

# Sing Praise Unto the Lord

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PRELUDE J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Lee Gray  
& ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP J. Kevin Gray

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

LEADER: Spirit of the Living God, we humble ourselves in Your Presence.

PEOPLE: **Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!**

**Thou art the Potter; we are the clay.  
Mold us and make us after Thy will,  
While we are waiting, yielded and still.**

ALL: **Great is Thy Faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies we  
See; all we have needed Thy hand hath provided.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE Great Is Thy Faithfulness  
Chalice Hymnal No. 86 FAITHFULNESS

## We Worship Through Word and Prayer

READING FROM HEBREW SCRIPTURE Cindy McIntyre

Jeremiah 29:10-14

For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

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

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF RESPONSE Seek Ye First  
Chalice Hymnal No. 354 SEEK YE FIRST



READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF LUKE Rev. Allison Benfield

Luke 22:39-42

Jesus went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When Jesus reached his place of prayer, he said to his disciples, "Pray that you may not come into the time of trial." Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done."

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Benfield

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

Carmen Howard, Chuck Jones, Jan Kerley & Tom Bryson – home

MUSICAL MEDITATION Tarsha Williams

*Change* J. Kevin Gray



In every life, there will be change; things come and go while some still remain. Like a leaf gently floating down a stream, we're moving along toward something.

I see you, and you see me; we both stare out with eyes that see. The change that's coming on through me, we're moving along towards something.

Like a river ever flowing, come and wash over me; some streams you cannot dam up my friends, the water will run wild and free.

Time marches on; it gives and takes. We gain and lose; at times our hearts break. But in the end we'll all smile once more, 'cause one day we'll reach the same shore.

## Seeking God's Will

SERMON *Praying Without Goals* Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon 3 of 3

"On Being a Sent People: Exodus, Exile or Exploration?"

\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT Have Thine Own Way, Lord!  
Chalice Hymnal No. 588 (last verse unaccompanied) ADELAIDE

OFFERTORY PRAYER

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY Chancel Choir

*He Never Failed Me Yet* Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour He gives me power. I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares that He has brought me out. He is my God and I'll serve Him no matter what the test. Trust and never doubt. Jesus will surely bring you out; He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in times of storm, and I know that He'll keep you safe from all earthly harm. One day, when my weary soul is at rest, I'm going home to be forever blessed. Trust and never doubt. Jesus will surely bring you out; He never failed me yet.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh? And didn't He cool the fiery furnace For Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego? When I think of what my God can do, He delivered Daniel I know He will deliver you. Trust and never doubt. Jesus will surely bring you out; He never failed me yet.

\*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.

\*CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Dr. Foust

\*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH Dr. Foust

\*SONG OF COMMISSIONING Let There Be Peace on Earth  
Chalice Hymnal No. 677 WORLD PEACE

\*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

*\*Invites the congregation to stand.*

*The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of yesterday's wedding of Jennifer Ferrel and Christian Michelsen.*

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Power of Song - Tarsha Williams, Kevin Gray and friends!

Today at 3:00 pm - St. John's Baptist Church Sanctuary

Come and join us as we celebrate peace, justice, wholeness and community through song. This concert will feature a great variety of music — pop, folk, jazz, gospel and more — intertwined with inspirational quotes and readings. The event is free and open to all! There will be an opportunity to give donations to CROP, our city's largest hunger relief organization.

### Undie Sundays

During the Sundays of October, we will be collecting new underwear and socks for the men being served in the Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel, and Charlotte Rescue Mission. Providing new, basic essentials such as this helps to convey our respect and caring for those being served in these programs. Most needed items are athletic socks, boxer shorts in sizes medium and large, and t-shirts in sizes large and extra-large. Containers are provided at the Main entrance and Broach Hall entrance.

### Reformation Sunday

On Sunday, October 29, we will join Protestant Christians worldwide in observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this day which resulted in protests to spiritually reform the Church. We will sing one of Martin Luther's hymn compositions, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," which has been translated into hundreds of languages. Our worship theme for the day will be The Spiritual Renewal of Christ's Church. Dr. Foust's sermon will be entitled *Indulging a New Reformation*.

### "Offering Ourselves for God's Work in the World"

The St. John's Stewardship Resource Team has been developing plans for this year's annual Commitment Campaign in support of the 2018 Financial Ministry Plan (budget). This year's theme is lifted from our St. John's Covenant – "*Offering Ourselves for God's work in the world*". This theme connects the good works that St. John's folks are committed to - along with the financial resources required to support those efforts.

Leading up to Commitment Sunday (November 19), **we are asking members to share a brief personal reflection on our theme. Please write 2 or 3 sentences we can include in the Family News.** Some questions you might consider include, "*How have you experienced or offered God's work in the world?*" OR, "How have you seen God's work in the world transpire in the life and ministries of St. Johns?" OR, "How does scripture or experience influence your perspective on financial giving for God's work in the world?"

**Please send your sentences to Jacquelyn by October 27**, at [jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org). Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts!!

- Kim Ray, Chair of Administrative Deacon Panel

### Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Tuesday, October 24, at 12 noon in the library - This month's book: *Queen Sugar* by Natalie Baszile. Pick up a copy of the book in the church office and join the discussion!

### 2017 Global Mission Offering

Received \$8,057 - 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

- Sunday, October 22 - Sunday Night Live - 5:00-7:30 pm. Our youth group time will be on the subject of "What do we consume?"

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### The St. John's Pulpit

October 29 – Reformation Sunday

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sermon: *Indulging a New Reformation*

Scripture: Matthew 21:10-13; Mark 11:15-17; John 2:13-16

### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Oct. 22	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	3:00 pm	Power of Song concert (Sanctuary)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/Chapel/3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor)
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
Monday, Oct. 23	5:30 pm	SJ Kids Basketball Clinic-6&U, 8&U (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Memory Center Charlotte (Broach Hall)
	6:30 pm	SJ Kids Basketball Clinic-10&U (Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
Tuesday, Oct. 24	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Co-ed Bible Study (Room 209)
	12:00 pm	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Zumba class (Lasater Hall)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
Wed., Oct. 25	9:00 am	King's College (Room 222)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	6:00 pm	Zumba Class (Gym)
Thurs., Oct. 26	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
Friday, Oct. 27	8:00 pm	AA (Room 114)
Saturday, Oct. 28	7:00 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Girls Basketball (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.....Dr. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
Associate Minister .....Rev. Martha Kearse, DMin  
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  
Graded Choirs Director ..... Sandy Holland  
Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted  
Organist..... J. Noel Lance  
Custodians ..... James Cowan, Chris Mullis

# The Worship of God

God.”  
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heart  
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climbing  
is  
“Prayer  
- Martin Luther

Exodus, Exile or Exploration?

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA