



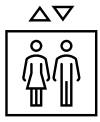
# Christ Is Risen!

Easter

April 5, 2026

10:15 am

# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



**The Elevator** are 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.



**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.



**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 on the podium at the front of the sanctuary on the right. If you have an Announcement, Joy or Concern you'd like shared, 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 also available.



For **Our Time with Children**, children and youth are invited to sit up front on the chancel steps for conversation with the pastor. The **Nursery** is available and staffed for babies and toddlers. The Nursery is past the elevator, through the double doors, on the right.



**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."



**A note on "Israel" language in worship:** In our music and scriptures, "Israel" and "Israelites" refer to ancient Israel and its people, not the modern political state. We want to be faithful hearers and interpreters of scripture, and pray for the day when Palestinians and Israelis may live in mutual peace, security, and dignity.



We are an **Open and Affirming congregation**, advocating for and supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, nonbinary, and queer individuals in our church and our world, and affirming that all people are beloved children of God.

Order of Worship  
St. John's United Church of Christ  
500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA 19446  
10:15 am — April 5, 2026 — Easter

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

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PRELUDE Three Easter Hymns for Handchimes, Handbells, and Piano...Anne Krentz Organ  
*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today, This Joyful Eastertide, and Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Led by Prime Castro

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb, bringing burial spices.

**They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,  
and in the tomb they could not find the body of Jesus.**

An angel, having descended from heaven said, "Do not be afraid; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified."

**"He has been raised; he is not here."**

Christ is risen even though the authorities don't approve.

**Christ is risen, even when those who witness it are written off.**

Christ is risen and appears to those thought to be outsiders.

**Christ is risen in the middle of doubt.**

Grace comes to us, even in the midst of our mixed-up lives.

**Gratitude overtakes us, even when we start out discouraged, angry, or afraid.**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Amen!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*If you prefer a "no-contact" greeting, you are invited to place your hand over your heart as you acknowledge your neighbor.*

### \*HYMN #233 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

## CONFESSION

**Creator of this precious world and all its precious peoples,**

**We confess our hesitation to walk in your way.**

**You offer abundance; yet we fear scarcity.**

**You create diversity; yet we cling to division.**

**You call for justice; yet we prefer privilege.**

**You extend the table; yet we fail to welcome the stranger.**

**You love us madly; yet we put down and sabotage ourselves.**

**Forgive us, O God, and renew in us your holy love!**

## WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read by Milla Heidt

Psalms 118:1-2, 14.....Pew Bible Page 541

Matthew 28:1-10 .....Pew Bible Page 31

CHILDREN'S SONG Rooted and Grounded in Love

We are root-ed and ground-ed in love. Like a tree by the ri-ver, we're plant-ed so deep.

We are root-ed and ground-ed in love. With each gift that we bring and each pro-mise we keep

as we birth a new world where we all have e-nough. We are root-ed and ground-ed in 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.**

SERMON "Passing on the Fire".....Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

\*HYMN Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!

2. Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;

3. Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.

4. Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!

break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.

Cher - u - bim sing, O grave, be o - pen! Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.

riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ri - sen and we shall a - rise. Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am is sung before and after the spoken prayers.  
The choir sings the response before the spoken prayers and all sing after.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;  
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offering plates will be passed to the congregation in the pews.  
For online giving, use the QR code.



Offertory This Joyful Eastertide.....17<sup>th</sup> Century Dutch Melody, arr. Charles Wood

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.  
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.  
Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.  
My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.  
Had Christ...  
Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus cross'd the river:  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ...*

-George Ratcliffe Woodward

\*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

**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.**

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 twice in Spanish.*

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*HYMN #253 Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!

*Stanza 2 and its refrain are sung by the choir. The hymn is sung in English.*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Symphony for Organ No. 5.....Charles-Marie Widor*

## 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.

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Chancel Choir

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Easter Brass Ensemble

#### Easter Brass Ensemble

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Steve Hendricks, Horn

Bill Leslie, Baritone

Chuck Neidhardt, Tuba

Cindy Reese, Timpani

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**Elder:**

All Elders

**Deacon:**

All Deacons

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#### FILL MANNA'S PANTRY!

With cuts to benefits for the food-insecure, let us recommit to helping stock Manna's pantry. Food donations accepted each week and can be put in the Narthex (main entrance to the sanctuary). Thank you!

## This Week at St. John's



### Chancel Flowers:



Sun April 5	<b>Easter</b>	
	7:00 AM	Sunrise Service
	10:15 AM	Celebration Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship
Mon	7:00 PM	CA Fireside Meeting
Tues	7:00 PM	AA
Thurs April 9	9:00 AM	Alliance For Hope
	1:00 PM	St. John's Stampers
	6:30 PM	SOW Team Girl Scouts
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation
	2:00 PM	Memorial Service
Sun April 12	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	
	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	Praying Hands Stitchers LOFT: Time to Mourn
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Time To Mourn Fellowship
	4:00 PM	Artist Series Presents: Latitude 39

In memory of **Charles A. Pool Jr's April 4<sup>th</sup> birthday** from his family

In memory of **Robert & Madge Chandler** from the LaVerne Moyer family, and the Carol & Ben Hammel family.

In memory of **Marvin, James, & Maryetta Moyer**, from the LaVerne Moyer family, and the Carol & Ben Hammel family.

In memory of **Benjamin, Betty, & Helen A. Hammel** from the LaVerne Moyer family, and the Carol & Ben Hammel family.

In memory of **Rev. Hugo C. Kellermeier & Mrs. Josephine Kellermeier** from Lorene Ahrens and family.

Deadlines	
Enlightener Deadline	4/12
Basket Raffle Sign Ups	4/19

### A Note from Staff:

In an effort to preserve resources, St. John's will be fully investing in the monthly **Enlightener**. **You will receive all the information previously provided in the Herald through the Enlightenment.** Therefore, the Herald will no longer be printed.

**The eHerald will continue, as will our posts on social media and our website.** For those few individuals who do not receive emails, rest assured all communications will be found in the Enlightenment, extra copies of which can be found in the bulletin board hallway.

Thank you for your flexibility and understanding through this transitional period. As always, if you have any concerns, please contact the office.



# Easter Lilies



## In honor of

**Lorene Ahrens** from her loving family

**Beulah Harpel** from Ralph

**Judith Koenig** from Connie May

**Connie May** from Judy Koenig & Family

## In memory of

**Herman Ahrens** from his loving family

**Warren & Lorraine Badger** from daughter, Susan, & John Hendricks

**Mr. & Mrs. Sandford Bausman** from Karen & Robert Bausman

**Wayne, Paulette, & Don Blair** from Cindy & Dale Woodling

**Loved Ones** from Chriss & J. Mark Bodde

**Grace & Pete Ehly** from daughter, Dean Meacham

**Our Parents** from Sally & Wayne Fetterman

**Inge & Dominic Franks** from Suzanne & Don Franks

**Donald & Bernice Gibson** from Bonnie Moyer & Family

**Robert & Marion Gilbert** from Bonnie Moyer & Family

**Judy Haiges** from Cindy, Gretchen, & Darcy Reese

**June Hendricks** from nephew, John, & Susan Hendricks

**Daniel & Anna Henninger** from Lyn & Don Huntsinger

**Archie & Blanche Huntsinger** from Lyn & Don Huntsinger

**Loved Ones** from the Keim/Baker family

**Loved Ones** from Judy Koenig & Family

**Charles R. May** from Connie May

**Melanie McCarthy** from Karen & Robert Bausman

**Loved Ones** from Jamie, Fran, & Siobhan Morris

**Parents, Catharine & Albert Munzinger** from Kay Fiala

**Our Parents** from Judy & Chuck Neidhardt

**Jane & Junie Nyce** from Suzanne & Don Franks

**Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Sloan** from Karen & Robert Bausman

**Michelle, Jim, Louise, & Duane Synder** from Jerry, Mary Ellen, Jackie, James & The Boys

**Alma, Bertha, Earl, & Emma Swartley** from Susan & John Hendricks

**Our Family** from Sandy & Bob Taylor

**Husband, Thomas, and Daughter, Tobi** from Vada Timko

**Bob & Bette Trevorah** from Pat, Bob, & Bill Trevorah

**Alberta Walsh** from Pat, Bob, & Bill Trevorah

**Gerald & Marilyn Woodling** from Cindy & Dale Woodling

**2026 Offering Envelopes &  
2025 Contribution Statements**  
available in the Narthex 



**Women's Retreat**  
**Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 AM**  
**Watching: The Miracle Club**

The Women's Retreat is meeting **a half hour earlier than usual**, to view the 1 hr 30 min "The Miracle Club". The 2023 film is about a group of women who win a pilgrimage to Lourdes, France, seeking personal miracles and healing for past trauma. Light refreshments are served. ALL women are welcome!

**Game Night**  
**Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm**

Join us in the Assembly Hall for Game Night every third Thursday! We supply a large selection of games and invite you to bring your own to share! Meet some new friends and enjoy a fun night of gaming!

Snacks & Beverages are provided! 

## Information Update Forms

We are requesting that our St. John's community complete **both sides of the gold information forms** available by the bulletins. These will be used internally to update our records. If you do not wish to be included in the directory, please indicate that on the forms.

Please pay special attention to the publication and envelope section at the bottom of the sheet.

Thank you!

## It's Basket Raffle Time!

Individuals, families, and church groups are encouraged to donate themed baskets. Be creative with your theme! It can be as simple or elaborate as you wish. Wrap your basket in cellophane and be sure to include a list of the contents of your basket.

**Names of donors and themes must be submitted to the Deacons by April 19.**

This fun tradition has been a wonderful fundraiser for special projects over the years, and your participation is much appreciated!



**We Are St. John's**  
**Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 11:30 AM**

The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee invites all St. John's groups to tell who you are and what you do in a special exhibit during Fellowship on Sunday, April 19! We will invite the congregation to see displays you create and talk to you about your group!

**To participate: please have a contact person from your organization sign up by April 6. Sign Up Sheets are in the Narthex and Elevator Lobby.**

## Announcements:

**Today:**

**This Week:**

**Next Sunday:**

Joys:

Concerns:

- **Ron Cooley**, Kay P's future father-in-law, is still in the hospital, and asks for healing prayers.
- Continued prayers for **Grace Marchione**

## Psalm 118:1-2, 14

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,

“His steadfast love endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

## Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he [lay](#). <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, [and](#) indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”