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INTROIT J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A WORD ABOUT WORSHIP Dr. Foust

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF SUBMISSION

LEADER: Lord, we would be Your people; Your body we would be,

PEOPLE: Your hands and feet to labor 'til all in You are free!

LEADER: We will not mute the prophet's call; help us Your world to see.

ALL: Lord, make of us a servant church in selfless ministry!

*HYMN OF PRAISE A Servant Church ST. THEODULPH Chalice Hymnal, inside back cover, verses 1 - 4

READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Linda Finger



Leviticus 2:4-6

When you present a grain offering baked in the oven, it shall be of choice flour: unleavened cakes mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers spread with oil. If your offering is grain prepared on a griddle, it shall be of choice flour mixed with oil, unleavened; break it in pieces, and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering.

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF RESPONSE Give of Your Best to the Master

Give of your best to the Master; give Him first place in your heart.

Give Him first place in your service; consecrate every part.

Give, and to you will be given; God His beloved Son gave.

Gratefully seeking to serve Him, give Him the best that you have.

Give of your best to the Master; give Him first place in your heart.

Give Him first place in your service; consecrate every part.

OFFERTORY PRAYER Fredda Kimball

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir Susan LaBarr Gather at the River

*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.

PRAYER OF RENEWAL & LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Allison 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

Joe Ehrenberger & Polly Hull - Asbury; Betty Crenshaw, Camille Green, Carmen Howard, Chuck Jones, Janie Kendrick & Brad Sifford - home

*HYMN The Church of Christ in Every Age Chalice Hymnal No. 475, verses 1, 3 & 5 WAREHAM

SERMON Broken Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF RENEWAL Called as Partners in Christ's Service Chalice Hymnal No. 453, verses 1 & 4 BEECHER

*LITANY OF RENEWAL

READER: 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.

READER: Our commitment to worship has led us to respond to God's faithfulness though, word, prayer and song.

PEOPLE: 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.

READER: Our commitment to learning about Jesus has made us a community that is searching for a theology that fosters love, care and service.

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

READER: Our commitment to relationship with God and each other has made us a spiritual family, part of the body of Christ in today's world.

PEOPLE: 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.

READER: Our commitment to active faithfulness and life stewardship helps us partner with others in building a new world.

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

READER: Our commitment to joyful ministry has stood as a witness to God's goodness and never-ending love for all.

PEOPLE: 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.

READER: Our commitment to being a servant church has changed our city and community abroad in ways that are continuing to unfold.

ALL: 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.

CHURCH LIFE & MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Dr. Foust

*SONG OF UNITY Blest Be the Tie that Binds



Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

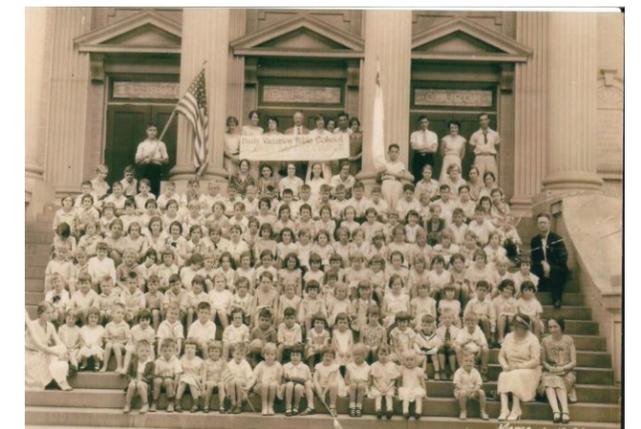
This glorious hope revives our courage by the way; while each in expectation lives, and longs to see the day.

*POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

* Invites the congregation to stand

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in recognition of the ways in which the people of St. John's have made a difference in Charlotte, in North Carolina and in the world for 96 years.

Copies of worship bulletins are available on the St. John's website: stjohnsbaptistchurch.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living in the World as the Body of Christ

Experiencing the Season of Lent in St. John's - This year, on each of the six Sundays during Lent, we will experience the symbolism of bread as 'the body of Christ.' We will explore how we live in the world as the body of Christ using worship themes of 'Kneaded and Needed,' 'Transformed,' 'Taken,' 'Blessed,' 'Broken' and 'Given.' On Wednesdays at noon during Lent, we will serve as the host site for the Elizabeth Communities of Faith ecumenical worship services.

Investing in the Future Task Force Discussion

The Investing in the Future Task Force will hold a meeting in the church lounge after church this morning. If you have not participated in a Sunday School discussion during the past two weeks, this is your opportunity! Please come and give us your ideas for ways we can meet the challenges we face.

Easter Lilies

Easter Lilies are a long-standing tradition and are loved by many — except those who are allergic to them. This year, we would like to offer an alternative, Calla Lilies, to reduce the pollen and help everyone enjoy this glorious Sunday at St. John's. The cost this year will be \$18, and order forms are available in the Family News and the church office. (Proceeds from the Easter flowers are used to decorate the church for Advent and Christmas.) Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 25.

Easter Outfits for "A Child's Place"

Needed: Sizes 5-14 Boys & Girls (new or gently used) with sock and underwear. Place on rack outside sanctuary or at main entrance by March 18.

Elizabeth 8K – Volunteers Needed

Once again, St. John's is a sponsor for Charlotte's oldest road race. The 32nd Annual Elizabeth 8K Road Race is Saturday, March 24. We need four volunteers to assist at our St. John's Sponsor Table from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. Please call the church office at 704.333.5428 and speak with Jacquelyn to volunteer or for more information or email jmcabee@sjcharlotte.org.

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

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.

Memorial Garden Volunteers

Do you enjoy gardening? Have you considered working with the volunteers who keep the Memorial Garden looking inviting and welcoming? Volunteers take turns watching over the garden — pulling weeds, pruning plants, planting fresh flowers, and making sure that plants are watered during the hot, dry months. Please contact Kathy Bragg or Wanny Hogewood to learn more about this opportunity.

Youth

- **March 18** – Regular Sunday Night Live from 5:00-7:30 pm. St. John's own Bobbie Hinson, who taught at Providence Day for 40 years, will join us as we look at the ways that faith can relate to science.
- **March 25** – Regular Sunday Night Live from 5:00-7:30 pm.
- **April 1 & 8** - Youth will not meet on Sunday evenings (CMS Spring Break)

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

The Cross in Contexts: Suffering and Redemption in Palestine

A few years ago, we joined with Covenant Presbyterian Church and The Alliance of Baptists to host Rev. Mitri Raheb, pastor of Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Palestine, and members of his congregation in Broach Hall. Rev. Raheb and Dr. Suzanne Henderson will be presenting a book talk in Queens' Belk Chapel this Sunday, March 18, at 5pm (registration is NOT required). Their presentation explores the saving power of the Jesus on the cross in contexts of Roman and Israeli military occupation.

THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

March 25 – Palm Sunday (Sunday of the Passion)
 Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
 Sermon Series: Living in the World as the Body of Christ
 Sermon: *Given*
 Scripture: Luke 11:5-13; March 14:22

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, March 18	9:00 am	5 th /6 th Grade Discipleship (Room 305)
	9:15 am	Sunday School/Worship 101 (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	11:35 am	Investing in the Future Discussion (Lounge)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym/Lounge/3 rd Floor)
Monday, March 19	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 209)
	6:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, March 20	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
	3:00 pm	Training (Broach Hall)
	4:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
Wed., March 21	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	12:00 pm	ECOF Ash Wednesday service (Sanctuary)
	12:30 pm	ECOF Soup lunch (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Membership Task Force (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Women of the Church Board meeting (Room 209)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thurs., March 22	10:00 am	HeadStart (Lounge)
	4:30 pm	Weekday School Board meeting (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Investing in the Future Task Force (Lounge)
Friday, March 23	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, March 24	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Metropolitan Music Ministries
	9:30 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	12:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge/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

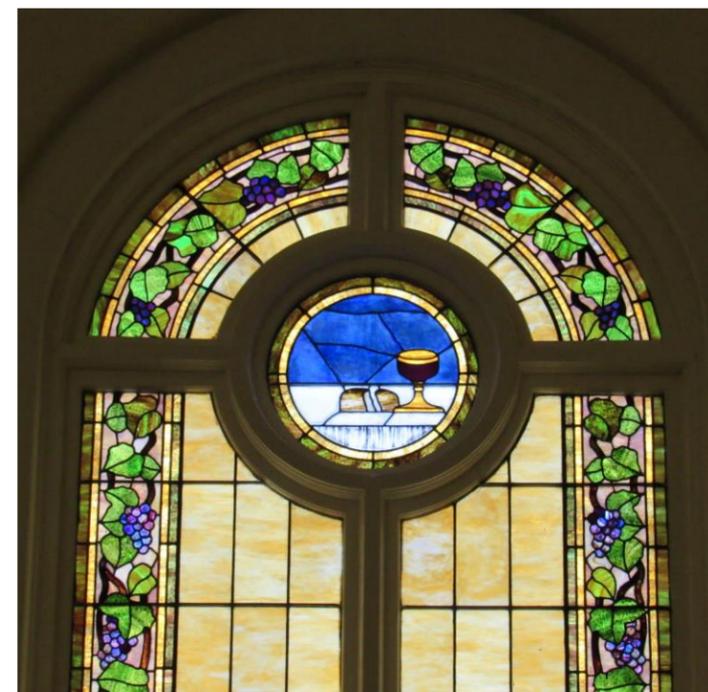
Equipping Ministers

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



Heritage Sunday

The true history of St. John's has been written by the hundreds of persons who have served tirelessly as Sunday School teachers, as children's workers, as choir members, as meal servers at many dinner functions, as contributors of time and money. St. John's has been blessed by these faithful members and favored by God. ~ From Fifty Favored Years Written by Richard L. Young

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

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