Silent Reflection

The tongue is fire. Quickly, it sets our world aflame, and spreads from place to place. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And yet the spirit is breath and wind; the spirit is a fountain overflowing with living water to quench that flame. We invite the spirit into ourselves; we breathe in peace, we breathe in hope, we breathe in trust, we breathe in love. We quench the fire that would overwhelm us and those around us; we open the flood-gates for healing waters to flow over scorched and damaged land so that something living can once again flourish there.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

Great Spirit, Dwell with Me

Chanced Choir

K. Lee Scott

*HYMNS OF RESPONSE

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will
to do and to endure.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart,
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

The Church at 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.

Prayer Concerns

Jacob Goodson - American Family Children's Hospital, Madison WI
Byron Ballard - Sands Oasis, Carolyn Allred, RD Bond, Ethel Harris, Marie Peacock, Tracey Poteat & Whit Wilson.

Carmen Howard, Marie Peacecock, Tracey Poteat & Whit Wilson - home Sympathy to Christa Lynch and family in the death of her father, Bobby Bollinger

Hymn of Response

Lord, I want to feel your Spirit in my heart,
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to feel your Spirit in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart,
in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

Teach Our Tongues to Speak Truth

SERMON

Rev. Martha Kearse, DMin

"Southern Gentle Lady, Be Good"

HYMN OF COMMITMENT

Be Doers of the Word

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette/ELLACOMBE

We be doers of the world of God, not simply those who hear. Be ones who look into God's word, obey, and persevere. Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger, too. Put wrath aside, instead, be meek and let God work in you.

Religion that is unfeigned, religion that is pure will reach to help the orphaned child and welcome all the poor. If people come here poorly dressed, to judge them is a sin. The rich aren't better than the rest; God welcomes poor ones in.

O Christ, You save us by God's grace from having to obey. Then freed to love, we can embrace a life that seeks Your way. May we be doers of the word; may faith shine through our deeds, and as we seek to trust in God, may ethics follow creeds.

We Are Blessed to Be a Blessing

Offertory Prayer

Dr. Kearse

We Give Our Tithes and Offerings for the Work of God

OFFERTORY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

Phillips Bragg and Charlie Harper

Minute for Mission

Global Mission Offering

Benediction

Dr. Kearse

*POSTLUDE

J. Noel Lance

*Invites the congregation to stand.

Copies of worship bulletins and sermon manuscripts are available on the St. John’s website: www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org
St. John's Pulpit Summer Series

Ten Commandments for the Twenty-First Century: The Calling of Wisdom

August 20 - Craving Simplicity - Dennis Foust
10th Commandment: Cover

August 27 - Our Sweet Husband - Martha Kearse

Love the Lord with heart, soul, mind & strength

Sept. 3 - Letter of Love - Dennis Foust

Love One Another

DISCERNING OUR CALL: IDENTITY AND PURPOSE THROUGH A LIFE OF FAITH

Next Sunday: Answering the Why: A Mature Faith/CROP: Jenner Wall

Our Sunday School Year Series concludes next Sunday, August 20 in the Chapel.

CHARLOTTE PRIDE FESTIVAL & PARADE

Tie-Dye/Pizza Party - Sunday, August 13, at 5:00 pm in the Church Lounge. Wear EXPENDABLE clothes. RSVP at sjbcpride@gmail.com. Lots of fun! Bring Friends! Also, join St. John's at the 2017 Charlotte Pride Festival and Parade in uptown Charlotte as we celebrate and affirm our brothers and sisters in the LGBTQ community! The festival is free and is open Saturday, August 26, from noon-10 pm and Sunday, August 27, from noon-6 pm. The parade is on Sunday, August 27, from 1-3pm. St. John's will be participating in the festival and marching in the parade. If you would like to volunteer to help or march in the parade, see Toddi or Mattie Stillerman, or e-mail toddirp@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – Sunday, August 20

Women of the Church invite you to join us during the worship service as we celebrate our children with the "Blessing of the Backpacks." We will recognize our children and everyone who is involved in their education, both in school and at church. Children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to church that morning.

LEADERSHIP/DEACON ELECTION – Sunday, August 27

Deacon election will be held during 10:30 am worship next Sunday, August 27. Absentee ballots are available in the church office until August 20. Deacon Ordination and Installation will be on Sunday, September 10.

PROMOTION SUNDAY – AUGUST 27

Families with children will gather in Broach Hall at 9:15 am for doughnuts and juice (and coffee for the grown-ups). The brand new 6th Graders will get their Bibles and head off to their first Sunday of Youth Sunday School and all the other children will head to their new (or maybe not so new) classes to begin the Sunday School year. While the children are enjoying Sunday School, Allison will share our school year calendar and talk about the things the children will be learning this year. In worship, the new 6th Graders will receive their Bibles.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH RETREAT Weekend – Experience the Presence of God

This year's retreat is November 3-5 at Blowing Rock Conference Center and will be led by Rev. Mandy England Cole, Senior Pastor of Ginter Park Baptist Church in Richmond. We will explore ways to connect with our Creator, including small group morning and afternoon breakout sessions. A $30 non-refundable deposit is required with a completed Registration Form no later than Sunday, September 10 (brochures available in Sunday School rooms and church office). Contact Terri Franklin (704-566-2045) or Donna Scott (919-280-9240) with any questions.

BACK TO SCHOOL UNIFORM DRIVE

The first of August marked the beginning of our uniform donation drive for A Child's Place/Highland Renaissance School (which will be under our MT25 Children & Families Team). Needs include girls' and boys' khaki pants and polo shirts (sizes and details in Family News). Look for our Uniform Rack in the Main Entrance.

2017 STATE & COMMUNITY OFFERING

Received $4806. Goal: $5000

To meet the MT25 challenge our 2017 State and Community Offering will be given to the Galilee Refugee Support Center, Sowing Seeds, and Center for Community.

Worship of God

Exodus 20:16

You Shall Not Bear False Witness

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2017

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA