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Unless I See



Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2026
9:30AM

We Worship, We Love, We Serve
– No Matter What!

We Worship

*We are proudly an Open & Affirming (ONA) Congregation
of the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ!*

You are WELCOME HERE!

Our Offering is received as we gather for worship, with plates located on pedestals at the back. We graciously accept your gifts of praise and gratitude to God, to be presented during the service. While guests are welcome to contribute, please know there is no obligation; the financial support of our church is primarily the responsibility of our congregation members.

Sunday Social is a time to gather for light refreshments and connection time, to visit, make new friends and build relationships. Join us in Fox Hall following worship each Sunday, hosted by various congregants and groups.

Children's Faith Formation begins in the early part of our worship service in the sanctuary, including the Children's Message. Parents are asked to accompany their child if they are at the kids' table in the back.

On Communion Sundays the children remain in the worship service.

Hymnal Abbreviations

WR—Worship and Rejoice ***NC***—New Century Hymnal
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*** Those who are comfortably able, please stand**

Chimes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Steven Davis

- St. John's Clean Up — April 24th through April 26th
- Basket Social — May 2nd and 3rd

***Greeting and Sharing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you!**

Music to Prepare our Hearts for Worship

Christ Still Rises
Benjamin Brody

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: Easter people, Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

One: Christ is risen indeed! Yet we, like Thomas, may find questions bubbling up: How do we know? What's the proof? Is Resurrection real?

All: Within our questioning, Christ appears.

One: We may find ourselves like the other disciples, witnesses of Christ's resurrection who struggle to understand the doubt of others.

All: Within our certainty, Christ appears.

One: Whether you come to worship full of certainty or doubt, you are welcome here, for we are all participants in the story of God's salvific work in the world, a story still unfolding all around us.

All: We gather to worship, believing that in certainty and doubt, the resurrected Christ dwells among us! Amen.

***Opening Hymn**

Three Days
Verses 1 and 2

found on page 3

***Easter Gathering Prayer**

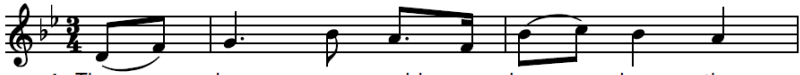
Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: God of the risen Jesus, we praise you for the great love that you have shown to redeem us by sending your Son. Help us today to embrace the new life that the resurrected Christ is giving us. A life beyond our doubts, faith over fear, courage over confusion, belief over disbelief, and trust to follow your guidance.

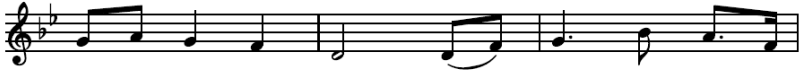
**All: As we worship today, help us to feel the presence of resurrected Jesus in our midst, reminding us of your love and our purpose, that we might reach for your hand and bear witness together, "My Lord and my God!"
Amen.**

THREE DAYS

THAXTED



1. Three days our world was bro - ken; the
2. Three days— and on the third day, the
3. Three days our world was bro - ken and



1. Lord of life lay dead. "Take up your cross," he
2. wom - en came at dawn. His tomb, they said, was
3. in an in - stant healed, God's cov - e - nant of



1. told us who fol - lowed where he led. Would
2. emp - ty, his bro - ken bod - y gone. Who
3. mer - cy in mys - ter - y re - vealed. Two



1. we now hang in tor - ment with thieves on ev - 'ry side,
2. could be - lieve their sto - ry? The dead do not a - rise,
3. thou - sand years are one day in God's e - ter - nal sight,



1. our Pass - o - ver shat - tered, our hope cru - ci - fied?
2. yet he walks a - mong us, and with our own eyes
3. and yes - ter - day's sor - rows are this day's de - light.



1. Three days we hid in si - lence, in
2. we've seen him at this ta - ble; we've
3. Though still Christ's bod - y suf - fers, pierced



1. bit - ter fear and grief. Three days we clung to -
2. shared his bread and wine. Hearts burn - ing bright with -
3. dai - ly by the sword, yet death has no do -



1. geth - er where he had washed our feet.
2. in us, we've seen his glo - ry shine.
3. min - ion: the ris - en Christ is Lord!

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Invitation to Confession

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: God's mercy is deeper than the depths of the sea, and God's grace is wider than the whole of the earth. Trusting in that mercy and that grace, let us make our confession, before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

(Time for Silent Prayer)

Prayer of Confession

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

All: Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day and offer the truth of our lives: The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that impedes us, the ignorance that hinders us, The doubt that plagues us. Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places, move to those places where love is needed, and have faith that you are with us. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Sung Response

Kyrie Eleison

A Call to Confession Response

Michael Ware

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 78. The score consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The first staff begins with a fermata and a '2' above it, indicating a second ending. The second staff begins with a fermata and an '1' above it, indicating a first ending, followed by the word 'All' in bold. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

$\text{♩} = 78$

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Ky - ri - e e - lei - son Ky - ri - e e - lei - son Chri - ste Chri - ste e -

9

1 All

- le - i - son Ky - ri - e e - lei - son Ky - ri - e e - lei - son

16

Chri - ste Chri - ste e - le - i - son

Assurance of Forgiveness

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

One: God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an

inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading,
kept in heaven for us.

All: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Children's Message

Children and youth are welcome to come up to the chancel steps.

Hymn WR # 300

In the Garden
Verses 1 and 2

***Scripture Reading**

Read By: Sharon Czekner

John 20: 19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

One: The word of God for the people of God!

All: Thanks be to God!

Stories that Matter: “Unless I See”

Song of Praise

Lord, I'm Not Okay, But I'm Still Here

Words and Music by Juno Skye, Performed by Holy Groove

Some days I'm tired, I can barely stand, Life feels heavy, more than I planned. but You said, I'll never walk away, so I hold on to what You say. Lord, I'm not okay but I'm still here, You see my pain, You catch my tears. The world moves fast, but You stay near, Lord, I'm not okay... but I'm still here.

My heart feels broken, my hope runs low, I don't have answers, but this I know: You promise, “I'm close when you're hurting.” Your love is real, it keeps me learning.

Lord, I'm not okay but I'm still here, You see my pain, You catch my tears. The world moves fast, but You stay near, Lord, I'm not okay... but I'm still here.

You said, “Come to Me, I'll give you rest.” So I bring my mess, You give me Your best. Your arms are strong, Your heart is kind, peace like I've been trying to find.

Lord, I'm not okay but I'm still here, Your love is steady, Your voice is clear. Through every doubt, You pull me near, Lord, I'm not okay... but I'm still here.

We Love

Prayers of the People and Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Davis &

(Requests shared from the entry table basket) Samantha Kistler

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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**

Offering Our Gifts, Tithes and Offerings to God



Thank you for your
generosity and
faithfulness in supporting
the ministry of St. John's
UCC!

*Doxology

*Praise God of mercies yet untold;
Praise Christ whom graves could never hold:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Spirit life creating breath;
Praise Love that breaks the chains of death!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

All: Compassionate and faithful God, you meet us behind locked doors and in the doubts we dare not speak aloud. Like Thomas, we long to see, to touch, to know — and yet, by your grace, you call us blessed for believing without seeing. Accept now these gifts we bring, use them to reach others still searching for hope, healing, and connection. In Christ, who breathes peace upon us, we pray. Amen.

We Serve

*Closing Hymn

Christ Has Risen
Verses 1, 2, and 4

found on page 8

1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en
 2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died, through
 3. Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who
 4. Christ has ris - en, and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge

where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised, as we
 love, to save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en bring - ing
 feared the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion where their
 and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled, all who

doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing,
 flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples
 faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what is no long - er,
 find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent

let the sun sus - tain the cheer, let the world con -
 hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose word in -
 they sus - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ ends their
 mak - ing us what he has been— ev - i - dence of

firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en! God is here!
 spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
 con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.
 trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

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 Tune: HYFRYDOL; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

***The Benediction**

Rev. Davis

***Postlude**

Trumpet Tune
 Anthony Giamanco

Our Worship & Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

8:30am Adult Faith Formation

- Friendship Sunday School Class

9:30am Worship / Children's Faith Formation

- with Sunday Social time following worship

Attendance – April 5

Onsite – 173 Online - 52

Second Sunday of Easter, April 12

Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 and Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9 and John 20:19-31

Liturgist: Regi Mohr

Scripture Reader: Sharon Czekner

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Charlotte Kerrigan

Ushers: Tom and Emilie Moyer

Greeters: Jackie Maxon and Pam Repetz

Third Sunday of Easter, April 19

Lectionary Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 and Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

1 Peter 1:17-23 and Luke 24:13-35

Liturgist: Janet Boyd

Scripture Reader: Tyler Shankweiler

Worship Tech: Bill Castello

Altar Guild: Corinna Purdon

Ushers: Wayne Lichtenwalner and Carole O'Connell

Greeters: Kim Hillegass

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers all those who are ill, in our area hospitals, or otherwise in need of prayer: Phyllis Ambearle, Gracie Arnold, Margaret and Richard Baatz, Christina Bach, Sherry Castello (Bill's mom), Rob Czekner, Marion DeMilio, Janet and Jim Ebert, Sally Gibson, Sandy Glass, Tracey Glass, Mike Gravely, Donna Held, Rev. John Hoff and Charlee Hoff, Ray and JoAnn Hower, Geraldine Keim, Mary Jane Kistler, Dawn Luckenbill, Jean McGonigle, Karen Moyer, Molly Nicholas, Eleanor and Joe O'Donnell, Elaine Parsons, Joey Raszler, Rebecca Schneck, Bert Smith, Leona Snyder, Lori Stocker, Barry Stephens and Rev. Becca Stephens, Martha Strauss, and George Williams.

Continued prayers for those in our military, especially Dominic DeMilio, Kaden Rossanese, and Nathan Unger.

If you or a family member is admitted to the hospital, tell them you are a member of St. John's or **use the church code, 473**. To add someone to our prayer list please contact the Church Office.

GOD IN THREE PERSONS: A HYMN FESTIVAL

Mark your Calendars! Join us for our first ever Hymn Festival Concert on Sunday, May 31st beginning at 5:30 PM. This special evening of scripture, prayer, congregational singing, and choral and bell music will celebrate the rich tradition of hymnody, tell the story of the Holy Trinity, and bring the 2025–2026 choral season to a joyful close.

We hope you will join us for this inspiring night of worship and music as we celebrate another wonderful season together. Oh, and there are snacks after!!!

GRIEF SUPPORT ~ HEALTHCARE MINISTRY

If you're grieving the loss of a loved one, you are invited to attend a monthly daytime grief support group at Asbury UMC, 1533 Springhouse Rd., Allentown. Rev. Evelyn Stupp, Asbury's Pastor of Bereavement and Care Ministries, leads the group. For more information and to indicate your interest in attending, please contact her at estupp@asburylv.org or 610-428-9095.

APPLEBEES BURGERS FOR A CAUSE

Now available! Applebee's burger gift cards are good for any burgers on their menu (Some cost over \$17.00), for the price of \$10 per card. The certificates never expire and are good at Applebee's in our area. They make great stocking stuffers! See Carol Raszler or Tom Moyer to purchase these certificates.

GIANT, WEIS, REDNER'S

Buy Giant and Weis gift cards and the church receives 5% back. Also good for purchasing gas. You can get your gift cards from the office or by seeing Tom Moyer & Carol Raszler every Sunday. Save the register tapes from Redner's and the church receives 1% back. A collection jar for the tapes is on the table in the lounge area or see Karen Stoitsits. Please do not roll the Redner's tapes and do not include other stores' receipts.

WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

For the month of April, we are collecting canned corn, canned sweet potatoes, instant mashed potatoes, and coffee. Any other food donations as well as monetary donations are always welcome. Your donations can be placed in the shopping card found in the coatroom area next to the sanctuary. For more information or to volunteer on the 4th Monday of the month, contact Gary Black at (484) 274-2405 or email at gary.t.black@outlook.com.

LEHIGH VALLEY SAVEAROUND BOOKS 2026

This coupon book, good for all of 2026, contains discount offers for restaurants, hotels, car rentals, entertainment venues, amusement parks, clothing, food, and much more. Cost is \$25 per book. A sample copy is on display in the lounge area. See Carol Raszler to make your purchase.

**IRONPIGS PARTY PORCH, FOOD, FUN, AND FIREWORKS,
PLUS A BASEBALL GAME**

Spring training has begun, so it is time to "think spring." St. John's annual outing for the IronPigs party porch will again be on Memorial Day eve, Sunday, May 24, 2026. Tickets cost \$40 for great seats in the party porch, buffet supper, and unlimited soft drinks and water. Fireworks will follow the game.

Please see Tom Moyer to make your reservation. This trip is organized by St. John's "Fun-raising" committee.

BASKET SOCIAL & BAKE SALE
Saturday, May 2 – 9:00am to 2:00pm
Sunday, May 3 – Before & After Worship
Drawing 11:30am on Sunday in Fox Hall

We hope to have 100 baskets including gift cards and lots of mouth-watering baked goods for this event. Tickets cost \$5.00 per sheet of 26 tickets. Tickets are available for sale on Sundays during the month of April and on the days of the event.

You could be the winner of gift cards to restaurants and department or hardware stores. Baskets have themes like Eagles, Steelers & Penn State merchandise, baby & children's activities, wines, gardening, items made by St. John's Crafters, Vera Bradley purses, snacks & candies. If you're a collector of snowmen, gnomes, or angels, you'll find it there.

Our baked goods offer a large variety to choose from like cut-out cookies, funny cakes, wet bottom shoofly pies, confetti angel food cake, brownies and much more. If you have any questions, see Amy Feidler or Carol Raszler.

**Basket & gift card donations must be brought to church no later than
Sunday, April 26.**

**Baked goods must be brought to Fox Hall by Friday, May 1, during the
day and up to 8:00 p.m.**

SIGHT AND SOUND UPDATE, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Our June 3 trip to Lancaster to see Sight and Sounds' new production of "Joshua" is sold out. If you want to put your names on a waiting list (sometimes someone has a last minute emergency) please tell Tom Moyer.

PASTIE SALE PICKUP

Reminder: For those of you who placed pastie orders, final pickup is today after worship down in Fox Hall. See Carol Raszler.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Keep an eye on your Sunday bulletins and monthly newsletters – news of Vacation Bible School is coming!

PEEPS MEETING

The Lady PEEPS (**P**ositive **E**xtraordinary **E**ncouraging **P**rayerful **S**isters) will meet on **Tuesday, April 21, at 7:00pm** in Fox Hall. The theme is "Words with Friends" and our discussion leader will be Jackie Maxon. What scripture passages do you hold onto either in difficult times or in times of celebration? If you don't have specific favorite scripture passages, this is a great time to reflect on what others have found most inspiring. If there is something else that you turn to, you are welcome to share that as well. Light refreshments will be served. Please use the elevator entrance. You can contact Regina Mohr at (610) 390-0872 to learn more about PEEPS.

**CHURCH CALENDAR
FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 12 – APRIL 19**

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| Sun 4/12 | 8:15 am | Adult Faith Formation Friendship Class |
| | 9:30 am | Worship |
| | 9:30 am | Faith Formation for Children |
| | 10:30 am | Social Hour |
| | | Pastie pickup, Fox Hall Newsletter Deadline |
| Tues 4/14 | 1:00 pm | Staff Meeting |
| | 6:00 pm | Elders |
| | 7:00 pm | Consistory |
| Wed 4/15 | 9:00 am | Verso Chat Lectionary Study |
| | 12 noon | Painting Group |
| | 6:00 pm | Painting Group |
| | 6:30 pm | Zumba |
| | 7:00 pm | SAA Recovery Group |
| Thurs 4/16 | 6:00 pm | Girl Scouts |
| | 6:30 pm | Choir |
| Fri 4/17 | 5:00 pm | St. George Church School |
| Sat 4/18 | 9:30 am | Zumba |
| Sun 4/19 | 8:15 am | Adult Faith Formation Friendship Class |
| | 9:30 am | Worship |
| | 9:30 am | Faith Formation for Children |
| | 10:30 am | Social Hour |
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

MONTHLY OFFERINGS

APRIL 2026

| Overall | |
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| Overall Target | 22,500.00 |
| Overall Total | 15,165.42 |
| Overall Percent | 67.4% |

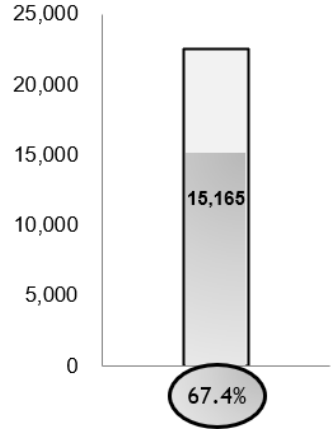
| Last Week | |
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| Start: | 4/5/26 |
| End: | 4/11/26 |
| Total: | 12,799.64 |

Amt needed to reach Target

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| APRIL 2026 | 7,334.58 |
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Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total



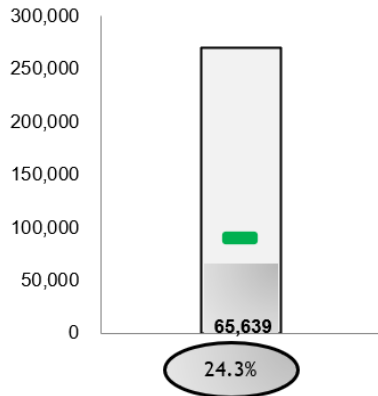
YTD OFFERINGS

APRIL 2026

| Overall | |
|-----------------|------------|
| Overall Target | 270,000.00 |
| On Track Target | 90,000.00 |
| Overall Total | 65,639.43 |
| Overall Percent | 24.3% |

Progress

- Overall Target
- Overall Total
- On Track Target



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