

Gathering as God's People

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WORDS OF GREETING	Owen Hahn
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INTROIT	J. Noel Lance
PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP	Claude Bragg

ONE: Where ignorance, self-love, and insensitivity have fractured life in community,

ALL: Give Your light, O God of love.

ONE: Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of people,

ALL: Give Your light, O God who frees.

ONE: Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden,

ALL: Give Your light, O God of grace.

ONE: Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and fear have challenged your goodness,

ALL: Give Your light, O God of peace.

ONE: Eternal God, open the eyes of the nations and peoples so that they may walk in the light of love: remove the ignorance and stubbornness of nations and peoples so that they may drink from the fountain of your goodness.

ALL: Amen.

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

Speak to Us, Lord

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE Miller Ray
Deuteronomy 10:12-14, 17-21



So now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you? Only to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD your God and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the LORD your God, the earth with all that is in it, For the LORD your God is

God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SONG OF WORSHIP

Youth Choir
David, Tyler, & Nora Frances Benton, Soloists
TIM HUGHES

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down.
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus

A love so great, so pure, so free,
A love that gave its life for me.

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Psalm 137:1-4

By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our harps. For there our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” How could we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?

MOMENTS WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH Emma Goodrich,
Elizabeth Rodden, & Janie Smith

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Jacob Callaway

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

Larry Batts, Al Bridges, Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman, Parker Jackson, Kathy Mahnesmith, Sarah Peacock, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Jerry Stephens, Elma Thomas & Dee Turner- home

***HYMN** Surely the Presence of the Lord
Chalice Hymnal No. 263, Sing twice WOLFE

Remind Us We Are Not Alone, You Are with Us

MESSAGE Lena Duke & Lily Wilkerson

God Is with You Wherever You Go: Singing in a Strange Land

MEDITATION Samuel Bond, Dancer
Stand in the Light arr. Stephen Moccio & Lauren Christy
(lyrics to chorus)
This is who I am inside. This is who I am. I'm not going to hide, because the greatest risk we'll ever take is by far to stand in the light and be seen as we are; to stand in the light and be seen as we are.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP Rev. Lee Gray

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** Lift Every Voice and Sing
Chalice Hymnal No. 631 LIFT EVERY VOICE

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY PRAYER Sam Vavra

OFFERTORY J. Noel Lance

***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.

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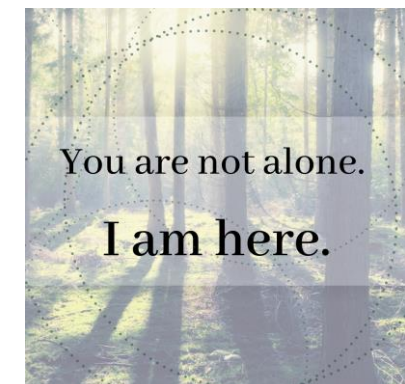
***CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY** Dr. Foust

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

Copies of the worship bulletins and sermons are available at www.stjohnsbaptistchurch.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Financial Ministry Plan Q&A

On Sunday, February 10 at 9:15am, all are invited to come to the chapel to ask any questions you might have about the 2019 Financial Ministry Plan. There will be an insert in the week's Family News about the 2019 Financial Ministry Plan.

Loaves & Fishes Food Drive 2019

The blue barrels are back in the main and Broach Hall entrances as collection points for the Loaves & Fishes food drive throughout the month of February. The clients of Loaves and Fishes are the working poor who need emergency help providing meals for themselves and their families. After obtaining a referral and making an appointment with the nearest pantry, they are given points to spend shopping in the pantry. Don't forget to donate items like laundry supplies, baby food and diapers – things that take a big bite out of grocery budgets.

Important Church Conference & Lunch

On Sunday, February 17 in Broach Hall following worship, we will convene for Church Conference. Lunch will be served at \$5/person and \$20 max per family. The purposes of this congregational meeting will be to vote on the 2019 Financial Ministry Plan, hear an update from our Architectural Design Task Force and participate with our Staffing Our Future Task Force in an open conversation about visions.

New North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Partnership

A few years ago, North Carolina Cooperative Baptist Fellowship sponsored a new worship community in Charlotte focused on immigrants from Sierra Leone. Rev. Brickson Sam and his wife, Annie, are the leaders of the church. Their average attendance is 20 to 30. The place where they have been gathering has raised their rent substantially. After conversations with some church members representing our deacons, church council, finance resource team, trustees and staff, the Administrative Deacon Panel has approved them worshipping in our Chapel. Brickson and Annie are friends of Tom & Martha Bryson and have enjoyed time with Linda and the late Bill Finger. Members of this Sierra Leone community will be in worship with us this coming Sunday. Then, on February 10, Brickson, Annie and others will participate as worship leaders with us. We look forward to being enriched by their sincerity and commitment.

Open Table

Join us for Open Table on Wednesday, February 27 from 5:50-7:00pm in Broach Hall for dinner and a program. Dinner costs \$6/child and \$10/adult with a maximum cost of \$30/family. Call or email Mallory to sign up by Friday, February 22 or use this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/kBWnDY4AAmyMbY3C3>

Youth Mission Auction

Join us on Sunday, March 17 after worship in Broach Hall for the Youth Mission Auction. This single auction will fund four important projects for our middle and high school students as they are a significant opportunity for our youth to become actively involved in not just learning about missions but doing missions! Please come out and support the youth. Want to donate to the auction? Please contact Lia Benton at liabenton@outlook.com.

Heritage Sunday

This year Heritage Sunday is celebrated on March 17 and focuses on the youth ministries of St. John's. Invite anyone who has been a part of the youth ministry of St. John's to join us for worship this day. We also need pictures of past Youth Sundays, Youth Auctions, and Youth Activities or Trips. We will scan these and return them to you. If you have photos or memories, written or typed, share those with Fredda Kimball, Linda Crowder, or Mallory in the church office.

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The St. John's Pulpit

February 10, 2019

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Theme: Tell of the God Who Creates New Community

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 and Luke 4:21-30

Message: *When Home is No Longer Home*

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Feb. 3	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship/Youth Sunday (Sanctuary)
	6:00 pm	Youth Super Bowl Party (Offsite)
Monday, Feb. 4	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Broach Hall)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Pastoral Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	All Deacons' Meeting (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Feb. 5	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing Event (Broach Hall/ Lounge)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)
Wed., Feb. 6	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga Class (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	8:15 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, Feb. 7	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Feb. 8	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Feb. 9	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Basketball Games (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

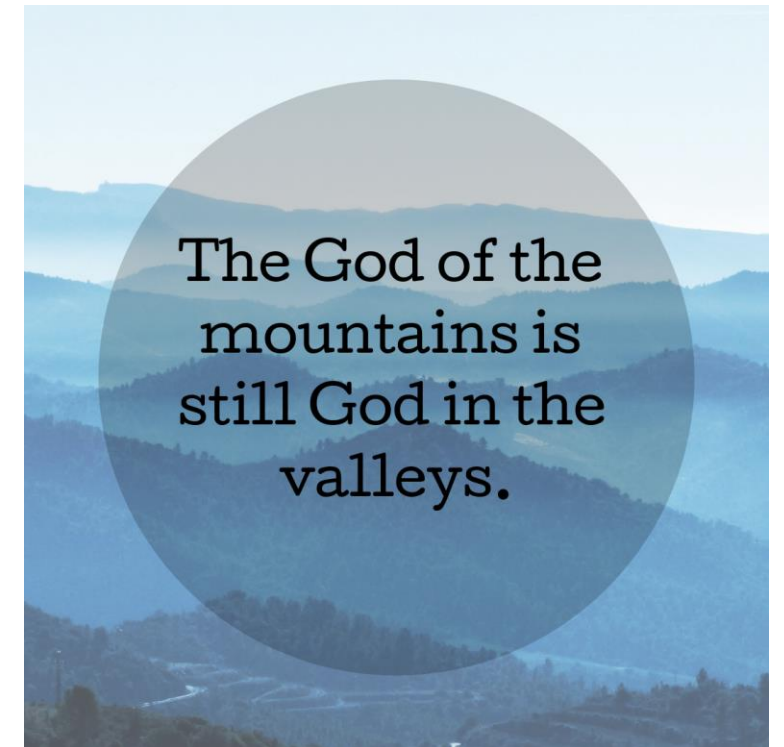
Equipping Ministers

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.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant.....Mallory Brown
Church Administrator.....Jacquelyn McAbee
Custodians.....Chris Mullis, Debora Thon, Sonny Ross
Organist.....J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

The Worship of God



Sunday, February 3, 2019

10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

73rd Annual Youth Sunday

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