



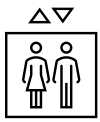
Forward in Faith

July 19, 2026

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am

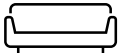
WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S UCC LANSDALE



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 — July 19, 2026 — Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love binds us as a community. Love gathers us together.

Love knows no hatred and othering. Love knows no borders.

Love calls us to speak boldly and proclaim courageously
the belovedness of every human.

Love knows no bounds. Love knows no borders.

Love calls us to solidarity with the marginalized, vulnerable, threatened, and oppressed.

Love knows no privileged position. Love knows no borders.

Love builds bridges, dismantles barricades, and crumbles walls.

Love knows no stranger, illegal or alien. Love knows no borders.

Love will not fail. Love endures. Love will prevail.

Love knows no defeat. Love knows no borders.

Let us gather and celebrate the love for and among us!

*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 #592 God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command

Stanza 1: All Stanza 3: Higher Voices

Stanza 2: Lower Voices Stanza 4: All

CONFESSION

Source of Life, Holy One, known by many names and beyond every name,

We gather from different traditions, languages, and paths, yet united in our shared humanity. With humility, we acknowledge that we have not always lived according to the highest values we profess.

We confess the times we have acted with indifference instead of compassion, fear instead of courage, pride instead of humility, and judgment instead of understanding. We grieve the harm we have caused through our words, our actions, and our silence.

Forgive us where we have failed one another. Help us to recognize the dignity and worth of every person, to seek justice for those who are oppressed, to care for the earth entrusted to us, and to be faithful stewards of peace.

Open our hearts to wisdom, our minds to truth, and our hands to service. Renew in us the strength to choose kindness over cruelty, hope over despair, and to work together for the healing of the world. Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 28:10-14.....Pew Bible Page 24

Romans 8:19-25.....Pew Bible Page 145

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.

REFLECTION "How to Disagree".....Sheikh Abed Manasra

*HYMN We Will Rise

We will rise, rise up to - ge - ther. We will rise, our spi - rits strong.

We will rise, and lift each o - ther We will build a new world, sing a new song.

*We are strong because we're different, woven in a tapestry.
Each one needed to complete us, strengthened by diversity.*

Chorus (Above)

*We're a rainbow, holy colors dazzling, brilliant, beautiful.
Shining light through many prisms, painting all that's possible.*

Chorus (Above)

*Growing side by side together, we're a garden of delight.
Sowing seeds of peace and promise, blooming, rising to new heights.*

Chorus (Above)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *God of Peace and Justice (Yarabba Ssalami)*

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

For online giving, please use the QR code.



Offertory Sheikh Abed Manasra

*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

God of many names, receive the gifts that we offer this day. Use them to increase faith, extend care, and create more justice and healing. Strengthen us to imagine and build the kind of world you imagine for us all. Amen.

*HYMN #388 Help Us Accept Each Other

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Toccata in C Minor.....Johann Pachelbel

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

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Weekly Current Needed:	\$8,700.00	Weekly OCWM Needed:	\$865.38
The Week of July 5		The Week of July 12	
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost		Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	
Attendance: 9:30 AM	75	Attendance: 9:30 AM	94
Offering For Current:	\$7,683.00	Offering For Current:	\$5,901.00
Offering For OCWM:	\$1,008.00	Offering For OCWM:	\$869.00



We Love the Anniversary Booklets!

Might you have one you do not need? We would like to make them available to our homebound members and a few folks who were away on May 31st. If your family took more than one home, it would save the church significant money if you are willing to donate your extra for those who didn't get one. In addition, the booklet is now on our website, so if that meets your booklet needs we welcome your donation of extra copies. The collection box is in the library.

Is our Transportation Ministry for You?



One of our St. John's ministries that is part of our Helping Hands ministry does the important service of providing a ride to and from church each Sunday for those no longer able to drive. We also have drivers who volunteer upon request during the week for those needing a ride to doctor's appointments and treatments. Our driver pool has dwindled recently. Having 2 or 3 more drivers would be a blessing. And if you or someone you know needs the help of this ministry, please contact the office so we can make arrangements.

This Week at St. John's



Chancel Flowers:

In memory of **Dr. Bill Hartzell's July 24th birthday** from Dee Reedman & Family

Acknowledgements:

In memory of **Shirley Hale** to the Memorial Fund from Bob & Jane Keim, Gregory Thompson, and Theresa M. Fosko

In memory of **Shirley Hale** to the Tech Fund from Jo-Ann Sine

Sun July 19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:00 AM	How To Disagree: A Taste of Peacemaking and Dialogue Techniques from Israel-Palestine Fellowship
Mon	7:00 PM	Fireside Group (CA)
Tues	7:00 PM	AA
Wed	6:30 PM	Sanctuary Reserved
Fri	6:00 PM	North Penn Chess Club
Sat	9:00 AM	Art of Living Foundation
Sun July 26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	
	9:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Fellowship

Worship Assistants

Hospitality: Team Bruen

Umbrella Ministry: Sumiko Booraem

Elder: Margie Jewell

Audio Ministry: Scott Cunningham

Chancel Flowers: Lil & Dan Panachyda

Driver: Scott Vanderburg

Deacon: Peter Conver

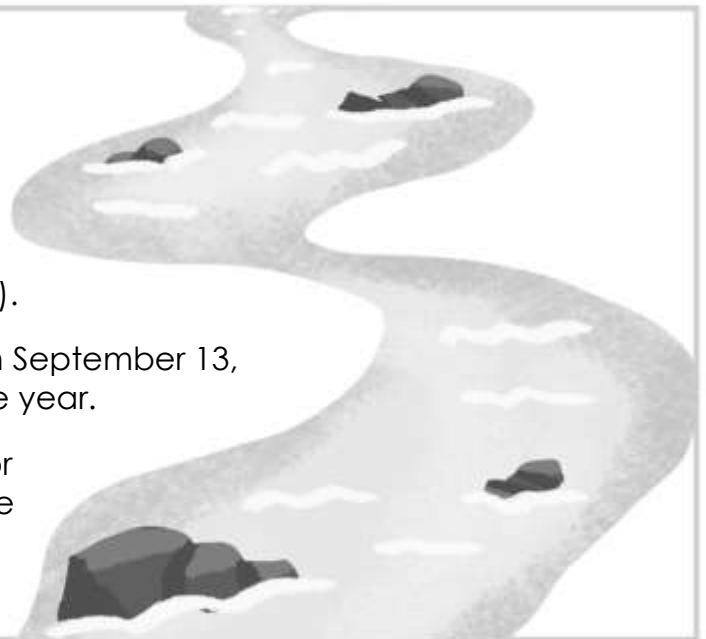
Social Hosts: The Rivetts

"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.



How to Disagree:

A Taste of Peacemaking & Dialogue Techniques from Israel-Palestine

TODAY, July 19

11:00 AM Public Conversation

The World needs more bridge-builders and peace-makers in this time of conflict, war, and atrocity.

Restore your hope in humanity with interfaith peacemaker, Sheikh Abed Elsalam Manasra of the Abrahamic Reunion, who works every day to build connections of dialogue, understanding, and empathy across religious, cultural, political, and ethnic lines in Israel-Palestine.



Praying Hands Stitchers

August 2 at 8:30 am

We provide yarn, needles, and instruction, and all are welcome!

The Praying Hand Stitchers is a group of dedicated people who enjoy knitting and crocheting for good causes.

We make prayer shawls to provide comfort, love squares to calm newborns separated from their mothers, and hats and scarves for needy people in our community.



St. John's Stampers

Thursday, August 13 at 1 pm

No talent needed, we'll show you how!

We design, create, and stamp all kinds of greeting, condolence, and birthday cards and send them to our congregation and community. The Stampers also sell their cards periodically during Fellowship.



Ending Hunger, Building Community, Transforming Lives

With cuts to benefits for the food-insecure, let us continue our commitment 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!

Shelf Stable:

- Granola/Snack/Breakfast Bars
- Asian Noodle (ramen) in packs, not cups
- Long pasta (spaghetti, linguine, etc)
- Sugar, Flour, Baking Powder, Baking Soda
- Instant White Rice, Instant Brown Rice
- Mashed Potatoes
- Nuts (Any Kind)
- Rice Sides (Rice A Roni, Knorr products, etc)
- Pasta Sides (Chef Boyardee, etc)



Canned/Jarred:

- Tomato products (diced, crushed, puree)
- Tomato/Pasta Sauce (in jars)
- Soups - Beef, Seafood, Bean
- Canned Potatoes (sliced, diced, whole)
- Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard)