

Praising the Living God

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WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Lee Gray

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

CALL TO SERVICE Phillips Bragg

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

LEADER: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us present ourselves to God;

PEOPLE: We offer ourselves in praise and service.

LEADER: We are diverse in culture, many members, with many gifts,

ALL: But in Christ, we are one body.

*HYMN OF PRAISE O God of Vision
Chalice Hymnal No. 288, verses 1, 2 & 5 LOBE DEN HERREN

Proclaiming God's Good News

READING OF THE EPISTLE Philippians 2:1-11 Jane Winn

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

SONG OF RESPONSE Chancel Choir

He is Lord, He is Lord! He is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.
Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!

READING OF THE GOSPEL Mark 14:12-16 James Laney

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there." So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

*SONG OF RESPONSE An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare
Chalice Hymnal No. 385, verses 1 & 2 O WALY WALY

MESSAGE *What Kind of God is This?* Dr. Foust

Participating in Communion



SONG OF PREPARATION I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table
Chalice Hymnal No. 424 WELCOME TABLE
Solo Verse 1, Congregation repeat verse 1 & 4

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE Dr. Foust

PARTICIPATING IN THE BREAD Rev. Gray
Mark 14:22

PARTICIPATING IN THE CUP Rev. Allison Benfield
Mark 14:23-24

Expressing Community and Commitment

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Benfield

Prayer Concerns

Jan Kerley, Byron Bullard, Bill Finger, Carmen Howard,
Chuck Jones, Barbara Ledford, Christa Lynch & Judy Sanford – home
Sympathy to Betty Herr and family in the death of husband, Harry Herr

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race
Chalice Hymnal No. 485, verses 1, 2 & 4 TALLIS' CANNON

OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Foust

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
All Are Welcome Marty Haugen

*DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH
Chalice Hymnal No. 46

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.

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH Dr. Foust

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Renewing Our Covenant

READING OF THE CHURCH COVENANT

United in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, revealed in history, disclosed in the Scriptures, and experienced in human life, we do solemnly and joyfully make this Covenant together:

We will be faithful to the public worship of God, gathering with the family of the church to celebrate His glory and remember His grace.

We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.

We will love and encourage each other in the family of the Church, and admonish each other as occasion may require. Our differences will not separate us but rather increase our understanding and strengthen the bonds of Christian love.

We will be faithful stewards, as God has prospered us, contributing our financial support for the Church and its ministries and offering ourselves for God's work in the world.

We will, with God's help, so live our lives that others, seeing the joy of Christian living, may seek to know Jesus Christ our Lord.

We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood.

In the spirit of this covenant, we pray together:

Almighty God, Father of us all, witness this Covenant which we make with each other and with Thee. Guide us as we try to do that which pleases Thee, to the glory of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER The Lord's Prayer
Chalice Hymnal No. 307 MALOTTE

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.

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CROP Hunger Walk - Saturday, October 14

Sign up to do something wonderful for hungry people in the world. This year, it's important to remember that Church World Services, the organization to which 75% of the funds raised during the CROP walk goes, is serving those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma right now, as well as the people of India and Bangladesh! Sign up, set up your own page, and share it with your friends--set your goal HIGH to help hungry and hurting people.

CONVERGE – Sunday, October 15

Save the Date! Every three years, the people of St. John's CONVERGE to discern where God is at work as we assure that our plans for congregational ministries, energies and resources are flowing into God's vision for the world.

Undie Sundays

On each of the Sundays in October, we will be collecting new underwear to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel, and Charlotte Rescue Mission. Items needed are athletic socks, boxer shorts, and t-shirts (sizes most needed are medium and large). Containers will be provided at both the Main entrance and the Broach Hall entrance.

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Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for lunch and for our first TEAM meetings this past Sunday. We had approximately 140 people to join our seven Teams. If you have not yet joined a Team, you can sign up ANY TIME by sending an email to the MRT Rep/Communications Rep for the Team you would like to join:

- Homelessness—Kevin Lynch, Joy Jarrett, Dale Johnson, Alice Wirz
- Peacebuilding—Sally Young
- Education—Ken Raynor
- Hunger—Nancy Wilson
- Children & Families—Linda Crowder & Linda Balentine
- Healthcare—Jane Starnes & Becky Skidmore
- SJ Community—Jacquelyn McAbee

Please write "JOIN _____ TEAM" in the Subject Line of your email (fill in the name of the Team you wish to join).

2017 Global Mission Offering

Received \$4,827 - Goal: \$10,000
For the benefit of the Nyarweng Primary School in Pariang County, Ruweng State, South Sudan

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

Upcoming Youth Events

This Sunday, October 1 (5:00-7:30 pm) - Regular evening schedule

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
300 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, North Carolina 28204
704.333.5428 - www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

Sunday, October 8 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Sermon: *Losing Sight of the Shore*
Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-3; Matthew 4:18-22

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Oct. 1	8:00 am	Stewardship Resource Team (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship with communion (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Lounge, Gym, Chapel, 3 rd Floor)
Monday, Oct. 2	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Memory Center Charlotte (Broach Hall)
	6:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
Tuesday, Oct. 3	5:45 am	Mecklenburg Radiology Associates (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Co-ed Bible Study (Room 209)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Zumba (Gym)
Wed., Oct. 4	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
	6:30 pm	Sales Proceeds Task Force (Room 209)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, Oct. 5	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Zumba (Lasater Hall)
Friday, Oct. 6	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
Saturday, Oct. 7	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Girls Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	AGO Organ Crawl (Sanctuary)

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 MinisterRev. Martha Kearse, DMin
Minister for Children and Their Families Rev. Allison Benfield
Minister for Worship and MusicJ. 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
Graded Choirs Director Sandy Holland
Weekday School Director Lydia Olmsted
Organist J. Noel Lance
Custodians James Cowan, Chris Mullis

The Worship of God



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017
10:30 A.M. WORSHIP**

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