



Practicing Faith

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 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!



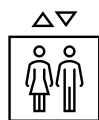
Hearing Assistance Devices are available in a basket at the back of the sanctuary if you are having trouble hearing the service. If the service is too loud, you may spend worship in the **Library**, which is to the right of the front of the Sanctuary, through the wall door.



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
St. John's United Church of Christ
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446
9:30 am — July 20, 2025 — Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*You are invited to rise in body or spirit when indicated by an *asterisk
and **speak the words in bold.***

PRELUDE Prelude in Eb Major.....Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the presence of the faithful, we proclaim the name of God, for it is good.

We thank you forever because of what you have done.

Holy One, we trust in you. We take refuge in your safety.

We call your presence our home.

We are like olive trees rooted in your soil—growing and fruitful.

You nourish us and shine your light upon us.

Faithful God, in you, we find love and truth, abundance and compassion,
community and care.

We praise and exalt you, Eternal One.

We trust in your steadfast love forever and ever.

*OPENING HYMN #86 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Stanzas 2 and 3 may be sung in harmony.

CONFESSION (Where do you feel God most challenging you?)

(In what ways are you resisting?)

Gracious God, evil surrounds us and entices us to join in its ways, of matching energy and returning evil for evil, of seeking the comfortable and convenient way over the common good, of turning from pain and despair rather than leaning into solidarity and support. Help us, O God, to choose the path you have paved and give us strength to journey into rough spaces. Surround us with hosts of righteousness and infuse us with peace that surpasses understanding as we serve as agents and ambassadors of your kin-dom. As you continually make all things new, fill us with the joy of new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE

Citizen of the kin-dom, commit anew to the joys and costs of discipleship. Creator has endowed you, in grace, the power to be witnesses of the Living God and the promise of the reign of God on earth. Release shame, doubt, and fear in order to choose good things and better ways to be in communion with the Triune God and neighbor.

SUNG RESPONSE Love Is of God



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Amos 8: 11-12.....Pew Bible Page 808

Luke 10: 38-42

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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 Give Me Jesus.....African American Spiritual, arr. Duane Funderburk

*When I am alone, give me Jesus.
When I come to die, give me Jesus.
When I want to sing, give me Jesus.
You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.*

SERMON "Choosing the Better Part"Rev. Tom Adil

*HYMN #451 Be Now My Vision

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All; Sing when directed.

Stanza 3: Sung in canon; Pulpit side begins, lectern side follows; Sing when directed.

Stanza 4: All

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SUNG RESPONSE. #772 Nothing Can Trouble (Nada te turbe)

The response is sung twice and may be sung in harmony; 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

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

Giver of all good and perfect gifts, we celebrate the opportunity to contribute to the ministry of this faith community. Receive the resources we offer in love and hope that needs will be met, lives will be changed, and the world will receive the testimony of compassionate care, action, and sharing. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

The hymn is sung twice with repeats taken each time.

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to make of all the earth a bet-ter place to live.

The an-gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to do what we were meant to do in Je-sus' name;

that falls on you and me and all who are made free. Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Paeon on Be Now My Vision*.....Setting by David Lasky

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, Bridge Support Pastor

Andrew Paulson, Minister of Music
Kathleen Siddall, Soprano

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:

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

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"Their continued generosity towards me and many others is a reflection of their values and their admiration of St. John's and its influence and presence!" – Kay McCloud



In celebration of Dr. Bill Hartzell's July 24th birthday from Dee Reedman & Family

To the Chancel Flower Fund
From Dee Reedman & Family

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

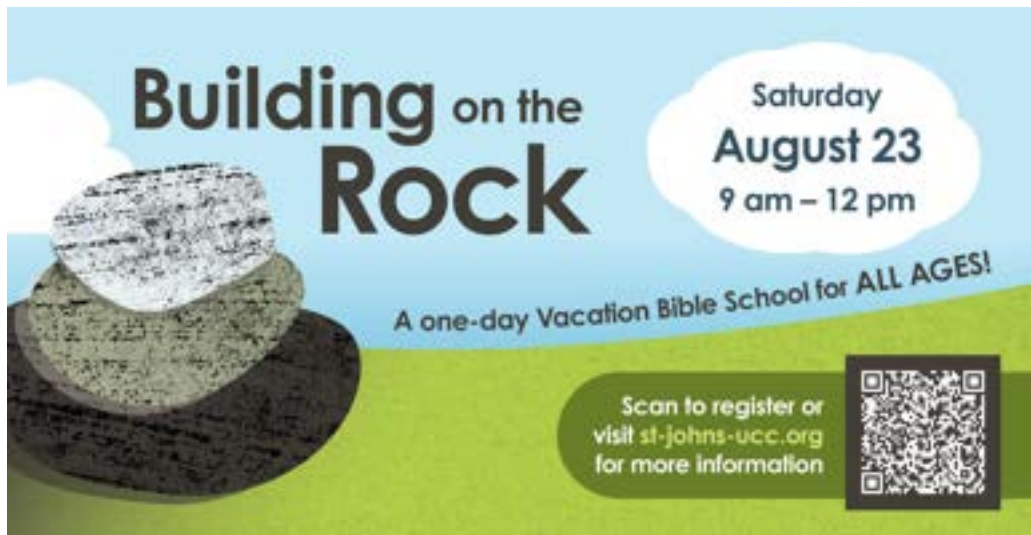
20-July	Sun	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall VBS Committee Meeting, Library
22-July	Tues	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Anniversary Committee, Zoom AA, Assembly Hall
25-July	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
26-July	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
27-July	Sun	9:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Sunday Morning Worship, Sanctuary Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall

Weekly Current Income Needed:	\$7,884.62
Weekly OCWM Needed:	\$826.92
A Look at the Week of July 6, 2025	
Attendance: Sunday, July 6	99
Offering For Current Income	\$6,380.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$1,035.00
A Look at the Week of July 13, 2025	
Attendance: Sunday, July 13	126
Offering For Current Income	\$7,430.01
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$352.00

Steps Update- July 14, 2025

You may have noticed some progress on the repair of the church front steps. The insurance company approved the bids for the repair, and sent the first payment. A deposit was paid to our mason so that the limestone step treads could be ordered. During the last two weeks rubble was removed and pieces for recycling have been stacked in the parking lot. Progress has been slow due to an equipment issue coupled with other jobs on the mason's schedule, but we expect to see continued excavation and concrete footings poured in the next few weeks. A consultation appointment has been scheduled with an insurance lawyer to discuss the reimbursement of our deductible and the subrogation process with the driver who caused the damage. Our goal for completion of the repair remains Celebration Sunday in September.

Respectfully submitted,
 Alan Malachowski
 Chair of the Board of Trustees



Announcing the 2026 St. John's Printed Calendar!

Sponsor a month for \$185 and choose that month's image from a wonderful collection of photos taken by the St. John's community.

Act quickly!
Only a few slots remain.

Contact the office to claim your month. Deadline to sponsor is Friday, August 15.



Water Sunday

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.

Are you wearing your **name tag?**

Printed name tags are located in the narthex and library on magnetic boards.

Don't have one? Write your name on a sign up sheet and it will be ready by next Sunday!



No more donations please!

Lizzy is hard at work sorting our current donations and will let you know when she's done!



Amos 8:11-12

The time is surely coming, says the Lord God,
when I will send a famine on the land,
not a famine of bread or a thirst for water,
but of hearing the words of the Lord.
They shall wander from sea to sea
and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord,
but they shall not find it.

Luke 10: 38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."