



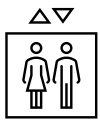
Forward in Faith

June 14, 2026

Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

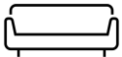
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



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.



Children are invited to come to the steps during **Time with Children** for a 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. We believe the sound of children in worship is not a distraction – it is evidence of life, growth, and the future of the church. If your child makes noise, it is not a bother. It is a blessing!



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
9:30 am — June 14, 2026 — Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE Somewhere Over the Rainbow.....Harold Arlen/E.Y. Harburg, arr. Dan Coates

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING OF THE FLAMES

As we gather to worship, we remember the Divine Spark that lives in each of us and burns among us in this place.

Ignite us, Holy Spirit, and help us carry the flames of love forward in this place and beyond.

We light the flame of change,

Committing to recenter toward love, in hearts, in minds, in our world, until all know they are beloved.

We light the flame of hope,

Loving each other and building community, even when it is uncomfortable.

We light the flame of survival,

Grateful for our lives, remembering in love those lost along the way.

We light the flame of justice,

Living into the call to be God's people in all things.

We light the flame of radical love.

**To speak out for those who have been silenced,
those who have been rejected for who they love,
those who have been persecuted for who they are,
those who have been bullied for daring to be bold,
those who have been othered and forced into the margins,
those who have been hurt, and those who are still hurting.**

We light the flame of faith,

Pledging to walk in the ways of Jesus who loved all, embraced those at the margins, and taught that we are all God's beloved children. In love, with love, and through love, all things are possible. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

You are invited to greet your neighbor with a sign of peace. If you prefer a "no-contact greeting, you can place your hand over your heart as you acknowledge your neighbor.

*HYMN #11 Bring Many Names

CONFESSION

Loving God, in our longing to fit in and to be accepted, we have sometimes dishonored ourselves and others. We confess that we forget that each person is a unique and beautiful expression of your divine light and love. At times we have been silent when we have witnessed people being dishonored because of their truth. Colorful Creator, change our hearts and help us to love our own humanity and marvel at the beauty and humanity and diversity of others. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 9:35-10:7.....Pew Bible Page 8

Genesis 18:1-14.....Pew Bible Page 13

CHILDREN'S SONG Rooted and Grounded in Love



OUR TIME WITH CHILDREN & CELEBRATION OF ABBIE LAMPE'S MINISTRY

GRADUATES

Gianni Emery
Gretchen Reese
Rose Rush-King
Tom Sisian
Emily Yones
Owen Yones

Grandson of Emilie Truscott
Daughter of Cindy Reese
Granddaughter of Judy Johnston
Grandson of Charles & Joann Sisian
Granddaughter of Mark & Karen Methlie
Grandson of Mark & Karen Methlie

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 "Cheering for the Other Side".....Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan

*HYMN Testify to Love

*All the colors of the rainbow, all the voices of the wind.
Every dream that reaches out, that reaches out to find where love begins.
Every word of every story, every star in every sky.
Every corner of creation lives to testify.*

Refrain:



From the mountains to the valleys, from the rivers to the sea.
Every hand that reaches out, every hand the reaches out to offer peace.
Every simple act of mercy, every step to kingdom come.
All the hope in every heart will speak what love has done.

Refrain 2x

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS.

For online giving, please use the QR code.



Offertory Light of a Clear Blue Morning.....Dolly Parton, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

*It's been a long dark night, and I've been waiting for the morning.
It's been a long hard fight, but I see a brand-new day a-dawning.
I've been looking for the sunshine 'cause I ain't seen it in so long.
Everything's gonna work out fine, everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.
I can see the light of a clear blue morning.
I can see the light of a brand-new day.
I can see the light of a clear blue morning.
Everything's gonna be alright, it's gonna be okay.*

-Dolly Parton

*Offertory Response Praise God, the Giver and the Gift



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our gratitude and our commitment to Your work. May these offerings be used to bring hope, justice, and healing to those who are suffering. Bless and multiply these gifts, allowing them to reach beyond our expectations and bring Your light to the world. Amen.

*HYMN #575 O for a World

Stanza 1: All
Stanza 2: All in Harmony
Stanza 3: Higher Voices
Stanza 4: Lower Voices
Stanza 5: All

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Bring Many Names.....Setting by Emma Lou Diemer

Following worship, you are invited to join us for our ICE Policy Q&A!

Bill Leslie will be leading a Q&A session on our new ICE Policy. No matter who knocks on our door, immigrant or ICE agent, our plan is to show them that we are Christians by our love. The policy gives us the information and resources to make good decisions that follow our beliefs.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Linda Noonan
Kathleen Siddall

Andrew Paulson
Sue Fitzpatrick

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Worship Assistants

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Umbrella Ministry: Sumiko Booraem

Elder: Emilie Truscott

Audio Ministry: Scott Cunningham

Chancel Flowers: Grace & Gerry Linderman

Driver: Gale Linderman

Deacon: All

Social Host: Church Picnic

Weekly Current Expenses Needed:	\$8,700.00	Weekly OCWM Needed:	\$865.38
The Week of May 31, 2026		The Week of June 7	
Anniversary Sunday		Second Sunday after Pentecost	
Attendance: 8:00 AM	19	Attendance: 9:30 AM	93
Attendance: 10:15 AM	173		
Offering For Current:	\$9,352.00	Offering For Current:	\$6,207.00
Offering For OCWM:	\$425.00	Offering For OCWM:	\$948.00



Church Picnic TODAY at 12 pm

Our annual church picnic will be at Plains Park at 12 pm. Basket raffle tickets and Anniversary merchandise will be for sale. The basket raffle winners will be drawn during the festivities.

Location: 50 W Orvilla Rd, Hatfield, PA 19440

This Week at St. John's



Chancel Flowers:

In memory of **Warren Koenig** from wife, Judy

In memory of **Robert D. Schultz** from his daughter, Marle Anne Morcom and Walter Hawkins

In memory of **David Evans** from Jeane Fritz and family

In memory of **William C. Fritz** from Robert, Connie, Judy, and family

Acknowledgements:

In honor of the **76th wedding anniversary of our parents, Lorene and the late Herman Ahrens, on June 18th** to the Music Ministry from their loving family.

Sun June 14	Pride Sunday Third Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	ICE Policy Q&A
	12:00 PM	Church Picnic at Plains Pavilion
Mon	7:00 PM	Fireside Group (CA)
Tues June 16	1:30 PM	Visitation Team Meeting
	7:00 PM	AA
Thurs	6:30 PM	Community Game Night
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat	9:00 AM	Art of Living Foundation
Sun June 21	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 AM	Worship
	10:45 AM	Fellowship
Mon-Fri	9:30 AM	VBS at Trinity Lutheran

Game Night

JUNE 18 6:30 PM

ALL AGES WELCOME!

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!

Beverages and snacks provided. Feel free to bring snacks to share!



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

*"He leads me beside still waters."
-Psalm 23*

We invite you to collect a small amount of water from a special place that brings you rest, (the ocean, the lake, the garden hose....).

The water will be combined during worship on September 13, purified, and used for baptisms throughout the year.

There are bottles available in the Sanctuary, or you can use your own. Please label your bottle with your name and the location where you collected the water.



Vacation Bible School
June 22-26, 9:30-noon



REGISTER FOR VBS TODAY!

Kids as young as 4 and entering Pre-K (potty trained, please) to kids entering 5th grade are invited to join us as we discover creation and all that God has wonderfully made.

VBS is co-created by
St. John's UCC and
Trinity LC in Lansdale.

Announcements:

Today:

- Water Sunday Bottles are available in the Sanctuary
- Raffle Basket tickets are on sale at the picnic today, please go downstairs after service to look at the baskets if you haven't seen them already!
- There is no fellowship today in honor of the church picnic.
 - o Please do not arrive any earlier than 12 noon.
 - o Anniversary Items will be on sale at the picnic.
- ICE Policy Q&A after worship today

This Week:

- Game Night is on Thursday at 6:30 pm

Upcoming:

- VBS with Trinity
 - o details on back of bulletin

Graduates:

Gianni Emery (Grandson of Emilie Truscott) graduating from Springfield High School.

Gretchen Reese (Daughter of Cindy Reese) graduating from Gwynedd Mercy University with a Bachelors of Science in Radiologic Technology.

Rose Rush-King (Granddaughter of Judy Johnston) graduated from Chestnut Hill School & will be attending Trinity College in Conneticut.

Tom Sisian (Grandson of Charles & Joann Sisian) graduated from Conestoga High School & will be attending LeHigh University as a Biology Major.

Emily Yones (Granddaughter of Mark & Karen Methlie) graduated summa cum laude from the University of Rhode Island with a Bachelor's from the School of Business in Textiles, Merchandising, and Design. She will continue a Master's in the same field.

Owen Yones (Grandson of Mark & Karen Methlie) graduated from Millburn High School in New Jersey & will be attending Clemson University.

Matthew 9:35-10:7

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

The Twelve Apostles

¹⁰ Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

The Mission of the Twelve

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

Genesis 18:1-14

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son."