

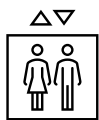
Practicing Faith

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 3, 2025

9:30 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.



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.



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 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky.....Setting by Mary Howarth

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Colossians 3)*

We strive to find you today, O God, in the deepest of our needs.

In the freedom and intimacy that only You provide.

Perhaps our lost, empty self, our brokenness, is the only treasure we can offer you.

This is all that lies on the other side of vanity.

Here in our worship, we offer you and the world our life, our true life,

The one you've been seeking,

All that is hidden in Christ, in the broken one.

*OPENING HYMN #420 We Praise You, O God

Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

CONFESSION

We are troubled by those who demand that others “seek the things that are above” and yet do not mind repressive injustice here below. Too often we seem determined to turn away from you when it matters the most. You, however, continually call us to repentance – to turn back to you and your way. Even so, we stray from the path set by Jesus to embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be.

ASSURANCE

Our scriptures assure us that the real treasure, the only one able to satisfy our profound hunger to love and be loved, is the unconditional and all-consuming love of God. It alone can quench our thirst; like a parent, God wraps us 'with bands of love' and clothes us with new life. And unlike material wealth, this treasure of God's forgiveness does not trap us, but liberates us, giving us the strength and courage to be liberators in the world.

SUNG RESPONSE Love Is of God

Let us love one another. Let us love one another,
for love is of God. Love is of God. Love is God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalms 107:1-9, 43Pew Bible Page 536

Luke 12: 13-21

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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 Praise.....Carol Barnett

SERMON "Sowing Seeds of Kindness"..... Rev. Tom Adil

*HYMN #563 We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky

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**

**Holy One, bless these offerings, prosper the work of our hands, and the gifts we bring.
We dedicate them to your kin-dom forever and ever. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN #423 Great Is Your Faithfulness**

The hymn may be sung in harmony.

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE Reprise on *Great Is Your Faithfulness*

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

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:	Bill Leslie, Bob Bertollette, Gale Linderman, Rick O'Connor, Scott Vanderburg
Elder of the Morning:	Charles Sisian
Deacon of the Morning:	Sumiko Booraem
Audio Technician:	Matt Rivett
Chancel Flowers:	Cindy Reese
Driver:	Scott Vanderburg
Social Host:	Anne & Eric Kinsey

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Music: Davis Giersch	© 1989 Hope Publishing Company
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Weekly Current Income Needed:	\$7,884.62
Weekly OCWM Needed:	\$826.92
A Look at the Week of July 20, 2025	
Attendance: Sunday, July 20	94
Offering For Current Income	\$3,327.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$628.00
A Look at the Week of July 27, 2025	
Attendance: Sunday, July 27	111
Offering For Current Income	\$3,128.00
Offering For Our Church's Wider Mission	\$183.00

Acknowledgements



In memory of Thelma Brunner
To the Exterior Restoration Fund
From Jean and Tom Beggs



To the Hymn Fest & Choir Camp
From Kay Fiala



To the Memorial Fund
From Jo-Ann Sine



Remembering Rev. Sue on the 3rd anniversary of her passing
To the Chancel Flower fund
With love from the Bertollette family

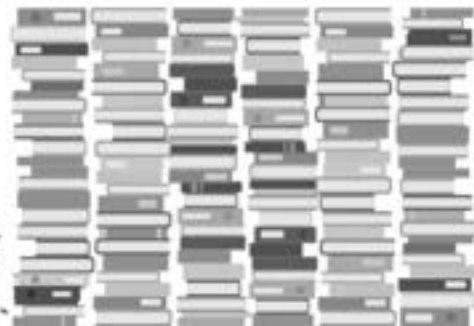


In memory of Warren Badger's August 6th birthday
To the Chancel Flower fund
from his daughter, Susan, and John Hendricks



No more book donations please!

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



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

3-Aug	Sun	8:30 AM 9:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:30 AM 10:45 AM	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Praying Hands Stitchers, Library Sunday Morning Worship Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall VBS Committee, Library
5-Aug	Tues	7:00 PM	AA, Assembly Hall
8-Aug	Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
9-Aug	Sat	9:30 AM	Lansdale Open Gardens Day Art of Living Foundation
10-Aug	Sun	9:30 AM 9:45 AM 10:30 AM 10:45 AM	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost <i>Enlightener Due Date</i> Sunday Morning Worship Connect3, Activity Room Fellowship, Assembly Hall Elders Meeting, Library

A Note From The Office:

Over the summer, I have been working hard to bring to life a request that I got a lot over my first year – a printed calendar of St. John's events with pictures from the previous year! After pitching it to Staff and Council, we can project that we will have these ready in time for All Saint's Sunday. All of the calendars will be full color and free to the congregation and visitors.

I would like to thank John Hendricks, Grace Marchione, Rev. Linda Noonan, Mary Billy, Sarah Hogan, and the others who agreed to let me use their photos as options for our sponsors.

See you in the pews!



SUNDAY WORSHIP

We are excited to share that starting this fall, we will be offering two Sunday services: 8 am and 10:15 am. While the services will be very similar in format and style of worship, you can expect a quieter, more contemplative atmosphere at 8 am.

We look forward to sharing more worship and programming updates soon. In the meantime, please make note of the schedule transition below. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Beginning September 14

8:00 am & 10:15 am

- **Now through August 31:** One service at 9:30 am
- **Sunday, September 7 (Celebration & Water Sunday):** One service at 10:15 am to welcome everyone back from summer travels!
- **Every Sunday starting September 14:** 8:00 am and 10:15 am



Building on the Rock

Saturday
August 23
9 am – 12 pm

A one-day Vacation Bible School for ALL AGES!

Scan to register or visit st-johns-ucc.org for more information



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!

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.[a]

Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Let those who are wise pay attention to these things
and consider the steadfast love of the Lord.

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