



From Ashes to Resurrection

Third Sunday in Lent
March 23, 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
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Wind Ensemble
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Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan
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Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

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O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Text and Music: Taizé
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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 23, 2025— Third Sunday in Lent

You are invited to rise in body or spirit when indicated by an **asterisk* and **speak the words in bold**.

PRELUDE

Down by the Salley Gardens.....Irish Folk Melody, arr. Michael Sweeney

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Jan Richardson

God of the journey, who calls us to travel with faith,
who reminds us we are dust, yet breathes into us the breath of life, hear our prayer:

**Bearer of the Sun, draw me into your heart of fire,
that I may have light to uncover the unremembered stories
and strength to endure their telling.**

Creator of the world, awaken us to the blessedness of the earth,
that we may honor those who once dwelled along these paths that we now travel.

**Spirit who hovered over the face of the deep, lead me to your life-giving waters,
that I may give my tears to the depths and find refreshment and delight.**

Helper who breathes life into each new generation, surround us with the winds of your spirit,
and may we hear with tenderness the stories that they bear.

Open us to your word, your wisdom, and your love this day, in this place. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy.....Hymn 23

*CONFESSION

**Eternal God, we seek forgiveness for the times we have done wrong.
Cleanse our hearts, O Lord. Root us in your love. Ground us in your grace.
Help us become faith-filled vessels through which your Spirit can work
to heal this hurting world. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE

Know this – by the grace of God, you are loved. You are forgiven. You are free to begin again.
Amen.

*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

Psalms 63:1-8Pew Bible Page 507

Luke 13:1-9

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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

A Childhood Hymn (Jesus Loves Me).....Arr. David R. Holsinger

SERMON

“What We Tend, Grows”Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN

Come to Tend God’s Garden.....Hymn 586

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 with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. 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." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil.....Handt Hanson

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil.

*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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You.....Hymn 410

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Canticum.....James Curnow

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

Hospitality:

Mark Methlie, Jen Gilbert, Sarah Hogan,
Bonnie & Walt Weber

Elder of the Morning:

Sue Clemens

Deacon of the Morning:

Judy Leslie

Audio Technician:

Robin MacMullen

Chancel Flowers:

Gale Linderman

Driver:

Kay Peebles

Social Host:

Sally & Steve Jarinko

Weekly amount needed for Current Income 2025	\$7,884.62
Weekly amount needed for OCWM 2025	\$826.92
A Look at the Week of March 9, 2025	
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
A Look at the Week of March 16, 2025	
Attendance: March 16, Second Sunday in Lent	153
Attendance: March 19, Holden Prayer	23
Offering For Current Income	\$6,606.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$879.00

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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 13th.

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

Spring Tidying

Volunteers Needed!

 **Garage Cleanout** 

Andy Jay, Facilities Manager, is looking for a couple folks to help organize the garage, especially with moving heavy items. The anticipated need is 1-2 hours of work, which can happen any time from Sun-Thurs, 8AM-3PM. Project starts Monday, 3/24.

 **Envelope Recycling
& Office Shredding** 

Office volunteers are needed to help go through a set of old church envelopes and properly discard them.

If you're willing to help out with either of these projects, please contact the office at (215) 855-5489 or office@st-johns-ucc.org.

Thank you, and happy spring! 

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

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.

Acknowledgements



In Memory of Robert Linderman

To the Memorial Fund from:
John & Francine Worthington



To the Exterior Restoration Fund from:
Judy & Bill Leslie



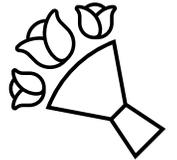
In Memory of Judy Lederach

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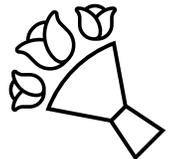
In Memory of parents,
Gerald & Edith Linderman
on their March 26th wedding anniversary

To the Chancel Flowers Fund from:
Gerry & Grace Linderman



In Memory of his brother, Mark

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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

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
25-Mar	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
26-Mar	Wed	5:45 - 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! Community Meal, Assembly Hall Adult Education, Library United Ringers, Sanctuary Children's Choir, Music Room Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary Artist Series Chorus, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
27-Mar	Thurs	6:30 PM	Girl Scouts, Activity Room
28-Mar	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
29-Mar	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
30-Mar	Sun	10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 1:00 PM	Fourth Sunday in Lent Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Stewardship, Library Artist Series Chorus, Sanctuary

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

Psalm 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you in the watches of the night,
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

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