



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. 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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*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.

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

*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.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 21:1-6.....

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John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'

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.*

*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.*

SERMON "Love One Another"Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN Rooted and Grounded in Love (continued on page 5)

1. 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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.
That we may give you all our days the will - ing of our praise.



*SUNG RESPONSE Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

Praise God, the Gi-ver and the Gift. Hands, hearts, and voi-ces now up - lift: Al - le - lu - ial
Al - le - lu - ial Praise, praise the Breath of glad sur - prise, free - ing our spir-its, op'n-ing eyes.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy One, undo within us the lie that we are alone and weave us together. Amidst our differences, unite us towards love. Bless our offerings to the world we dream of, and the world you call us to build. Amen.
Al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial

*CLOSING HYMN Christ Is Risen

The choir sings stanzas 1 and 2; all sing stanza 3 when invited.

1. Christ is ris - en, Christ is liv - ing, dry your tears, be un - a - fraid!
2. If the Lord had ne - ver ris - en, we'd have noth - ing to be - lieve.
3. Death has lost its old do - min - ion, let the world re - joice and shout!

Death and dark - ness could not hold him, nor the tomb where he was laid.
But his prom - ise can be trust - ed: "You will live, be - cause I live."
Christ, the first - born of the liv - ing, gives us life and leads us out.

Do not look a - mong the dead for one who lives for - ev - er more;
As we share the death of Ad - am so in Christ we live a - gain.
Let us thank our God who caus - es hope to spring up from the ground.

tell the world that Christ is ris - en, make it known he goes be - fore.
Death has lost its sting and ter - ror. Christ the Lord has come to reign.
Christ is ris - en, Christ is giv - ing life e - ter - nal, life pro - found.

*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:	Sue Clemens
Deacon of the Morning:	Paula White
Audio Technician:	Robin MacMullen
Chancel Flowers:	OPEN
Driver:	Jo-Ann Sine

Social Host:

Amy & Andy Faga & Paula

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Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

Text: Brian Wren

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Christ Is Risen

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This Week at St. John's

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Congratulations to Sandy & Scott Brown
who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 24
To the Chancel Flower Fund

		11:30 AM 12:00 PM 5:00 PM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall Listening Session - Youth, Senior Pastor Study New Member Dinner, Assembly Hall
20-May	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
22-May	Thurs	9:30 AM 6:30 PM	Enlightener Folding, Library Montessori Graduation Practice, Sanctuary Girl Scouts, Activity Room
23-May	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
24-May	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
25-May	Sun	9:30 AM 10:45 AM	<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall Confirmation Class, Associate Pastor's Office

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



BASKET RAFFLE



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).

With Gratitude,
Chriss Bodde
Elder Chair



Revel

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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