

SABBATH



Rooted and Rising

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

9:30 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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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 Be Still, My Soul.....Kathrina von Schlegel/Jean Sibelius

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God, strengthen our faith

by firing up our imaginations

Because we know the Holy Creator works through us

So we can begin to stitch back together our community!

Powerful images are not empty or without meaning

but true symbols that guide us to probe this war-filled world.

Isn't this why G-d gave us an imagination anyway?

So we can look with the eyes of faith beyond surface impressions

to see what is really going on in our world

in order to recreate new worlds of flourishing for all!

*OPENING HYMN #230 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 3: Lower Voices

Stanza 2: Higher Voices

Stanza 4: All

CONFESSION

**God of the Other, we say to you that we cannot remember the last time we listened,
truly listened to the Other and sought understanding, let alone see the childlike glory in
another's spirit. We come forward to say that starting today, we change by becoming
more present in our interactions with all of your creation, and we hold no judgement
and cast no shame on someone trying to exist in this cold complicated and beautiful
world.**

ASSURANCE

We are indeed a Beloved Community capable of working towards collective flourishing
for it is bright as crystal flowing from the throne of God. We are the light and may shine
brightly as we accompany others to abundance and collective freedom.

SUNG RESPONSE Halleluja

The response is sung twice.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:9-15.....Pew Bible Page 126

John 5:1-9

After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.

Now that day was a Sabbath.

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 It Is Well with My Soul.....arr. Cindy Berry

SERMON "What is a Sabbath?"Rev. Tom Adil

*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.

We fol-low the heal-er who tend-ed the suf-f'ring,
We fol-low the teach-er who wel-comed the strang-er,
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

as we birth a new world where we all have e-nough. We are root-ed and ground-ed in love.

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,

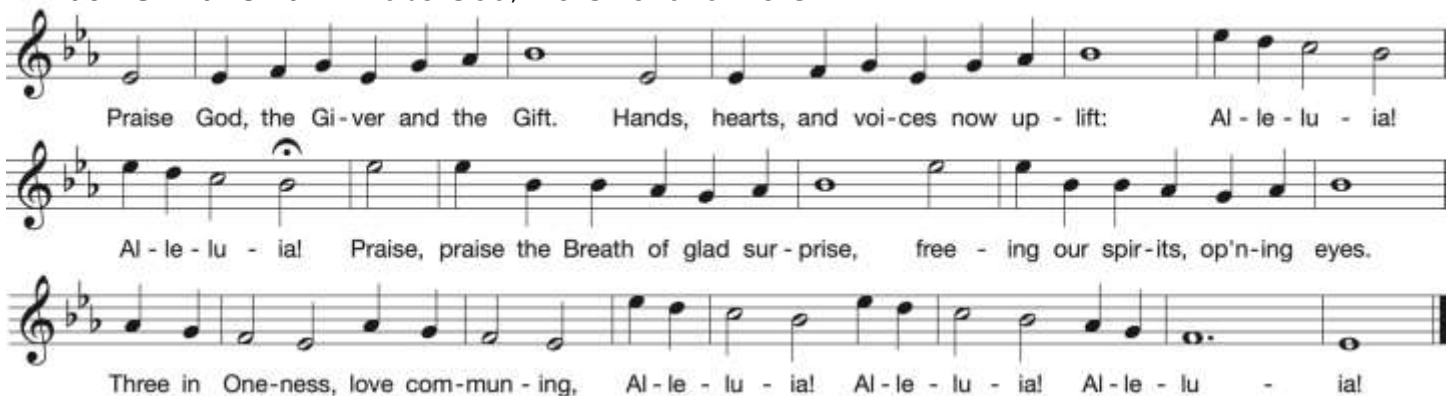
That we may give you all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.

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



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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Still speaking God, we are witnesses to who Jesus is – from antiquity to modernity. Faithfully, we experience a grace that renews and enlivens us. Bless our offerings so others can be witness to the ways we live into your word, so that our communities may be refreshed and restored. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #438 When Peace, Like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)

The refrain may be sung in harmony.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren.....J.G. Walther

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. Tom Adil, Support Pastor
Ihna Cho, Guest Organist

Sally Jarinko, Liturgist

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Grace & Mark Bruen, Mary Billy, Gerry Linderman,
Rickie Lee Sands, Ginny Wilkinson

Elder of the Morning:

Chriss Bodde

Deacon of the Morning:

Judy Johnston

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Chancel Flowers:

Peter Conver

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Praise God, the Giver and the Gift

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Upcoming Listening Sessions

Join our pastors in a discussion about your experiences and needs.

Zoom link:



Families with Children

Sunday, June 1st
9 am in Pastor Study
&
Tuesday, June 3rd
7 pm on Zoom
Parents of little ones and school-aged children.

Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday, June 4th
7 pm on Zoom
Whether or not you have been an active participant, we are interested in hearing your perspectives.

LGBTQ+ Folks

Wednesday, June 11th
7 pm on Zoom
Members of the LGBTQ+ community at St. John's are invited, whether you are active in the congregation or new to our church community.

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!



Congregational Meeting

June 1st at 10:30 am

A brief congregational meeting will be held after the service to provide an update on the status of the front steps project.



The Summer Stitch

Join the Praying Hands Stitchers at their summer time!

8:30 am

June 1

July 6

August 3

ST. JOHN'S UCC

Church Picnic

Sunday
June 1



RSVP with
QR code:



Plains Park

50 W Orville Rd.

12 pm

Are you wearing your
Name Tag?

The proper placement is on the right of your chest, right underneath your collarbone.

Graduation Sunday June 8th



St John's will be recognizing graduates from high school, college, grad school, etc, on Sunday, June 8th, during the 9:30 am service.

If you would like your graduate's name to be included, please contact the office.

Sunday, June 22nd is **P R I D E Sunday!**

St. John's has a shirt for that special Sunday!

To order scan here:



Orders must be placed by
Monday, June 2nd

You may pick up your shirts at the church office starting
Wednesday, June 18th

"Come and See. Go and Tell."

Pastor Linda's Presentation on Palestine Trip

Sunday, June 8

10:30 am - After Service

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

25-May	Sun	9:30 AM 10:30 AM 10:45 AM	<u>Sixth Sunday of Easter</u> Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Fellowship, Assembly Hall Confirmation Class, Associate Pastor's Office
26-May	Mon		<i>Office Closed for Memorial Day</i>
27-May	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
30-May	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
31-May	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
1-Jun	Sun	8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> New Member Sunday Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Listening Session - Families with Children, Pastor Study Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary Church Picnic, Plains Park

Acknowledgements



In memory of Michelle Lee Snyder on her birthday, May 29

To the Chancel Flower fund
 Always in our hearts
 Love, Mom, Dad, Jackie, and the family



In memory of Scott Harmon

To the Chancel Flower fund
 from dear friend, Barbara Kirk

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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