



Rooted and Rising

Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 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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Order of Worship

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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 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name.....Arr. Marianne Kim

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Creator, today we give you thanks

for believing we can be born again.

Creator, today we give you thanks

for the diversity of which all of Your creation is birthed.

Creator, today we give you thanks

for the knowledge that we aren't always right and for the capability to change.

Creator, today we give you thanks

**for the desire to change structures and institutions that tell us community is less
valuable than the individual.**

Creator, today we give you thanks

for the positivity, resistance, and beauty in this some times ugly world.

***OPENING HYMN #304 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

CONFESSION

**Creator, we have been led astray by the systems that promote individuality, greed,
absolutism, and patriarchy. We know that you forgive us because You invite us into new
birth again and again. You invite us to embody new understandings of collectivity and
new ways of acting in and towards the world – to be witness to the evils of patriarchy
and supremacy and the politics of people and ask us instead, to give gratitude and
love. Be with us as we change to become more of what You ask us to be – joyful in the
journey towards reparations and true Grace.**

ASSURANCE

We are indeed capable of opening our minds and our hearts and then to move in the
world to live like Jesus had. We are looking up and looking out so that we may love,
repent, and forgive one another for we do indeed sense the image of You sprinkled
throughout all of Creation.

SUNG RESPONSE Halleluja

The response is sung twice.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains two measures of music, each followed by the lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.' The second staff contains two measures of music, each followed by the lyrics 'Hal - le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.' The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

OUR AFFIRMATION OF JOINING THIS COMMUNITY OF FAITH

Welcoming Angelina Arbelaez (Sponsor: Carol Luehrs)

Welcoming Bob Bausman	(Sponsor: Chriss Bodde)
Welcoming Karen Bausman	(Sponsor: Chriss Bodde)
Welcoming Trina Bayne	(Sponsor: Sue Clemens)
Welcoming Marie Bertollette-Carota	(Sponsor: Anne Kinsey)
Welcoming Armin Fernando	(Sponsor: Sally Jarinko)
Welcoming Luchi Luzares	(Sponsor: Sally Jarinko)
Welcoming Roger Scott	(Sponsor: Bill Cagney)

INVITATION TO NEW MEMBERS

Has your journey brought you to the place where you wish to affirm your baptism and join this Christian community of faith and life?

Will you continue, with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, to follow the way of Jesus Christ by loving and serving the world, even when it might mean being unpopular for seeking justice, peace and harmony?

Will you make every effort to grow in your faith, to find ways to unite with others who are on this journey, and to celebrate the presence of the Spirit in all of life, wherever you live and serve?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Like you, our new members have chosen to continue their journey with Jesus Christ. Will you partner with them in our common effort to serve God and neighbor in all that we do?

We will with the help of God.

Will you nurture and celebrate their unique gifts, honoring the diversity of God's people and our unity in Christ's embrace?

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WELCOME

**New members of St. John's United Church of Christ,
with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as full members of this community of faith.
We promise you our friendship, prayers, and support,
as together we strive in our faithfulness to Jesus Christ.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 97.....Pew Bible Page 529

Acts 16:16-34

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ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

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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 Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!.....Setting by Mark Sedio

SERMON "Paul's Great Escape"Rev. Tom Adil

*HYMN Rooted and Grounded in Love (continued on page 6)



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



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.

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

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We give thanks to you Creator, for the invitation to be alive in a world full of possibility
with open minds and open hearts to live with great joy until we meet again.

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

*CLOSING HYMN #257 Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!
Stanza 1: All Stanza 3: Lower Voices
Stanza 2: Higher Voices Stanza 4: All

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata Brevis.....Daniel Gawthrop

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.

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Worship Assistants

Hospitality:	Robin MacMullen, Pete Conver, Griff Francis, Stefanie Giampa Carol Luehrs, Jenn Moyer, Matt Rivett
Elder of the Morning:	Emilie Truscott
Deacon of the Morning:	Rickie Lee Sands
Audio Technician:	Griff Francis
Chancel Flowers:	Tracey & Mark O'Neill
Driver:	Scott Vanderburg
Social Host:	Church Picnic

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Weekly amount needed for OCWM	\$826.92
A Look at the Week of May 18, 2025	
Attendance: May 18, 5th Sunday of Easter	144
Offering For Current Income	\$7,993.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$589.00
A Look at the Week of May 25, 2025	
Attendance: May 25, 6th Sunday of Easter	111
Offering For Current Income	\$3,685.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$828.00

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

1-Jun	Sun		<u>Seventh Sunday of Easter</u> New Member Sunday
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		8:30 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:30 AM 12:00 PM	Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Listening Session - Families with Children, Pastor Study Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary Church Picnic, Plains Park
3-Jun	Tues	6:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Lansdale Montessori Museum Day, Assembly Hall AA, Assembly Hall Listening Session - Families with Children, Zoom
4-Jun	Wed	10:00 AM 7:00 PM	Fire Drill Listening Session - Wednesday Night Live, Zoom
5-Jun	Thurs	5:45 PM 7:00 PM	Lansdale Montessori Graduation, Sanctuary Lansdale Montessori Social, Assembly Hall
6-Jun	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
7-Jun	Sat		Lansdale Day & Lansdale Pride Walk + Roll
8-Jun	Sun	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	<u>Pentecost Sunday</u> Confirmation & Graduation Sunday Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall

Acknowledgements



In memory of the Rev. Herman & Mrs. Ella Ahrens
To the Chancel Flower Fund
from Lorene Ahrens



**In memory of Mr. Robert M. Jenkinson
& Mrs. Emma Kemp Jenkinson**
To the Chancel Flower fund
from Joan Jenkinson Haag Beiter

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

**TODAY after service at
10:30 am**

A brief congregational meeting will be held after the service to provide an update

Graduation Sunday
Next Sunday, June 8th



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

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

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Saturday, June 14
10:00 am

The June Women's Retreat will hold their end of the year brunch from 10:00 am until noon on Saturday, June 14, in the church library. This is the last retreat until September.

All women are welcome!

Family
Game Night
at St. John's UCC

Thursday, June 19th

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

in the Assembly Hall

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.

**"Come and See.
Go and Tell."**

Pastor Linda's Presentation
on Palestine Trip

Next Sunday, June 8
10:30 am - After Service

**Sunday, June 22nd is
PRIDE Sunday!**

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

To order scan here:



the greatest of these is
LOVE.
st. john's united church of christ

Orders must be placed by
TOMORROW, June 2nd

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

Upcoming Listening Sessions

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

Families with Children

Tuesday, June 3rd
8:00 pm on Zoom

For parents and caregivers of little ones and school-aged children.

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Psalm 97

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him

and consumes his adversaries on every side.

His lightnings light up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,

before the Lord of all the earth.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all the peoples behold his glory.

All servants of images are put to shame,

those who make their boast in worthless idols;

all gods bow down before him.

Zion hears and is glad,

and the towns of Judah rejoice

because of your judgments, O God.

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

You who love the LORD, hate evil;

he guards the lives of his faithful;

he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Light dawns for the righteous

and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,

and give thanks to his holy name!

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