mary Billy*

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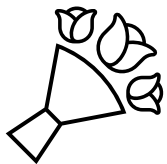
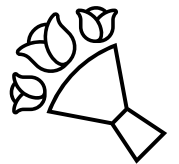
*Barbara Monaghan*



### In Memory of the Rev. Herman C. Ahrens, Sr & Mrs. Ella Ahrens

To the Chancel Flowers Fund from:

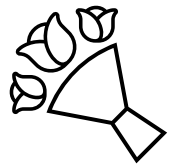
*Lorene Ahrens and Family*



### In Memory of Jean MacKinstry Rogers on one of her favorite holidays, St. Patrick's Day

To the Chancel Flowers Fund from:

*Karen Filson*



*These donations will also be found in the next eHerald.*

## This Week at St. John's

If you would like more information about St. John's, please speak with one of the staff or contact the church office at 215.855.5489 or [office@st-johns-ucc.org](mailto:office@st-johns-ucc.org)

16-Mar	Sun	10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 - 4:00 PM 5:00 PM	Second Sunday in Lent Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Artist Series Brahms Rehearsal, Sanctuary Private Event, Assembly Hall
18-Mar	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
19-Mar	Wed	5:45 - 6:45 PM 6:00 - 6:45 PM 6:15 - 6:45 PM 7:00 - 7:20 PM 7:30 - 8:30 PM 8:30 - 9:30 PM	Wednesday Night Live! <i>Herald Due Date</i> Community Meal, Assembly Hall Wind Ensemble, Sanctuary Adult Education, Library Children's Choir, Music Room Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary Artist Series Chorus, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
20-Mar	Thurs	9:30 AM 6:30 PM	Enlightener Folding, Library Family Game Night, Assembly Hall
21-Mar	Fri	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	<b>Fire Drill</b> North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
22-Mar	Sat	9:30 - 11:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall <i>Potential Baby Shower</i>
23-Mar	Sun	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	Third Sunday in Lent Confirmation Class, Associate Pastor's Office Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Private Event, Assembly Hall

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Andy Jay, Facilities Manager    Bill Bergey, Custodian    Deborah Dayton, Council President



# 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

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. \_\_\_\_\_

# Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me

to devour my flesh—

my adversaries and foes—

they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,

my heart shall not fear;

though war rise up against me,

yet I will be confident.

One thing I asked of the Lord;  
this I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the Lord,

and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter

in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;

he will set me high on a rock.

Now my head is lifted up

above my enemies all around me,

and I will offer in his tent

sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;

be gracious to me and answer me!

“Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

Your face, Lord, do I seek.

Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,

you who have been my help.

Do not cast me off; do not forsake me,

O God of my salvation!

If my father and mother forsake me,

the Lord will take me up.

Teach me your way, O Lord,

and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,

for false witnesses have risen  
against me,  
and they are breathing out  
violence.

in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord;  
be strong, and let your heart  
take courage;  
wait for the Lord!

I believe that I shall see the  
goodness of the Lord

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