

The Greatest of These Is Love

Pride Sunday
Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 22, 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. <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 All Things Bright and Beautiful......Setting by Keith Kolander

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Creating God, blessed are you and blessed is this time and place. Thank you for your people gathered here.

We are here! Being the Church! We have not retreated! We are standing in praise! Reconciling Redeemer, you are the mender of our souls and the healer of our broken bodies. You lift us up, strengthen and sustain, nurture and nourish, heal and help.

Holy Fire, ignite a new spark in the heart of each one gathered here.

Gather your rainbow people to be a prism of hope and love in a world in need of more safety, more hope, and more joy.

Light our way. Warm our bodies. Inspire our tongues to speak a new word, to shout more praise, and to sing an amazing song that will bring to us life and to you glory. Amen!

*OPENING HYMN #73 Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

CONFESSION

We give thanks, merciful God, that in Christ, you seek to reconcile all people to one another and to you. We confess that the new creation is not yet complete in us, and that we feel everywhere the barriers that separate humankind. Forgive us, and fill us with your Spirit of unity, your fire of faith, and your call to joy.

ASSURANCE

We are a pilgrim people, accompanied by our God, who journeys beside us, accepting who we are; yet goes before us, beckoning us toward who we might become. Know that you are forgiven. Know that you are loved.

SUNG RESPONSE Love Is of God



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 139:14-18......Pew Bible Page 552

I Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of humans and of angels but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and if I have all faith so as to remove mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions and if I hand over my body so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable; it keeps no record of wrongs; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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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

*HYMN Lead with Love by Melanie DeMore Chorus (2x)

You gotta put one foot in front of the other And lead with love Put one foot in front of the other And lead with love.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

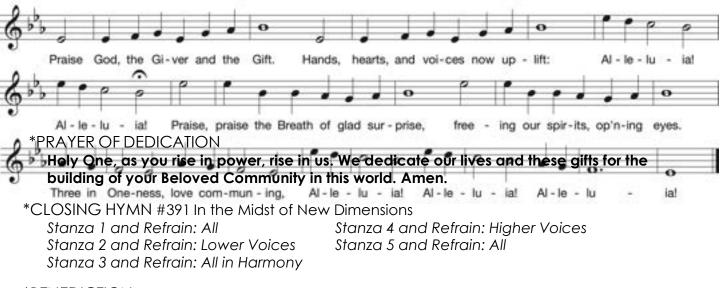
SUNG RESPONSE #772 Nothing Can Trouble (Nada te turbe) The response is sung twice; first in English, second in Spanish.

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



*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Jubilate......Emma Lou Diemer

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

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music

Rev. Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor

Pride Sunday Choir

Kay Peebles, Scripture Reader

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Grace & Mark Bruen, Mary Billy, Gerry Linderman

Rickie Lee Sands, Ginny Wilkinson

Elder of the Morning:
Deacon of the Morning:
Audio Technician:
Chancel Flowers:
Driver:
Charles Sisian
Sumiko Booraem
Robin MacMullen
Judy Johnston
Scott Vanderburg

Social Host: Kim Sands

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Praise God, the Giver and the Gift Text: Brian Wren © 1989, Hope Publishing Company

Weekly Current Income Needed:	\$7,884.62			
Weekly OCWM Needed:	\$826.92			
A Look at the Week of June 8, 2025				
Attendance: June 8, Pentecost	150			
Offering For Current Income	\$6,432.50			
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$682.50			
A Look at the Week of June 15, 2025				
Attendance: June 15, Trinity Sunday	85			
Offering For Current Income	\$5,050.00			
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$437.00			

Acknowledgements



In Honor of Carolyn Rivett's Confirmation

To the Exterior Restoration Fund From Matt & Liz Rivett



In honor of their June 24 wedding anniversary

To the Chancel Flower fund from Grace & Gerald Linderman Jr.



In memory of Charlotte Yocum's June 22 birthday

To the Chancel Flower fund from her family



In memory of their granddaughter, Caitlyn Jade Liebel,

To the Chancel Flower fund from Grace & Gerald Linderman Jr.



In memory of Thomas Timko, husband & father

To the Chancel Flower fund from Vada Timko and son, Tim, and family



In memory of Tobi Timko, daughter & sister

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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

22-Jun	Sun		<u>Pride Sunday</u>
			Second Sunday after Pentecost
		9:30 AM	Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		10:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
			Anniversary Meeting, Fireside Room
24-Jun	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
25-Jun	Wed	7:00 PM	Listening Session: Accessibility, Zoom
27-Jun	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
28-Jun	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
29-Jun	Sun		Third Sunday after Pentecost
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<u>Upcoming Listening Sessions</u>

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

Accessibility

Wednesday, June 25 Sunday, July 6 7:00 pm on Zoom & 10:45 am in person

Tell us what is making St. John's feel available to you, and where we need to make improvements so worship and community are accessible to as many people as possible.

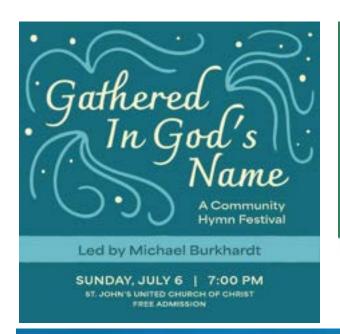
(This includes physical needs such as wheelchair access and amplification, as well as other forms of accessibility like communications, accessing worship online, neurodivergent needs, etc.)

Zoom Link Found Here:



Announcing the 2026 St. John's Printed Calendar!







JOINTLY HOSTED BY







September 7th at 10:15 am

Please collect some water from a place over the summer where you experience refreshment, grace, or joy. Bottles available in the sanctuary! Water will be purified and used for baptisms throughout the year. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In your book were written
all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.
How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

I come to the end—I am still with you.

I try to count them—they are more than the sand;

How vast is the sum of them!

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