

Rooted and Rising

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 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. <u>These will not be read during service</u>. **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**, <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. **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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You are invited to rise in body or spirit when indicated by an *asterisk and **speak the words in bold**.

PRELUDE Lift High the Cross.......Arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come if you have a weak faith.

Come if you are convinced in the strength of your convictions.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged to love.

Lead us into life and teach us to love, O God!

Come if you are chased by the demands of others.

Come if you feel threatened by a loss of security.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged to love.

Lead us into life and teach us to love, O God!

Come if you need forgiveness.

Come if you need strength to forgive others.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged to love.

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*OPENING HYMN #4 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

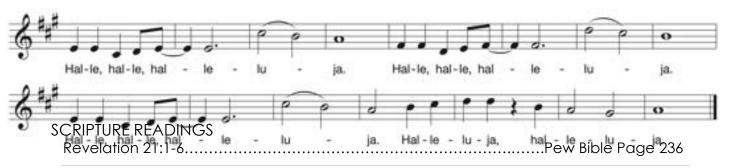
CONFESSION

Creator God, you made us to be members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy. Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other's hearts. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.

ASSURANCE

Loving God, you restore us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world. Through the power of your Spirit, you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us: pardon and peace, new life and blessing. We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE Halleluja The response is sung twice.



John 13:31-35

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I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 This Joyful Eastertide......17th Century Dutch Melody, harm. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.

We are joy-ful and strong as our faith is re-vealed

My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.
Had Christ, that once was slain...
Death's flood hath lost his chill,
since Jesus cross'd the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.
Had Christ, that once was slain...
-G.R.W.

in the rich-est a-bun - dance of fruit that we yield.

SERMON "Love One Another"Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan *HYMN Rooted and Grounded in Love (continued on page 5) In a time of dis-ease, we are called to be heal-ers em - bo - dy-ing Love's ho-ly care. 2. In a time of dis-trust, we are called to be teach-ers em - bo - dy-ing Love's ho-ly grace. 3. In a time of des-pair, we are called to be pro-phets, pro-claim-ing all peo ple as one. ing the wound ed OUT work and OUR pray'r. realm with brace. ing love's each cred em done. our lives fered UD SO Love's will can be Refrain:

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

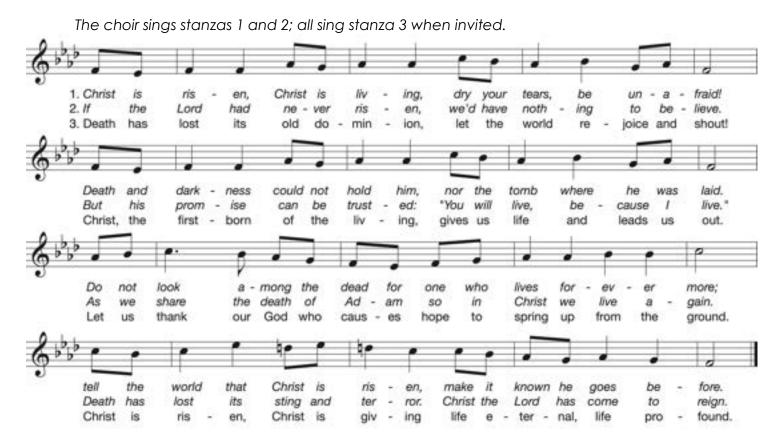
SUNG RESPONSE Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day



*SUNG RESPONSE Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



*CLOSING HYMN Christ Is Risen



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Holy, Holy, Holy (with Widor's Toccata from Symphony No. 5)

Arr. Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

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 Rev. Tom Adil, Support Pastor Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music Chancel Choir Andrea Baxter, Director for Worship Renewal* Trinity Lutheran Choir* Rob Johannesson, Christ Is Risen Trumpet* David Furniss, Christ Is Risen Piano *We welcome Trinity Lutheran Choir and their director Andrea Baxter today in worship! The combined ensemble of the St. John's Chancel Choir and Trinity Lutheran Choir led worship earlier this morning at Trinity Lutheran and look forward to leading worship with you today!

Worship Assistants

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

Elder of the Morning:

Deacon of the Morning:

Audio Technician:

Sue Clemens

Paula White

Robin MacMullen

Chancel Flowers: OPEN

Driver: Jo-Ann Sine

Social Host:

Amy & Andy Faga & Paula

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Text: Brian Wren
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Text: Nicolás Martínez, tr. Fred Kaan
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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



Listening Session Teens & Young Adults



TODAY after service Senior Pastor Study

Rev. Linda would like to hear from our youth! There will be pizza!

New Member Dinner TODAY, May 18 5:00 PM 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-johnsucc.org).

With Gratitude, Chriss Bodde Elder Chair



Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the

new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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