



# Rooted and Rising

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10:15 am

# Welcome to St. John's UCC Lansdale!



**Prayer Request and Information Cards** are in pews for visitors, or anyone who would like to share information or a prayer request. **Visitors**, we are so glad you are here! Completed cards can be placed in the offering plates when they are passed.



The **Book of Joys & Concerns** is a green binder on the podium at the front of the sanctuary on the right. 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 **Our Time with Children**, children and youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for conversation and an age-appropriate message. They will then 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!



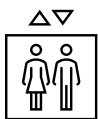
**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary if you are having trouble hearing the service. If the service is too loud, you may spend worship in the **Library**, which is to the right of the front of the Sanctuary, through the wall door.



**Wheelchairs & First Aid Kit** are stored in the labeled "First Aid Closet" near the Main Street entrance to the sanctuary. **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 Website, Facebook Page, or YouTube. Sermons are available on Spotify at "St John's UCC Lansdale Sermons."



**The Elevator** can be found at the end of the hall, through the door on the right front side of the sanctuary. **Accessible Bathrooms** are on the basement level. Once within the elevator, press "B". Exit and go left down the ramp. Once in the hallway, turn left, walk the length, and turn right. The bathrooms are to the left at the top of a small ramp.



**The Nursery** is open for you to use mindfully, and the service is audible from there. The Nursery is past the elevator, through the double doors, on the right hand side, before the steps. No volunteers will be on duty. A responsible adult **must** stay with their child.

## St. John's United Church of Christ

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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 20, 2025 — Easter Sunday

*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

Trumpet Tune Fanfare.....Henry Purcell, arr. Arnold B. Sherman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb,  
bringing burial spices.

**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,  
and in the tomb they could not find the body of Jesus.**

An angel, having descended from heaven said, "Do not be afraid; you are looking for  
Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified.

**"He has been raised; he is not here."**

Christ is risen even though the authorities don't approve.

**Christ is risen, even when those who witness it are written off.**

Christ is risen and appears to those thought to be outsiders.

**Christ is risen in the middle of doubt.**

Grace comes to us, even in the midst of our mixed-up lives.

**Gratitude overtakes us, even when we start out discouraged, angry, or afraid.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

\*OPENING HYMN #233 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

*Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.*

CONFESSION

**Creator of this precious world and all its precious peoples,**

**We confess our hesitation to walk in your way.**

**You offer abundance; yet we fear scarcity.**

**You create diversity; yet we cling to division.**

**You call for justice; yet we prefer privilege.**

**You reach out in love; yet we fail to welcome the stranger.**

**Forgive us, O God, and renew in us your holy love!**

ASSURANCE

Know this – by the grace of God, you are loved. You are forgiven. Let us take up the pain-bearing, truth-telling, other-embracing, bread-breaking, circle-widening work to which we are called for the sake of Love. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Halleluja  
*The response is sung twice.*



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-24.....Pew Bible Page 541.....Read by Regan Dunlevy

Luke 24:1-12.....Read by Siobhan Morris

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.

Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

OUR TIME WITH CHILDREN

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 Rise to Sing! The Light is Breaking.....Eric Nelson

*Rise to sing! The light is breaking, gleaming gift of day begun.*

*Hope now springs, like blossoms waking opening to the rising sun.*

*Those who sow in pain and sorrow with the dawn in joy shall reap.*

*God who governs each tomorrow wipes all tears from those who weep.*

*Lovely shine the courts of heaven; morning stars now brightly burn,*

*Christ arises like the leaven of bread for hearts that yearn.*

*Death is swallowed up in victory. Where is now your sting, O grave?*

*Earth, awake to radiant mystery: Christ shall come again to save!*

*Hail the dawn of new creation! Gone are suffering, grief, and sighs.  
Glorious now the consummation. Music soars to fill the skies.*

*Organs piping, church bells ringing, on this day all earth shall ring.  
In the grace of God's good timing, with the saints, we rise to sing!*

*Rise to sing! The light is breaking, arise, rise to sing!*  
-Mary Louise Bringle

SERMON "Rolling Stones and Bodacious Witnesses" .....Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

\*HYMN Rooted and Grounded in Love  
*The soloist sings the verses, all sing the refrain.*

Verse 1

*In a time of disease, we are called to be healers embodying Love's holy care.  
We follow the healer who tended the suffering, restoring the wounded our work and our  
prayer. We are joyful and strong as our faith is revealed in the richest abundance of fruit  
that we yield.*

### Refrain



Verse 2

*In a time of distrust, we are called to be teachers embodying Love's holy grace. We  
follow the teacher who welcomed the stranger enlarging love's realm with each  
sacred embrace. We are joyful and strong as our faith is revealed in the richest  
abundance of fruit that we yield.*

### Refrain

Verse 3

*In a time of despair, we are called to be prophets, proclaiming all people as one. We  
follow the prophet who cried out for justice our lives offered up so Love's will can be  
done. We are joyful and strong as our faith is revealed in the richest abundance of fruit  
that we yield.*

### Refrain

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## SUNG RESPONSE Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day



## OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews.*



## \*SUNG RESPONSE Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Holy One, as you rise in the world, rise in us. We dedicate our lives and these gifts for the building of your Beloved Community in this world. Amen.**

## COMMUNION

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;  
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

**Christ is risen! He lives, and presides at this Feast!**

*Let us gather to share in the Bread of New Life!.*

**Jesus is with us! Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

*Let us drink together the Cup of Gladness!*

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for your love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and calling us to be your people.

We give you thanks for Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one church. Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and earth, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy #793

*The hymn is sung in Spanish, first by the choir and second by all.*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*CLOSING HYMN #245 The Day of Resurrection

*Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata from Symphony for Organ No. 5.....Charles-Marie Widor

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

**The Assembly Hall** is located downstairs.

From the **Narthex** – the room as you exit the back of the Sanctuary – go down the steps on the left as you exit the Sanctuary and straight down the hallway.

From the **Elevator**, go to the "B" level, go down the ramp and turn right.

### Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan, Senior Pastor

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

United Ringers

Regan Dunlevy

Rev. Tom Adil, Support Pastor

Chancel Choir

Brass Ensemble

Siobhan Morris

### Brass Ensemble Members

Trumpet I: Logan Bigelow

Horn: Steve Hendricks

Tuba: Chuck Neidhardt

Trumpet II: Alan Malachowski

Baritone: Bill Leslie

Timpani: Cindy Reese

### Worship Assistants

**Hospitality:**

Mark Methlie, Jen Gilbert, Sarah Hogan,

Bonnie & Walt Weber

**Elder of the Morning:**

Emilie Truscott

**Deacon of the Morning:**

Rickie Lee Sands

**Audio Technician:**

Matt Rivett

**Greeters:**

**Social Host:**

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Linda Noonan

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## Announcements

2025

# BASKET RAFFLE

*BENEFITING THE EXTERIOR RESTORATION PROJECT*

- Plan on participating? Please notify one of the deacons ASAP and let us know the theme of your basket. Baskets are due in the office the week of May 5th - 10th.
- Basket display and ticket sales will take place Sundays starting May 11th in the Fireside Room. The baskets will also be featured at the church picnic on June 1st and at Lansdale Day June 7th.
- The winners will be drawn at social hour on June 8th.

It's time for a favorite St. John's tradition!  
Donate a themed basket for a lucky winner  
in the congregation or community to enjoy.  
Have fun and get creative!



Two Listening Sessions  
for Those who Previously Attended  
the 8 AM Service

**Sunday, April 27 | Monday, April 28**

**Noon – Library | 7:00 PM – Zoom**

Pastor Linda and Pastor Tom will be available for conversation with people who were part of the early service to hear about their experiences and needs. Let the pastors or the office know if you would like to attend by Zoom and we will send you a link.



**Praying Hands Stitchers**

**Sunday, May 4**

**9 AM**

**St. John's Library**

We provide yarn, needles, and instruction,  
and all are welcome!

Join us every first Sunday before service!

## Women's Retreat

**May 10**

**St. John's Library**

Suzan Neiger Gould, Executive Director of Manna on Main Street, will be the speaker at the May 10, Women's Retreat in the Church Library at 9:30 am. Her presentation will include the history of Manna on Main Street from its beginning as a soup kitchen in the basement of St. John's to its present home at North Penn Commons, followed by an interactive group discussion and a time for questions.

Light refreshments will be served.

All women are welcome!

## Family Game Night at St. John's UCC

**Thursday, May 15th**

**Time: 6:30-8:30 pm**



To the right you will find our Easter Lily donations,  
which were given in loving memory by our congregation.





In memory of Warren & Lorraine Badger from their daughter, Susan & John Hendricks

In memory of Martine Boorse from husband, Dick

In memory of Carlton & Madge Bruen from children Mark & Grace Bruen

In memory of Pop-pop Burke from Ashley Thorpe

In memory of my father, Richard Burke from Lisa McClay

In memory of A. Herbert & Kay Crouthamel from Kevil Krail, Debbie Krail, & Family

In memory of Beverley Drucis from her son, Scott Vanderburg

In memory of Grace & Pete Ehly from daughter, Dean Meacham

In memory of Donald & Bernice Gibson from Donald Gibson Jr & Rosemarie Gibson

In memory of Robert & Marian Gilbert from Donald Gibson Jr & Rosemarie Gibson

In memory of Anne Haines from Jo-Ann Sine

In memory of June Hendricks from her nephew, John, and Susan Hendricks

In memory of Daniel & Anna Henninger from Lyn & Don Huntsinger

In memory of Archie & Blanche Huntsinger from Lyn & Don Huntsinger

In memory of Beverley Jackson from her brother, Scott Vanderburg

In memory of Warren Koenig from Judy Koenig & Family

In memory of James "David" Krail from Kevin Krail, Debbie Krail, & Family

In memory of Judy Lederach from the Slover family

In memory of Marilyn Loos from her daughter, Liz Vanderburg

In memory of Mother, Casilda Luzares from Luchi Luzares

In memory of Charles R. May from wife, Connie

In memory of Ray McNamee from children, Mark & Grace Bruen

In memory of parents Catharine & Albert Menzinger from Kay Fiala

In memory of Allen C. Moyer (Bud) from Ruth & Family

In memory of Jane & Junie Nyce from Suzanne & Don Franks & Family

In memory of George Richardson from Thomas & Jean Biggs

In memory of Michelle, Jim, Luise, & Duane Snyder from Jerry, Mary Ellen, Jackie, James & the boys

In memory of Alma, Bertha, Earl & Emma Swartley from Susan & John Hendricks

In memory of my husband Tim & daughter, Tobi from Vada Timko

In memory of Bob & Bette Trevorah from Pat, Bob, & Bill Trevorah

In memory of Alberta Walsh from Pat, Bob, & Bill Trevorah

In memory of Loved Ones from the Keim / Baker Family

In memory of Loved Ones from James, Frances, & Siobhan Morris

In memory of husband, Vic, daughter, Vicki, & granddaughter, Jessie Lynn from Doris Latta & Family

In memory of Our Parents from Sally & Wayne Fetterman

In memory of Our Parents from Judy & Chuck Neidhardt

## 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)

20-Apr	Sun	7:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM	<b><u>Easter Sunday</u></b> Sunrise Service, Whites Road Park Celebration Service, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall
21-Apr	Mon		Office Closed For Easter Holiday
22-Apr	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
23-Apr	Wed	3:40 PM	<b>Fire Drill</b> <b><u>No Wednesday Night Live!</u></b>
24-Apr	Thurs	9:30 AM 6:30 PM	Enlightener Folding, Library Girl Scouts, Activity Room
25-Apr	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
26-Apr	Sat		Huntsinger Wedding, Sanctuary
27-Apr	Sun	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM	<b><u>Second Sunday of Easter</u></b> Confirmation Class, Associate Pastor's Office Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall

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 April 6, 2025</b>	
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
<b>A Look at the Week of April 13, 2025</b>	
Attendance: April 9, Holden Prayer	24
Attendance: April 13, Fifth Sunday in Lent	172
Offering For Current Income	\$6,944.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$485.00

### 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)

## Psalm 118:1-2, 19-24

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## Luke 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen.

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