

# Lord, Show Us the Path of Life

INTROIT J. Kevin Gray

WORDS OF GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Rev. Allison Benfield

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

THE COMEDY OF GOD Rev. Lee Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

LEADER: Our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice!  
PEOPLE: We shall not be afraid, nor fall into the pit of despair;  
ALL: For in love's presence we know fullness of joy!

\*HYMN OF PRAISE Joy to the World  
Chalice Hymnal No. 143 ANTIOCH

READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 16 Pat Culp



Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.  
I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."  
As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.  
Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.  
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.  
I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.  
I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.  
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.  
For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.  
You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

LEADER: This is the written word of God for the people of God.  
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

DOODLE PRAYER AND DISCIPLE'S PRAYER Rev. Benfield & Children

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.

## STORY OF THE ROAD TO EMMAUS

David Allen & Ken Benton

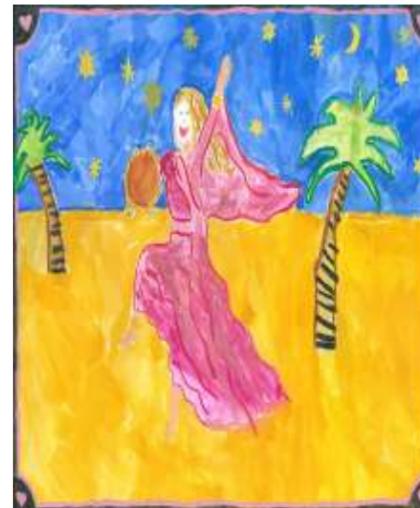


In Your Presence There is Fullness of Joy

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Gray

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir  
*And the Father Will Dance* Mark Hayes



And the father will dance over you in joy!  
He will take delight in whom He loves.  
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?  
No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!  
And He will joy over you in song!  
My soul will make its boast in God,  
For He has answered all my cries.  
His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.  
Awake my soul!  
Awake my soul and sing!  
Let my spirit rejoice, let my spirit rejoice,  
Let my spirit rejoice, in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!  
Cast away fear, for you have been restored!  
Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day.  
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song.  
And He will joy over you in song!  
And the Father will dance over you in joy!  
He will take delight in whom He loves!  
Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?  
No the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!  
God rejoices over you,  
God rejoices over you in song!

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY 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.

SERMON Rev. Martha Kearse  
*"Expect the Unexpected"*

In Your Right Hand Are Pleasures Forevermore!

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,  
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

\*CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Rev. Kearse

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION Congregation  
*The Irish Blessing* Andre Lash

May the road rise to meet you the wind be at your back, may the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softy, softly on your fields and may God hold you in the palm of his hand, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

\*POSTLUDE J. Kevin Gray

*\* Invites the congregation to stand*

*Copies of Worship Bulletins and Sermon Manuscripts are available at [www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org).*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Youth**

- Youth are on regular evening schedule this Sunday, April 3.
- 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Grade Discipleship Retreat is April 8-10.
- 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Grade Discipleship will meet on Sunday, April 10, at 6:30 pm.

**Mental Health Awareness Month**

This Sunday after church, there will have a brief discussion in the Chapel about what we want to do for Mental Health Awareness Month. If you are not able to attend the meeting but would like to help, please contact Kathy Turner at [kepturner@gmail.com](mailto:kepturner@gmail.com).

**Youth Habitat Mission Trip Training Schedule**

This summer, June 19-25, the high school youth will build their 13<sup>th</sup> Habitat House in partnership with Sea Island Habitat on John’s Island, South Carolina. As you may be aware, work on the house is more than simply what takes place the week of the trip. We pre-construct the walls for the house beforehand, and that work will begin in Lasater Hall on Saturday, April 30, at 9:00 am. (See full schedule in this week’s Family News.)

**Second Century Endowment Campaign**

St. John’s is embarking on a 12-month campaign to secure current and estate gift commitments to increase the endowment funds well beyond the required \$500,000 thresholds to begin producing spendable revenue. Please plan to attend the Second Century Legacy Campaign kick-off luncheon on April 17. Your donations are welcomed to help defray the cost of the meal catered by Anderson’s. Please email or call Jacquelyn McAbee in the church office to make your reservation. Sign-up sheets will be available in Sunday school classes as well. Please join with the St. John’s family as we seek to be “Actively Faithful Today for Tomorrow” by creating legacies of generosity.

**St. John’s/St. Martin’s Vacation Bible School 2016**

- June 13-17 from 9:00 am-12:00 noon - \$15/child
- Children Aged 4 (by June 1, 2016) - Rising 6th Graders
- To register, visit: [vbs.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org](http://vbs.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org)

**Ornaments**

Christmas ornaments commemorating the 90th Anniversary of the Sanctuary are available for purchase for \$10 in the church office.

**Elevator Closure**

Repair work on the Lasater Hall elevator will require shutting down the elevator, began this week. We anticipate that the elevator will be down for approximately 3 weeks. The Broach Hall elevator will be available for those who need assistance getting up to the sanctuary or other rooms.

**Have you included St. John’s in your estate planning?**

**Prayer Concerns**  
 Frank Caldwell  
 Jacob Goodson and family

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**THE ST. JOHN’S PULPIT**  
 April 10 - Third Sunday of Easter  
 Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
 Sermon Series: Living the Resurrection  
 Worship Theme: Proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God  
 Sermon: Going Along  
 Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

<b>THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN’S</b>		
Sunday, April 3	8:15 am	Facilities Task Force (Conference Room)
	8:45 am	Coffee & Treats (Lasater Hall)
	9:15 am	Sunday School Teacher Training (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, April 4	5:00 pm	Youth Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
Tuesday, April 5	5:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	Men’s Basketball (Gym)
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men’s Group (Lounge)
Wed., April 6	6:00 pm	Zumba class (Lasater Hall)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
Thursday, April 7	9:30 am	Yoga class (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Lounge)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	10:00 am	HeadStart Parents Meeting (Room 114)
Friday, April 8	5:00 pm	Queen City Unlimited (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Zumba class (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, April 9	7:00 am	6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Disciples (Camp Cheerio - Friday-Sunday)
	11:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
		Girls’ Basketball workout (Gym)

**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*

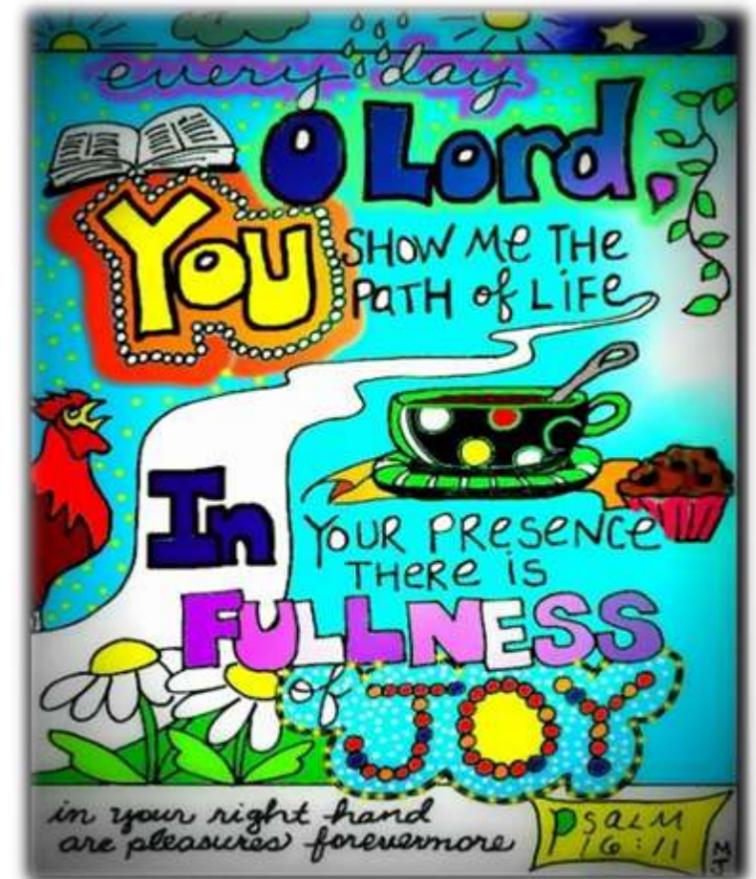
**Equipping Ministers**

Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
 Associate Minister.....Rev. Martha Kearse  
 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

**Church Staff**

Administrative Assistant.....Jacquelyn McAbee  
 Church Accountant.....Elaine Johnson  
 Church Administrator.....Sandra Rogers  
 Organist.....J. Noel Lance  
 Graded Choirs Director.....Sandy Holland  
 Custodians.....Awrin Ali, Paul Pugh  
 Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

# The Worship of God



**SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2016**

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

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