



This One Wild and Precious Life

May 10, 2026
Sixth Sunday of Easter
10:15 am

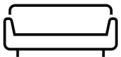
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



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.



Our **Soft Worship Space** at the front right of the Sanctuary is available for all.



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 — May 10, 2026 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

PRELUDE Renaissance Suite.....Tielman Susato, arr. James Curnow
1. La Mourisque

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God.

Like a mother, you know us deeply.

You love us unconditionally, teach us the way we should go,
and comfort us in times of need.

Like an eagle hovering over her young,

like a hen who gathers her brood under her wings,

you gather us into your protective care.

Mothering God, you know us even better than we know ourselves,

your presence never leaves us,

and your love for us never ceases.

Come, let us worship God, the Source and Sustainer of life!

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 #28 For the Beauty of the Earth

Stanzas 1 and 2 only.

CONFESSION

**God, we confess there are times when we focus on the things
we can't control and forget the things that we can.**

Where will we be when you call us to follow you?

Will we turn in disappointment when your way ceases to be welcome and easy?

Will we speak out when those who seek to do harm use your name to justify it?

Forgive us when we take the easy way,

when we close off our hearts to keep them from breaking,

or when we forget that we have the power to do good.

Infuse us with your spirit and lead us in love during these difficult days. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

Welcoming Lisa Stoll

Sponsor: Griff Francis

Lisa, do you promise to support this congregation with your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, and your service?

St. John's United Church of Christ, I commend Lisa Stoll to your love and care.

**We celebrate with you this spiritual home.
Honoring the diversity of paths to God,
we welcome you to this faith community with open hearts and open minds.**

Members of the household of God, please pause in silence to affirm your willingness to be present to Lisa in times of need and special joy.

Silent Prayer

Do all in your power to increase her faith, confirm her hope, and perfect her in love.

**You belong to us. We belong to you.
Along with the entire universe, we all belong to God.**

Though many, we are one body. There are many paths to God,
and we all drink of the same Spirit.

**We rejoice to recognize you as members of this congregation
of St. John's United Church of Christ.
In response to you today, we renew our own vows to uphold it
by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.**

Lisa, with joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a full member of this community of faith. The God of all grace, who has called us to endless glory and solidarity, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Spirit, that you may live in grace and peace, now and forever.

Thanks be to God! Amen!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 8:22-36.....Pew Bible Page 564

Mark 12:38-44.....Pew Bible Page 46

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 "The Widow's Mite/Might".....Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN God of Peace and Justice (Yarabba Ssalami).....Traditional Palestinian

Stanza 1: Solo

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All

Stanza 1: All



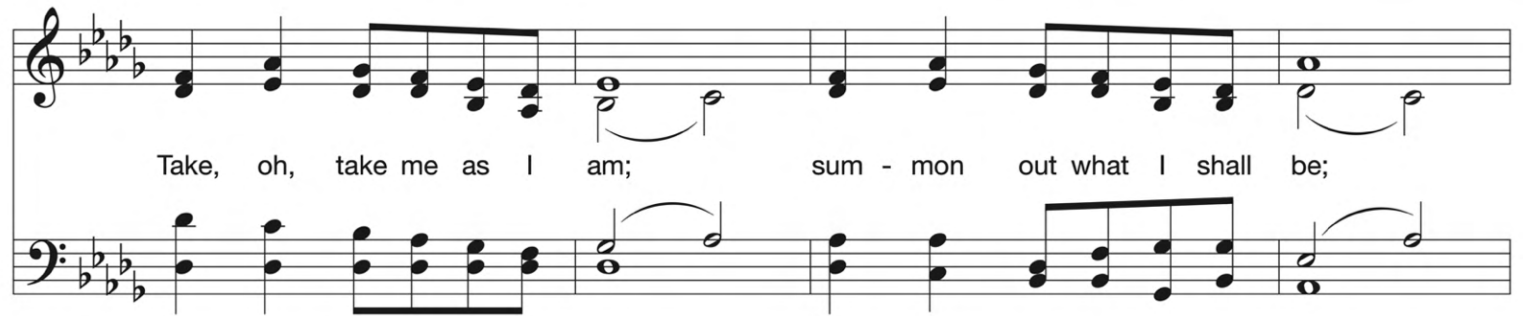
1. Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi am - ter a - lay - na ssa - lam.
2. God of peace and jus - tice, rain down up - on us your peace.



Ya - ra - bba ssa - la - mi im - la' qu - lu - ba - na ssa - lam.
God of peace and jus - tice, fill ev - 'ry heart with your peace.

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 Renaissance Suite.....Tielman Susato, arr. James Curnow
2. Mille Regretz

*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

Spirit of Love and of Life, you have blessed us with the resources to share the good news of your love for all creation. Receive and multiply these gifts that they may bring healing, wholeness, and hope to the world, that future generations may know your abundant love. Amen.

*HYMN #28 For the Beauty of the Earth
Stanzas 3 and 4 only.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Renaissance Suite.....Tielman Susato, arr. James Curnow
3. La Bataille

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 Gerry Linderman, Liturgist Wind Ensemble

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If you were unable to get a photo taken, we are providing the option of submitting photos for the Directory! If you would like to submit a photo, please email your photo to office@st-johns-ucc.org or mail it to the church. Please keep in mind that the purpose of a Directory is to help folks recognize each other in the pews, so a picture from 5 years ago won't do!

Photos may be taken by yourself or professionally, however, **if any professional photos are sent, you must include a copyright release unless the photo is from Lifetouch.** Photos must be no smaller than wallet size (2x3), and **MUST** vertical shots and not horizontal/landscape. Do **NOT** crop these photos, as the Directory company will do that for us.

The deadline to submit photos for the directory is Sunday, May 17th.

This Week at St. John's

Sun	Mother's Day	
May 10	Sixth Sunday of Easter	
	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:00 AM	LOFT: Honoring Those Who Mother
	10:15 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship

Deadlines	
Anniversary Booklet Submissions	5/10
Basket Raffle Baskets	5/4 - 5/10
Directory Photos	5/17
Enlightener	5/10

