



Rooted and Rising

Pentecost / Confirmation Sunday

June 8, 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 *Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist* (We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit).....D. Buxtehude

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

On the festival day, the followers of Jesus were huddled together.

The city was filled with pilgrims —

**Parthians, Medes, people from Phrygia and Pamphilia
and other places we have trouble pronouncing!**

Suddenly the house was filled with the sound of rushing wind.

We have felt the power of the wind and the urgency of movement.

What looked like tongues of fire licked at their heads.

We have felt passion of anger, justice, and love burn within us.

Then the disciples all started speaking in different languages.

We, too, speak in different languages.

We speak the languages of our workplaces, our generations, our schools.

We sing of hope for a better world.

We lift up our young people, their leadership, their choices, and their gifts.

Bless them mightily, we pray.

Roiling God of visions and dreams, pour out your Spirit on us now.

Ignite us. Dance among us. Speak through us. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #267 Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH — *PREAMBLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, ADAPTED*

We acknowledge as our Head, Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior.

We acknowledge as kindred in Christ all who share in this confession.

**We look to the Word of God in the Scriptures, and to the presence and power
of the Holy Spirit, to prosper its creative and redemptive work in the world.**

**We claim as our own the faith of the historic Church expressed in the ancient creeds
and reclaimed in the basic insights of the Protestant Reformers.**

**We affirm the responsibility of the Church in each generation
to make this faith its own in reality of worship, in honesty of thought and expression,
and in purity of heart before God.**

SUNG RESPONSE Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Spir - it, spir-it of gen-tle-ness, blow through the wil-der-ness, call-ing and free,

Spir - it, spir-it of rest-less-ness, stir me from plac-id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 104:24-34, 35b.....Pew Bible Page 532

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'In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

OUR TIME WITH CHILDREN AND RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Graduates:

Jonathan Fernando
Max Kinsey
Eli Panachyda
Charlie Sisian
Katherine Upham

Family:

Luchi Luzares & Armin Fernando
Eric & Anne Kinsey
Lillian & Dan Panachyda
Jo Ann & Charles Sisian
Wendy & Rick O'Connor

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.**

SERMON "Showing Up and Catching a Spark"Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

ANTHEM Eternal Life (A Prayer by St. Francis of Assisi).....Olive Dungan

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love;*

*For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

-St. Francis of Assisi

CONFIRMATION

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMATION CLASS

QUESTIONS FOR CONFIRMANDS

Pastor: Confirmands, you have recited the UCC Statement of Faith, shared your individually created Statements of Faith, and now stand before us here today to answer these questions:

Carolyn, Sophie, Colin and Ryan, do you desire to affirm your baptism?

Candidates: I do.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

Candidates: I do.

Pastor: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Candidates: I do.

Pastor: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Pastor: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world?

Candidates: I promise, with the help of God.

Pastor: By your baptism you were made one with us in the body of Christ,

the church. Today we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. Today we celebrate your presence in this household of faith.

RECEPTION INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FOR CONFIRMANDS

St. John's United Church of Christ, I commend these persons to your love and care.

We celebrate with you this spiritual home. Honoring the diversity of paths to God, we welcome you to this faith community with open hearts and open minds.

Members of the household of God, please pause in silence to affirm your willingness to be present to these persons in times of need and special joy. Pray for them now in silence as you confirm before God your openness to these new members.

Silent Prayer

Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

You belong to us. We belong to you.

Along with the entire universe, we all belong to God.

Though many, we are one body. We all drink of the same Spirit.

We rejoice to recognize you as members of this congregation of St. John's United Church of Christ. In response to you today, we renew our own vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.

The God of all grace, who has called us to endless glory and solidarity, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SALUTE TO 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

CONFIRMATION HYMN #351 I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

COMMUNION

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
you who believe in me shall never thirst.

Christ is risen! He lives, and presides at this Feast!

Let us gather to share in the Bread of New Life!.

Jesus is with us! Nothing can separate us from God's love.

Let us drink together the Cup of Gladness!

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, God of majesty and mercy, for calling forth the creation and raising us from dust by the breath of your being. We bless you for your love and care for every creature. We praise you for forming us in your image and calling us to be your people.

We give you thanks for Jesus, the way, the truth, and the life. We thank you for the Holy Spirit, who leads us into truth, defends us in adversity, and gathers us from every people to unite us in one church. Therefore, with the entire company of saints in heaven and earth, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy #793 The hymn is sung in Spanish.

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE Spirit of the Living God



Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me; Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

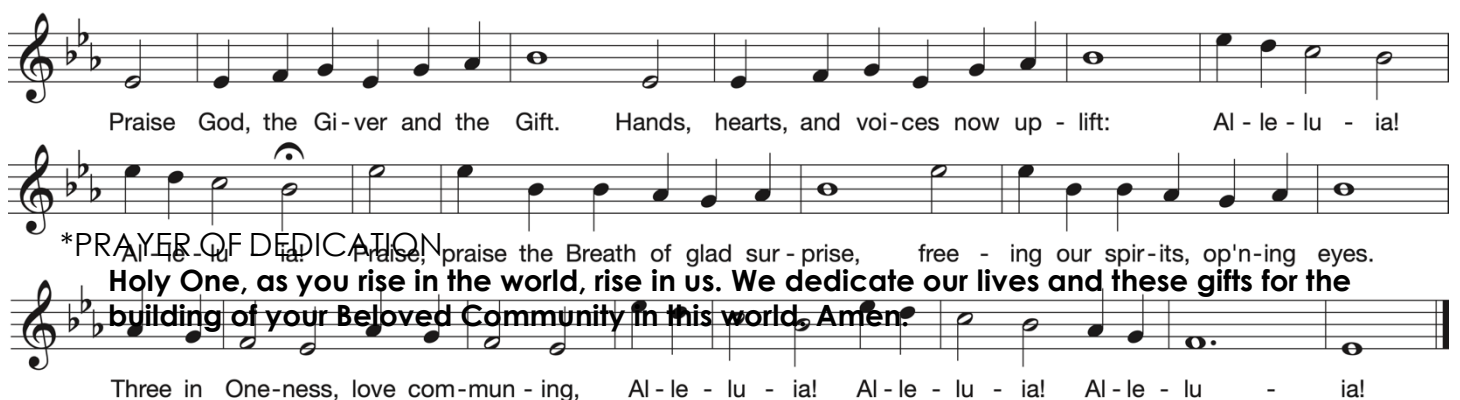
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir-it of the liv-ing God, fall a-fresh on me.

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!

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
Praise, praise the Breath of glad sur-prise, free - ing our spir-its, op'n-ing eyes.
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.

Three in One-ness, love com-mun - ing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*CLOSING HYMN He's Got the Whole World in His Hands



1. He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands,

He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.

2. He's got my siblings all around me in his hands, (3 times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
3. He's got the little bitty baby in his hands, (3 times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
4. He's got the whole world in his hands, (3 times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Every Time I Feel the Spirit.....Setting by Aaron David Miller

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

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Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music
Bill Cagney, Baritone Soloist

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

Elder of the Morning:

Deacon of the Morning:

Audio Technician:

Chancel Flowers:

Driver:

Social Host:

Bill Leslie, Bob Bertollette, Gale Linderman
Rick O'Connor, Scott Vanderburg
Sue Clemens
Peter Conver
Matt Rivett
Grace & Gerry Linderman
Gale Linderman
The Educators

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Church Picnic, June
1, 2025
Linda Noonan

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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!



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

Pastor Linda's Presentation
on Palestine Trip

TODAY in the Library
10:30 am - After Service

Upcoming Listening Sessions

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

LGBTQ+ Folks

Wednesday, June 11th

7:00 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.

Open Sessions

Saturday, June 14th

9:00 am in person

&

Wednesday, June 18th

7:00 pm on Zoom

A chance to share what's working, what we long for, what feels possible. For anyone!

Zoom Link Found Here:



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

There will be a selection of games available. Feel free to bring some of your old or new favorites to share. Meet some new friends and enjoy a fun night of gaming!

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.

*Gathered
In God's
Name*

A Community
Hymn Festival

Led by Michael Burkhardt

SUNDAY, JULY 6 | 7:00 PM
ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
FREE ADMISSION

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8-Jun	Sun		<u>Pentecost Sunday</u> Confirmation Sunday / Graduation Sunday
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		9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Palestine Presentation, Library
9-Jun	Mon	7:15 PM	Council, Library
10-Jun	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
11-Jun	Wed	7:00 PM	Listening Session: LGBT, Zoom
12-Jun	Thurs	1:00 PM	Stampers, Activity Room
13-Jun	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
14-Jun	Sat	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Listening Session: Open, Activity Room Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall Women's Retreat, Library
15-Jun	Sun		<u>Trinity Sunday</u> Father's Day 9:30 AM Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary 10:00 AM Connect3, Activity Room 10:30 AM Fellowship, Assembly Hall

Acknowledgements



In memory of Dr. Herman C. Ahrens Jr's June 12 birthdate

To the Music Ministry fund
from his loving family



In celebration of Polly Hartzell's birthday on June 11th

To the Chancel Flower fund
From Dee Reedman & Family



In memory of Sara Line's birthday

To the Chancel Flower fund
from her sister, Jeane, and Bob Fritz

Graduates:

Max Kinsey

- Graduated from Perkiomen High School (June 6)
- Will be attending West Chester University

- Plans to major in Business
- (got through the year of school after his brother's death. We are so proud of him!!)

Jonathan Fernando

- Graduating from North Penn High School
- Will be attending Temple University School of Pharmacy

Eli Panachyda

- Graduating from North Penn High School
- Will be attending UMass
- Will swim for the University
- Plans to study Biology

Charlie Sisian

- Graduated cum laude from Boston College
- Accounting degree
- Employed at KPMG starting this fall

Katherine Upham

- Graduating from Dallastown Area High School (Dallastown, PA)
- Will live in Evian-les-Bains, France for 1 year
- Will work as Au Pair for 3 children before college

Psalm 104:24-34

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, great and wide;
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.

There go the ships
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;
when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good
things.

When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the Lord.

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