



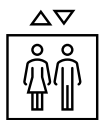
The Goodness of Creation

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

10:15 am

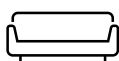
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



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.



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.



Our **Soft Worship Space**, the front right of the Sanctuary, is available for all ages to engage their bodies in a way that allows them to be more present in worship. 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.



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.



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!



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."

St. John's United Church of Christ

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Order of Worship
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 Praise to the Lord, The Almighty.....Setting by Hans Friedrich Micheelsen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of God is like a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds.

Yet when it is sown, it grows into the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree.

Let us gather in faith, knowing that even the smallest acts of care and justice
can lead to great things.

We come to worship, ready to plant seeds of love and hope in our world.

As we worship together, may our hearts be open to the growth that God can bring.

We are here to nurture our faith and support one another on the journey.

Let us worship the God who transforms our small offerings into abundant blessings.

**Prepare our hearts to receive your word
and our spirits to respond in eagerness to serve you.
Come, let us worship!**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

*HYMN #403 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

The refrain is always sung by all and may be sung in harmony.

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Higher Voices

Stanza 3: Lower Voices

Stanza 4: All

CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we like BIG things – big houses and big bank accounts.

And you must be disappointed in us when we forget

that from even the smallest thing something mighty can happen.

Take away our need for the big possessions.

Open our hearts to receive your word of love and healing,

and let our spirits be ready to grow for you

and for the sake of a world in need of comfort and goodness.

ASSURANCE

Don't be discouraged! God is working mighty things in your life. You have been given
the spirit of hope and courage. God is with you. Place your trust in God's absolute care.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 66:1-12Pew Bible Page 509

Luke 17:5-10

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Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

CHILDREN'S SONG Gathered in God's Name

Gath - ered in God's name 'round the ta - ble and font.

Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly in the name of love.

Gath - ered from near and far, gath - ered in this ho - ly place,

gath - ered as strang - ers and friends, gath - ered and gift - ed by grace.

Gath - ered in God's name 'round the liv - ing Word.

Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly in the name of love,

in the name of love, in the name of love.

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**

CHILDREN'S SONG Gathered in God's Name (*music on page 4*)

SERMON "Mustard Seeds and Milky Way"Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

* HYMN #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness
The hymn may be sung in harmony.

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.
For online giving, use the QR code.*



Offertory Praise to the Lord, the Almighty.....Setting by Hugo Distler
*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; Praise Him in glad adoration!*

*Praise to the Lord! Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast Thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?*
-Joachim Neander, tr. Catherine Winkworth

*Offertory 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

**Generous God, out of the abundance of our lives and as a response to the blessings we
have been given, receive these gifts. Multiply them and use them for the sake of love in
a world so in need of it. Amen.**

*HYMN #77 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Praise to the Lord, The Almighty.....Setting by David Cherwien

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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Rev. Tom Adil, Bridge Support Pastor	Chancel Choir

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:	Team 4: Bruen
Elder of the Morning:	Charles Sisian
Deacon of the Morning:	Peter Conver
Audio Technician:	Scott Cunningham
Chancel Flowers:	Amy Faga
Driver:	Gale Linderman
Social Host:	Mary Billy

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Weekly Current Income Need:	\$7,884.62	Weekly OCWM Needed:	\$826.92
The Week of September 28, 2025		The Week of October 5, 2025	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	26	Attendance: 8:00 AM	30
Attendance: 10:15 AM	108	Attendance: 10:15 AM	103
Offering For Current:	\$6,389.00	Offering For Current:	\$8,697.00
Offering For OCWM:	\$271.00	Offering For OCWM:	\$1,021.00

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

Oct 12	Sun	Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
		8:00 AM	Morning Worship
		9:00 AM	Living Our Faith Together, Activity Room
		10:15 AM	Morning Worship
		10:45 AM	Connect3, Activity Room
		11:30 AM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
			Youth Group Gathering
			Anniversary Committee Meeting
Oct 13	Mon	7:00 PM	Fireside CA 12 Step, Fireside Room
		7:15 PM	Council, Assembly Hall
Oct 14	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
Oct 15	Wed	6:30 PM	United Ringers Rehearsal
		7:30 PM	Artist Series Chorus Christmas Rehearsal
Oct 17	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club, Assembly Hall
Oct 18	Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation, Assembly Hall
Oct 19	Sun	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
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		11:30 PM	Fellowship, Assembly Hall
		12:00 PM	Congregational Spaghetti Dinner

Acknowledgements



**In Honor of the Wedding of Shannon Alshouse
to Ezekiel Warren, yesterday in Hallam PA**

To the Chancel Flower fund
From Father of the Bride, Mark Alshouse

In Memory of George Ruth

To the Chancel Flower Fund
From Chriss Ruth Bodde and family

In Memory of Stewart and Louise Wells

To the Chancel Flower Fund
From Kathleen Wells and family

From the
Service Outreach & Witness Team:

Join St. John's UCC to

Feed Hope

In
Gaza



Famine is now at unprecedented levels in Gaza. Help us support World Central Kitchen as they seek to scale up production to one million hot meals a day. The church will match the first \$1,000 contributed.

Make a tax-free gift using the QR code, give online at www.st-johns-ucc.org, or mail a check to:



St. John's UCC 500 W Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446.

Community Game Night

Trunk or Treat

Thursday, Oct 23 at 6:30 pm

Join the Board of Educators for a Halloween-themed Community Game Night! All are welcome!

Come in costume, bring some games to share, and enjoy a fun night of gaming with your family and ours. **Beverages will be provided. Bring a snack to share. There will be Halloween goodies at themed "Trunk or Treat" tables for ghouls and goblins of all ages!**

THANK YOU!!

Thanks to your Book Rummage Sale donations, we were able to add a new shelf and revamp the kid's corner of the library!



Living Our Faith Together
Care For the Caregiver

Taught by Rev. Tom Adil

Sundays at 9 AM Activity Room



Want to get involved?

Liturgists Needed

Liturgists are those who read the Scripture, Joys, Concerns, and Announcements, and give the Prayer for the People during the 10:15 worship service. **If interested, please contact Susan Fitzpatrick at susan@fitzpatrick-family.org**

Fall Goodie Box

Item Deadline
TODAY



Youth Group
Gathering

TODAY
After 10:15 Service

Congregational
Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, October 19
12:00 pm



Lansdale-Hatfield



Donations Needed

The Lansdale-Hatfield branch of the National Giving Alliance (NGA) is having their annual Ingathering on October 27. We give to 9 local agencies. **For donation items, please see the list on the community bulletin board.** Contributions may be given to Sally Atkiss, Suzanne Franks, or dropped off at the church office.



Andrew at

A Longwood Christmas!



December 14 – bus leaves at 2 pm!

Join us on a bus trip to Longwood Gardens on Sunday, December 14 as Andrew performs classic carols, favorites from The Nutcracker, and other holiday hits on the Longwood organ! The bus leaves St. John's at 2pm and will return at approximately 9:15pm. If interested, please contact Debby Hendricks at dchendricks111@gmail.com 267-664-5490. Additional information can also be found on the community bulletin board and in the office.

Psalm 66:1-12

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name;
make his praise glorious.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

So great is your power
that your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down to you;

they sing praise to you,
they sing the praises of your name."

Come and see what God has done,

his awesome deeds for mankind!

He turned the sea into dry land,

they passed through the waters on foot—
come, let us rejoice in him.

He rules forever by his power,

his eyes watch the nations—
let not the rebellious rise up against him.

Praise our God, all peoples,

let the sound of his praise be heard;

he has preserved our lives

and kept our feet from slipping.

For you, God, tested us;

you refined us like silver.

You brought us into prison

and laid burdens on our backs.

You let people ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water,
but you brought us to a place of abundance.

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