



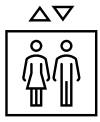
This One Wild and Precious Life

April 19, 2026

Third Sunday of Easter

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. 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. 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 19, 2026 — Third Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE Largo from Xerxes (Ombra mai fu/Never was a shade).....G.F. Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP based on Psalms 96, 104, 148

Praise the Lord!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Praise the Lord from the heavens;

Praise the Lord, sun and moon, and all you shining stars!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Praise the Lord from the earth, praise the Lord you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, and stormy wind, wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Let heaven celebrate! Let the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it roar!

Let the countryside and everything in it celebrate! Then all the trees of the forest too will shout out joyfully before the Lord because the Lord is coming! The Lord is coming to establish justice on the earth!

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Praise the Lord!

*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 #31 All Things Bright and Beautiful

CONFESSION

Creation calls to us.

**To open our eyes to the devastation we have and are causing our earthly home,
The harm being done to trees, soils, oceans, air, and so much more.**

Creation reminds us.

To recognize our oneness with all beings, human and non-human.

Creation calls to us.

To value the community of creation above human greed.

Creation is waiting for us.

**To prioritize the needs of community over the convenience of self,
for loving each other is a seed of hope.**

Creation longs for us.

**To lament over the devastation of war; the lives lost; Earth,
the destruction of the land, and the assault on the climate.**

Oh God we ask for radical courage.

To assume our roles as creation's servants and protect it.

To know that we are a human and nonhuman family, inhabiting the same home.

Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 17:7-8.....Pew Bible Page 678

I Peter 2:19-25Pew Bible Page 213

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 "Parable of the Sequoia".....Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN By the Stream (music on page 7)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am is sung before and after the spoken prayers.

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 Creation Sings.....Ludvig van Beethoven, arr. Tom Trenney

*Creation sings of our God's grace and glory.
The sky gives adoration and praise.
The sun and moon shine God's light on all nations.
The earth and sea resound with praise.
The flowers and forests blooming in beauty
reveal the wonders of God's Love.
All living creatures unite in thanksgiving,
a melody our voices raise.
In harmony, we sing God's praise. -Tom Trenney*

*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 - ial
Al - le - lu - ial! 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 - ial! Al - le - lu - ial! Al - le - lu - ial!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

O Lord, how manifold are your works. Receive our gifts and offerings. Bless them and bless us to be faithful stewards and live in harmony with all creation.

*HYMN #425 For the Fruit of All Creation
Stanza 2 may be sung in harmony.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in G Major.....Paul Fey

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 Andrew Paulson Susan Fitzpatrick Chancel Choir

Worship Assistants

Hospitality:	Team Leslie	Chancel Flowers:	Sue & Mike Donahue
Elder:	Bill Cagney	Umbrella Ministry:	Joyce Huisenga
Deacon:	Scott Vanderburg	Connect 3 Helper:	Barbara MacMullen
Audio Technician:	Matt Rivett	Social Host:	Sumiko & Paula
Driver:	Gale Linderman		

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This Week at St. John's

Sun April 19	Second Sunday of Easter	
	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	LOFT: Honor God's Creation – Bible Study with Dale Woodling
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship – Spud Lunch We Are St. John's
Mon	7:00 PM	CA Fireside Meeting
Tues	7:00 PM	AA
Wed April 15	6:30 PM	United Ringers
	7:30 PM	Chancel Choir
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat	9:30 AM	Art of Living Foundation

Chancel Flowers:



In memory of **Betty Focht's April 24th birthday**, from her family, Sally, Steve and Eric Jarinko

Youth Group Corner

St. John's Youth volunteered at the Garden of Health in Hatfield on Saturday.

Coming up on Sunday May 3rd: Breakfast at the West Main Diner 8:30-9:30AM. Bring a friend! RSVP at YouthGroup@st-johns-ucc.org

Stained Glass Window Tours

Saturday, May 30, 2026

We are looking for a few volunteers to help with our upcoming Stained Glass Window Tour on May 30th during our 150th Anniversary. We'd love your help greeting guests and lending a hand. **If you are interested, please contact Robin MacMullen.**

By the Stream

(Jeremiah 17:7-8)

Based on the song "By the Stream" from Christopher Grundy's
CD, *Stepping In*, available at www.christophergrundy.com

Christopher Grundy

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Verse

Dsus2 Gsus2 Dsus2 A7sus4 A7

Bless-ed are —

9 Gsus2 Dsus2 Gsus2

those who trust in — God. — They will be — like a tree

15 A7sus4 A7 Gsus2 Dsus2/F# Em7

— plant-ed by the wa - ter, plant-ed by the wa - ter and sending out its — roots

22 A7sus4 A7 1. Dsus2 2. Dsus2 **Bridge** Gma9 Dsus2/F#

— by the stream. They will not — fear when the heat — comes

30 Em7 A7sus4 A7 Gma9

and their leaves — will all — stay green in the year — of the long-

37 Dsus2/F# Em7 Asus4 Gma9

- est — drought. They will still bear their fruit — there by the stream, — by the stream.

44 Dsus2 **Verse** Gma9 Dsus2 Gsus2

Bless-ed are — those who trust in — God. — They will be —

52 A7sus4 A7 Gma9 Dsus2/F#

— like a tree — plant-ed by the wa - ter, plant-ed by the wa - ter and

59 Em7 A7sus4 A7 Gmaj7 Dsus2

send-ing out — its — roots — by the stream, — by — the stream.

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 TODAY.

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



2026 Offering Envelopes &
2025 Contribution Statements
available in the Narthex 



We Are St. John's

Today During Fellowship 11:30 am

The 150th Anniversary Committee invites YOU to come to the Assembly Hall at 11:30 am to learn all about the groups that meet here at St. John's. See displays, ask questions, have fun. We Are St. John's TODAY!



ADDED ATTRACTION: A 'FAMOUS' ST. JOHN'S

SPUD LUNCH



TODAY!

APRIL 19 IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL - 11:30 AM

TODAY!



BENEFITS ST. JOHN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

