



# *From Ashes to Resurrection*

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**April 6, 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  
Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music  
Sally Jarinko, Liturgist

Chancel Choir  
United Ringers

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*A Visit to Susiya, 2024*  
Linda Noonan

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*  
Text: Sigismund von Birken;  
tr. Lutheran Book of Worship, alt.©  
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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—April 6, 2025— Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

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PRELUDE

Thee We Adore, O Savior.....Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mary rubbed Jesus' feet with costly perfume and wiped them with her hair.

**With death just around the corner, she anointed her Lord.**

She poured herself out with intimacy, abundance, and blessing.

**This is how the Enfleshed God moves:**

Kneeling at the feet of our beloved bodies,

**honoring the holy fragility of being alive—**

Skin and muscle,

**Dust and dirt,**

Love and fear, relationships and, in death, the grief that follows.

**Come, God of extravagant love, be with us in this place. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation.....Hymn 400

*Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.*

\*CONFESSION

**Tender God, when we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love,  
when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.**

**Merciful God, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.**

**Powerful God, when we are broken, when we are too ashamed to seek community,  
heal us.**

**Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept your grace  
and hear your call in Christ.**

\*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

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "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."

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus's feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

### 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

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears.....Orlando Gibbons, arr. John Ferguson

*Drop, drop, slow tears, and bathe those beauteous feet  
which brought from heaven the news and Prince of Peace.*

*Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat;  
to cry for vengeance Sin does never cease.*

*In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears;  
nor let his eye see sin, but through my tears.*

*-Phineas Fletcher*

#### SERMON

"Pouring Ourselves Out" .....Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

#### \*HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This.....Hymn 223

*Stanza 1: All*

*Stanza 2: Choir begins, all join at "while millions join the theme..."*

*Stanza 3: All*

#### JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/SUNG RESPONSE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "O Lord, Hear My Prayer". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me." The second staff contains the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady rhythm.

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower.....  
Offering plates will be passed to the choir in the  
In the Bulb There Is a Flower  
You may also donate by scanning the QR code found  
and on laminated cards in the news.

\*SUNG RESPONSE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Life-Giving God, all we have a  
return. Bless and multiply the  
Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN

In the Midst of New Dimensions....  
*The refrain may always be sung*  
*Stanza 1: All*  
*Stanza 2: Higher Voices*  
*Stanza 3: Lower Voices*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata.....Paul Fey

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

**Hospitality:**

Robin MacMullen, Peter Conver,  
Griff Francis, Stefanie Giampa,  
Jenn Moyer, Matt Rivett

**Elder of the Morning:**

Charles Sisian

**Deacon of the Morning:**

Paula White

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 23, 2025</b>	
Attendance: March 19, Holden Prayer	23
Attendance: March 23, Third Sunday in Lent	148
Offering For Current Income	\$4,624.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,685.00

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

Thursday, April 10, 2025

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Assembly Hall

**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 so we have enough tables available.

**Women's  
Retreat**

**Saturday, April 12**

**9:30 am**

**Assembly Hall**

Celebrate yourself ❤️ and  
spring 🌸 with a self-care  
session from the

**Art of Living  
Foundation**

feel-good yoga stretches for all  
levels, the power of the breath,  
and a relaxing guided  
meditation.

Light refreshments will be served.

**All women are  
welcome!**

**you. Receive our gifts in  
our realm here on earth.**

.....Hymn 391

**Audio Technician:**

Griff Francis

**Chancel Flowers:**

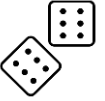
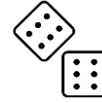
Sue & Mike Donahue

**Driver:**

Scott Vanderburg

**Social Host:**

Joyce & Ron Huisenga



# THE Artist Series

AT ST. JOHN'S

Presents:



**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**4:00 PM - 5:30 PM**

Free To Attend!

The North Penn Chamber Singers and The Artist Series Chorus combine with orchestra to present this choral masterwork by Johannes Brahms! Join us as we conclude the season with this magnificent work sung by a massed chorus with a 39-piece professional orchestra.

## **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.

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

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

## **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

## **From the Elder's Desk: Senior Pastor Study Items!**

Hello St. John's Motley crew!

Your assistance is requested. Items that were previously in the Senior Pastor's office require evaluation.

These items will be displayed in the Fireside room for the next two weeks. (Until April 6th). Please visit the Fireside room to review the items. **If there is an item that you or your family gifted to Reverend Sue, please let Chriss Bodde or Sue Clemens know if you would like the item returned to you.**

Thank you for your input...  
St. John's Elders





## In Memory of Ida Scott

To the Memorial Fund from:

*Ron & Jeanne Mancia*



## In Memory of Judy Lederach

To the Exterior Restoration Fund from:

*Richard & Wendy O'Connor*



## In Memory of Charles A. Pool Jr's

April 4<sup>th</sup> birthday

To the Chancel Flowers Fund from:

*His Family*

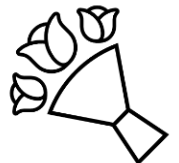


## In Memory of Marine Boorse's

April 7<sup>th</sup> birthday

To the Chancel Flowers Fund from:

*Her husband, Richard*



## In Memory of the Rev. Hugo C. Kellermeyer & Mrs. Josephine Kellermeyer

To the Chancel Flowers Fund from:

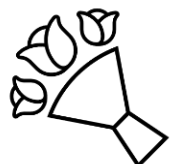
*Lorene Ahrens & Family*



## In Memory of Robert & Madge Chandler Marvin, James, & Maryetta Moyer; & Benjamin, Betty, & Helen A. Hammel

To the Chancel Flowers Fund from:

*The LaVerne Moyer family and the Carol & Ben Hammel Family*



*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)

6-Apr	Sun	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 11:45 AM 6:00 PM	<b><u>Fifth Sunday in Lent</u></b> Stitchers, Library Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Confirmation Class, Associate Pastor's Office Artist Series Chorus, Sanctuary
8-Apr	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
9-Apr	Wed	10:00 AM  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	<b>Fire Drill</b>  <b><u>Wednesday Night Live!</u></b> Community Meal, Assembly Hall Adult Education Class, Library United Ringers, Sanctuary Children's Choir, Music Room Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary Artist Series Chorus, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
10-Apr	Thurs	9:00 AM 1:00 PM 6:30 PM	Organ Tuning, Sanctuary Stampers, Activity Room Family Game Night, Assembly Hall
11-Apr	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
12-Apr	Sat	9:00 AM  9:30 AM 12:00 PM	Artist Series Chorus, Sanctuary Palm Party, Fireside Room Women's Retreat, Assembly Hall Artist Series Lunch, Assembly Hall
13-Apr	Sun	10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 4:00 PM	<b><u>Palm Sunday</u></b> Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Artist Series Presents: Ein deutsches Requiem, Sanctuary





## Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,  
    who makes a way in the sea,  
    a path in the mighty waters,  
who brings out chariot and  
horse,  
    army and warrior;  
they lie down; they cannot rise;  
    they are extinguished,  
quenched like a wick:  
Do not remember the former  
things  
    or consider the things of old.  
I am about to do a new thing;  
    now it springs forth; do you  
not perceive it?

I will make a way in the  
wilderness  
    and rivers in the desert.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
    the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the  
wilderness,  
    rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen  
people,  
    the people whom I formed  
for myself  
so that they might declare my  
praise

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