

# From Ashes to Resurrection

Palm Sunday April 13, 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, <u>feel free to write inside before service begins!</u>

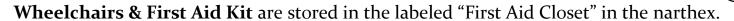
**Hymnals** are on the back of the pew in front of you. **Bibles** are on a shelf beneath the pew in front of you.



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 <u>Children's Message</u>, 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.





**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".

**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

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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 13, 2025— Palm Sunday

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

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### \*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

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#### \*CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, we may be tempted to skip parts of the story that begins with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, There are challenging stories ahead of us in this week. We may want to turn away from the betrayals and hardships and suffering in Jesus's Passion, just as we too often turn away from the hardships and suffering of people in our own time. Forgive us when our focus slips. Bring us back to the path you set before us. Renew our strength and increase our faithfulness. Amen.

#### \*ASSURANCE

Receive this good news: God reaches out to us to draw us close. in the name of Jesus, our sins are forgiven.

#### \*SUNG RESPONSE

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



#### 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

#### **S**ERMON

"Jesus, Broken and Majestic" ......Rev. Tom Adil

#### \*HYMN

Stanza 1: All Stanza 3: Lower Voices

Stanza 2: Higher Voices Stanza 4: All

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

O Lord, Hear My Prayer





OFFERING & OFFERTORY MUSIC

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna.....Jennette Threlfall

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews during Hosanna, Loud Hosanna.

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



#### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, use our offerings and our lives to bring wholeness to this world.

#### \*CLOSING HYMN

Just As I Am......Hymn 207

Stanzas 3 and 4 may be sung in harmony.

#### \*BENEDICTION

The service concludes without a postlude as we solemnly enter Holy Week.

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

### **Worship Assistants**

#### Hospitality:

Bill Leslie, Bob Bertolette, Gale Linderman, Rick O'Connor, Scott Vanderburg

#### **Elder of the Morning:**

Chriss Bodde

#### **Deacon of the Morning:**

Judy Johnston

#### **Audio Technician:**

Robin MacMullen

#### **Chancel Flowers:**

Karen & Mark Methlie

#### **Driver:**

Gale Linderman

#### **Social Host:**

The Rivetts

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 30, 2025	
Attendance: March 26, Holden Prayer	28
Attendance: March 30, Fourth Sunday in Lent	138
Offering For Current Income	\$5,956.82
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,014.25
A Look at the Week of April 6, 2025	
Attendance: April 2, Holden Prayer	19
Attendance: April 6, Fifth Sunday in Lent	143
Offering For Current Income	\$10,074.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$538.00

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# There will be NO Wednesday Night Live April 16 nor April 23

# Acknowledgements



#### In Honor of Bob Tanis's 94th Birthday

To the Exterior Restoration Fund from Steve & Debby Hendricks



#### In memory of Mary C. Fritz's April 16th birthday

To the Chancel Flower fund from her family



# In honor of the April 16th Wedding Anniversary of Dr & Mrs. Edgar Willard Hartzell

To the Chancel Flower fund from Dee Reedman & Family



#### In memory of Marvin Roshong's April 17th birthday

To the Chancel Flower fund from his wife, Jean & family

# **Announcements**

# Today is the Last Day to donate 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.

All donations will be posted in the Easter Sunday bulletin.



# Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner

April 17 | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday is the day in Holy Week when we remember Jesus' last supper in the Upper Room with his disciples on the night before he was crucified.

This is a ritual remembrance of Jesus' last supper with his disciples. It is meant to not simply reenact the biblical story, but to enter into it with our own lives, loves, losses, and hopes. Questions focus on things like: sharing our thanksgivings, remembering a time when someone offered their life or sacrificed for someone else, our covenant with God's larger family, etc. Dinner will include the breaking of bread and sharing of the cup (what we now call "communion").

We will offer hand washing or foot washing for anyone who would like to do this – it is completely optional. We recall the ways in which the washing of feet before a meal was usually done by servants. But Jesus broke that convention by washing the feet of the ones he loved. In doing this, he modeled servant leadership.

So we can prepare the space, please RSVP by scanning below:







# TODAY 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.

## 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

# 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

13-Apr	Sun		Palm Sunday
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		10:15 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
		4:00 PM	Artist Series Presents:
			Ein deutsches Requiem, Sanctuary
14-Apr	Mon	7:00 PM	Council, Zoom
15-Apr	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
16-Apr	Wed		No Wednesday Night Live!
		6:15 PM	United Ringers, Sanctuary
		7:30 PM	Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
17-Apr	Thurs		<u>Maundy Thursday</u>
		12:00 PM	Prayer Vigil Begins
		7:00 PM	Worship Potluck Dinner, Sanctuary
18-Apr	Fri		Good Friday
		12:00 PM	Prayer Vigil Ends
		7:00 PM	Worship Service, Sanctuary
20-Apr	Sun		Easter Sunday
		7:00 AM	Sunrise Service, Whites Road Park
		10:15 AM	Celebration Service, Sanctuary
		10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall

# St. John's United Church of Christ

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