

## To God Be the Glory

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

\*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

MUSICAL MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Dr. Foust

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: All things bright and beautiful, all things great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, The Living God made them all.

**ALL: Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors and designed their tiny wings.**

ONE: Let us worship The Living God who makes this earthly home for us.

**ALL: Amen! Let it be so!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE To God Be the Glory  
Chalice Hymnal No. 72 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

## We Hear Your Call

READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Wilson Gray  
Joshua 24:1-3, 14-24 (*The Message*)

Joshua called together all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He called in the elders, chiefs, judges, and officers. They presented themselves before God. Then Joshua addressed all the people: "This is what God, the God of Israel, says: A long time ago your ancestors, Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor, lived to the east of the River Euphrates. They worshiped other gods. I took your ancestor Abraham from the far side of The River. I led him all over the land of Canaan and multiplied his descendants. I gave him Isaac. Then I gave Isaac Jacob and Esau. So now: Fear God. Worship him in total commitment. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped on the far side of The River (the Euphrates) and in Egypt. You, worship God. If you decide that it's a bad thing to worship God, then choose a god you'd rather serve—and do it today. Choose one of the gods your ancestors worshiped from the country beyond The River, or one of the gods of the Amorites, on whose land you're now living. As for me and my family, we'll worship God." The people answered, "We'd never forsake God! Never! We'd never leave God to worship other gods. Count us in: We too are going to worship God. He's our God." Then Joshua told the people: "You can't do it; you're not able to worship God. He is a holy God. He is a jealous God." But the people told Joshua: "No! No! We worship God!" And so Joshua addressed the people: "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen God for yourselves—to worship him." And they said, "We are witnesses." Joshua said, "Now get rid of all the foreign gods you have with you. Say an unqualified Yes to God, the God of Israel." The people answered Joshua, "We will worship God. What he says, we'll do."

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

SONG OF RESPONSE Choose This Day the One You'll Follow  
by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette W ZLOBIE LEZY

"Choose this day the one you'll follow! Choose the one to guide your way!"  
So a leader told his people as he spoke to them one day.  
"Some see other gods and follow; they put trust in what is hollow.  
You must choose whom you'll obey!"

"As for me and those in my house, we'll serve God, and God alone!"  
Lord, these words of challenge meet us in our families and our homes.  
For the values all around us often trouble and confound us.  
Can we live as You have shown?

MOMENTS FOR REFLECTION

**"You can't worship two gods at once.  
Loving one god, you'll end up despising  
the other. Adoration of one god feeds  
contempt for the other. You cannot serve  
both The Living God and wealth."**

– Jesus (Matthew 6:24, from *The Message*)

SONG OF RESPONSE Choose This Day the One You'll Follow

In a world that finds its pleasure in the things that money buys,  
we are called to different treasure as we hear Your people's cries.  
May our families find in serving, those the world calls undeserving,  
bread that truly satisfies.

In a world where recreation tempts our families from the pews,  
may we ponder what the faith means as we help our families choose.  
By example, are we leading — or are other things impeding  
how we live Your wondrous news?

OFFERTORY PRAYER Todd Stillerman

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir  
*Christ Is the World's Light* Fred P. Green & K. Lee Scott

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT Chalice Hymnal No. 606, verse 1 NETTLETON

God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Lee Gray

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**  
Joe Ehrenberger - Asbury  
Nancy Burgess, Camille Green, Genice Harper,  
Polly Hull, Brad Sifford & Carole Ann Simpson - home  
Dale Johnson & Johnnie Morcock – upcoming surgery

READING OF THE GOSPEL John 6:66-69 Kim Blanchard

Many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked  
the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to  
whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and  
know that you are the Holy One of God."

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## We Will Follow

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
Chalice Hymnal No. 344, verses 1 & 2 ASSAM

SERMON *Home Making?* Dr. Foust

\*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
Chalice Hymnal No. 344, verses 3 & 4 ASSAM

\*CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Dr. Foust

\*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

\*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

*\*Invites the congregation to stand.*

Copies of worship bulletins are available on the St. John's website: [stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Church Conference and Luncheon

Our Church Council has scheduled a Church Conference for next Sunday, May 20,  
following worship. A report from our Investing in the Future Task Force will be on  
the agenda. Lunch menu will be fried chicken, green beans, macaroni & cheese, and  
dessert. The cost will be \$10/adult and \$6/children under 12. Please email or call  
Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office to **make your reservation by Wednesday,  
May 16** ([jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org) or 704.333.5428, ext. 11).

### St. John's Wi-Fi

The Technology Resource Team is excited to announce that Wi-Fi connectivity is now available at St. John's! Members and guests to our facilities can now connect smart phones, tablets and laptops to the Internet wirelessly throughout the building, including in Sunday School classrooms and in other meeting spaces like Broach Hall and the church lounge. The new Wi-Fi system was made available through the first distribution from the St. John's Baptist Church Endowment Fund. See this week's Family News for all the details.

### Open Table: Intergenerational Evenings with Purposeful Play

Our next dinner will be on Wednesday, May 23. The menu will be roasted chicken thighs in a white wine and lemon sauce, sautéed vegetables and roasted potatoes. Please email or call Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office by Sunday, May 20, to make your reservation ([jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org) or 704.333.5428, ext. 11). Meal costs will be \$10/adults and \$6/child under 12 with a maximum of \$30 per household. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:50 and will continue to be served until 6:30. We will gather in Broach Hall and dismiss by 7:00 pm. All generations will be together for this time as we enjoy intergenerational table games, storytelling, conversations, etc.



### VBS Volunteers – Register or Volunteer Today!

#### St. John's/St. Martins VBS 2018: A Year in the Church

June 11-15 from 9 am-12 noon each day - For children aged 4 - rising 6th Graders \$15/Child - We'll be learning about the life of Jesus as we walk through the seasons of the church year together with stories and art. To volunteer, contact Allison Benfield. VBS can't happen without you!

### Church Office Volunteers

Jacquelyn will be out of the office from May 23 - June 4 on vacation. If you would be willing to help in the church office for a few hours during this time, please contact her at 704-333-5428 ext. 11 or [jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org). No particular office skills are needed, and men and women can help.

### Men's Softball

The season will begin in early June. All games are played on weeknights at Providence Baptist Church. Please let Lee Gray know if you are interested in playing. We are looking for a few new players as several of our regulars have moved out of town.

### Save the Date!

The 10th Annual Women of the Church Luncheon will be held on Sunday, September 9. We are excited to announce that our very own Julie Scoggins will be the guest speaker. This is one luncheon you don't want to miss! More details to follow but mark your calendars now.

### 2018 Community & State Mission Offering

Thank you for your gifts this year to our Community & State Mission Offering. Our total receipts were \$3,394. Our gifts will impact lives through Habitat for Humanity, Loaves and Fishes and North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

### Youth

- **May 13** – No youth activities (Mother's Day)
- **May 20** – Paintball after worship until 4:00 pm
- **June 3** – Senior Graduation Recognition Sunday

### Have you included St. John's in your estate planning?

**St. John's Baptist Church**  
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### The St. John's Pulpit

May 6 – Day of Pentecost  
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
Sermon: *Winds of Change?*  
Scripture: Acts 2:1-11

### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, May 13	9:15 am	Sunday School/Missions 101 (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Habitat meeting-adults (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
Monday, May 14	8:00 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Broach Hall)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Tuesday, May 15	7:30 pm	All Deacons' Meeting (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
	8:30 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
Wed., May 16	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	7:00 am	CROP (Lasater Hall)
	8:30 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
Thurs., May 17	11:30 am	Weekday School Closing Program (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Membership Task Force (Lounge)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Friday, May 18	11:00 am	Uptown Ladies (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Novant Monthly Managers' meeting (Broach Hall)
	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
Saturday, May 19	9:45 am	Mental Health America (Lounge)
	9:45 am	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
	5:30 pm	Volunteers serve dinner at Uptown Men's Shelter
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)

### Membership and Ministry

If you would like information on how you can become a member of St. John's, please call the church office (704.333.5428) or fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. One of our ministers will be happy to reach out to you and answer any questions you may have. Visit our website to find out more information regarding the many ministry opportunities available in the life of St. John's.

### Ministers

*Every participant in God's Servant Church*

### Equipping Ministers

Minister for Children and Their Families.....	Rev. Allison Benfield
Minister for Worship and Music.....	J. Kevin Gray
Minister for Youth and Young Adults.....	Rev. Lee Gray
Senior Minister.....	Dr. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

### Church Staff

Administrative Assistant.....	Jacquelyn McAbee
Church Accountant.....	Elaine Johnson
Church Administrator.....	Sandra Rogers
Custodians.....	Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon
Graded Choirs Director.....	Anna Ball
Organist.....	J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director.....	Lydia Olmsted

# The Worship of God



*Seventh Sunday in Eastertide*

**SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018**

**10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY**

**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**