



# Rooted and Rising

Fourth Sunday in Easter

May 11, 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. Prayer requests will go to our prayer chain and pastors. These will not be read during service. **Visitors**, we are so glad you are here! Completed cards can be placed in the offering plates.



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 **Prayers of the People**, 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. **Large Print Hymns** are available for those who need them.



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!



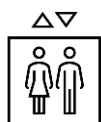
**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary if you are having trouble hearing the service. If the service is too loud, you may spend worship in the **Library**, which is to the right of the front of the Sanctuary, through the wall door.



**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 services 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, go 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 — May 11, 2025 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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

Jesus Loves Me.....Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are tired, and some of us are in the middle of serious problems.

**Christ is risen.**

What did you say?

**There are so many blossoms.**

**So many colors.**

**So much beauty.**

The many injustices of the world require us to work harder.

**Christ is risen.**

What did you say?

**A child just learned a new song.**

**After 190 years, a bird we thought was extinct  
has returned to the Galápagos Islands.**

Grace surprises us, and beckons for us to breathe deeply.

**Christ is risen.**

What did you say?

**People continue to raise their voices for justice.**

**Asparagus is sprouting in the backyard.**

**A long-lost friend is thinking of you.**

There are things for us to worry about. Our to-do lists are very long.

**The cardinals are preparing nests, and have you seen the cherry trees?**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN #479 God Is My Shepherd

*Stanza 2 and 4 may be sung in harmony.*

CONFESSION

**Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life, but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways. In the name of the Risen One, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE

You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith, knowing that you are not alone. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Halleluja  
*The response is sung twice.*



SCRIPTURE READINGS  
John 10:22-30 .....Pew Bible New Testament Page 96

Psalms 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest  
valley,  
I fear no evil,  
for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

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 *Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit* from *Ein deutsches Requiem*.....Johannes Brahms

*Ihr habt nun Traurigkeit;  
aber ich will euch wieder sehen,  
und euer Herz soll sich freuen,  
und eure Freude soll niemand  
von euch nehmen.  
Ich will euch trösten,  
wie einen seine Mutter tröstet.  
Sehet mich an:  
Ich habe eine kleine Zeit  
Mühe und Arbeit gehabt  
und habe großen Trost gefunden.*

*Ye now are sorrowful,  
howbeit ye shall again behold me,  
and your heart shall be joyful,  
and your joy no man  
taketh from you.  
Yea, I will comfort you,  
as one whom his own mother comforteth.  
Look upon me;  
ye now that for a little time  
labor and sorrow were mine,  
but at the last I have found comfort.*

SERMON "Shepherds, Cherry Trees, and Parking Lot Attendants", Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan  
-John 16:22, Isaiah 66:13, Ecclesiastes 5:1-27 (tr. E.M. Ingham, rev. Robert Hugh Benson)

\*HYMN Rooted and Grounded in Love



Praise God, the Gi-ver and the Gift. Hands, hearts, and voi-ces now up - lift: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Breath of glad sur-prise, free - ing our spir-its, op'n-ing eyes.

Three in One-ness, love com-mun - ing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
We fol - low the pro - phet who cried out for jus - tice

re - stor - ing the wound - ed our work and our pray'r.  
en - larg - ing love's realm with each sa - cred em - brace.  
our lives of - fered up so Love's will can be done.

*Refrain:*

We are joy-ful and strong as our faith is re-vealed in the rich-est a-bun - dance of fruit that we yield.

We are root-ed and ground-ed in love. Like a tree by the ri-ver, we're plant-ed so deep.

We are root-ed and ground-ed in love. With each gift that we bring and each pro-mise we keep

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE where we all have e-nough. We are root-ed and ground-ed in love.

SUNG RESPONSE Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day



O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our hearts to be your own,

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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #252 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

*Each stanza may be sung in harmony beginning at "Blessed Jesus,..."*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in D Major, P.460.....Johann Pachelbel

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 at 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

United Ringers

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Chancel Choir

Susan Sands, Soprano Soloist

**Worship Assistants**

Bill Leslie, Bob Bertollette, Gale Linderman,

Rick O'Connor, Scott Vanderburg

Anne Kinsey

Sumiko Booraem

Matt Rivett

Gale Linderman

Tracey & Mark O'Neill

Rick & Scott

**Hospitality:**

**Elder of the Morning:**

**Deacon of the Morning:**

**Audio Technician:**

**Driver:**

**Chancel Flowers:**

**Social Host:**

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*Praise God, the Giver and the Gift*

## BASKET RAFFLE

**Basket display and ticket sales:**

Sundays starting May 11th in the Fireside Room

Church Picnic (June 1 at Plains Park)

Lansdale Day (June 7)

Winners will be drawn at social hour on June 8th!



New Member Dinner  
Sunday, May 18  
5:00 PM  
Assembly Hall



# Family Game Night at St. John's UCC

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.

**Thursday, May 15th**

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

*in the Assembly Hall*



## From The Elders' Desk:

We are currently seeking St. John's members interested in **mentoring individuals who wish to join our church family.**

Mentors will aid in the acclimation process and participate in the New Member Dinner on Sunday, May 18th at 5PM. Additionally, mentors are invited to join us on New Member Sunday, June 1st.

To express interest in becoming a mentor, please contact one of the Pastors or Chriss Bodde ([elders@st-johns-ucc.org](mailto:elders@st-johns-ucc.org)).

With Gratitude,  
Chriss Bodde  
Elder Chair



Listening Session  
Teens & Young Adults

**Sunday, May 18 after service**  
**Senior Pastor Study**

Rev. Linda would like to hear from  
our youth!

There will be pizza!



## 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)

11-May	Sun	10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 5:00 PM	<b><u>Fourth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day</u></b> Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Private Event, Assembly Hall
12-May	Mon	7:00 PM	Council, Zoom
13-May	Tues	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Lansdale School of Business Graduation Practice AA, Assembly Hall
14-May	Wed	5:45 PM 6:15 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	<b><u>Last Wednesday Night Live! of the Season</u></b> Community Meal, Assembly Hall Adult Education Class, Library Holden Evening Prayer, Sanctuary Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
15-May	Thurs	9:30 AM 6:30 PM	Montessori Graduation Practice, Sanctuary Family Game Night, Assembly Hall
16-May	Fri	6:00 PM	Lansdale School of Business Graduation North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
17-May	Sat	9:00 AM 9:30 AM	Faith Community Nursing, Library Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
18-May	Sun	10:15 AM 10:45 AM 11:30 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	<b><u>Fifth Sunday of Easter</u></b> Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Listening Session - Youth, Senior Pastor Study New Member Dinner, Assembly Hall



**HAPPY** Mother's  
**DAY**



**Happy 97th birthday on May 13 and Happy Mother's Day to Lorene K. Ahrens**  
from her loving family

In memory of their mothers, **Ruth Ekberg and Mae Brown**, from Sandy and Scott

In memory of **Marie Evans** from Jeane, Robert and Beth Fritz

In memory of **Mary Fritz** from Robert, Jeane and Beth Fritz

In memory of **Lillian Wurster's birthday and Mother's Day** from her daughter, Christine Wiley

In memory of **Nancy Schultz** on Mother's Day from her daughter Merle Anne Morcom and  
Walter Hawkins

In memory of **Mary Franks** from her parents, Donald & Suzanne Franks

In memory of **George Ruth's May 15th birthday** from Chriss Bodde and family

In memory of **Daniel Elliott on our May 15th wedding anniversary** from his wife, Elizabeth

In memory of **Tobi Timko, daughter & sister**, from Vada Timko and brother, Tim, and family

**John 10:22-30**



At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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