

God, We Gather as Your People

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THE GATHERING J. Noel Lance

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

CALL TO SERVICE Katie Church, Urban Ministries

INTROIT J. Noel Lance

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Dr. Foust

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Foust

ONE: As one people gathered for a sacred purpose,

ALL: Let us seek to live in God's presence.

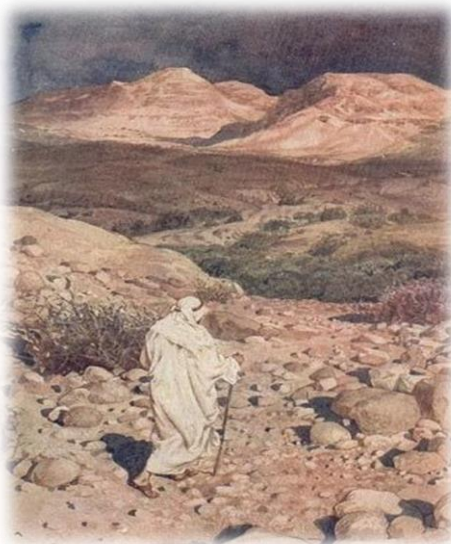
ONE: Giving ourselves afresh to God and one another,

ALL: Let us worship the Almighty through acts of love, service and joyous witness.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Chalice Hymnal No. 65 EIN FESTE BURG

Speak to Us, Lord

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 4:1-13 Jason Benton



Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will

worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

O Lord, You Were Sent
Text by Carolyn Winfrey Gillett
FOUNDATION

Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast
To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast;
Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day
The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.

How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf?
To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self?
But by God's own word you remained ever sure:
It's only in God that our lives are secure.

How could it be wrong to step out and to dare,
To prove with great drama the depths of God's care?
But you knew God's word, true since all-time began:
It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.

How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee,
To shake hands with sin to achieve victory?
Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost:
Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.

Our Lord, in your struggle, you chose to obey;
God's will filled your heart revealing God's way.
Now lead us to be your missional people
Showing the world we are more than a steeple.

We Give

OFFERTORY PRAYER Jeff LeVie, Deacon

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.

***HYMN** There's a Spirit in the Air
Chalice Hymnal No. 257, Verses 4, 5, & 6 LAUDS

Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today!

When a stranger's not alone, where the homeless find a home,
praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change
our ways, God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life
today!

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

MOMENTS OF CONFESSION Chancel Choir
O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy Giovanni Battista Pergolesi
arr. Hal Hopson

*As the choir sings, please meditate on these words and spend a few moments
confessing to God all that hinders your sense of peace and burdens your soul.*

O, my God, bestow Thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgressions; cleanse
my sin. O God bestow Thy tender love. Restore me, forgive me, uphold
me; from all my sins, O hide Thy face. O, my God, bestow Thy tender
mercy. Restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O, hear me. I cry to Thee. Hear
Thou my prayer. Cast me not away. Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. My
mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION Rev. Lee Gray

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Gray

ONE: Hear the good news: Anyone in Christ is a new creation. The old
life has gone; a new life has begun. You are forgiven.

**ALL: We receive the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we
are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

***SONG** Seek Ye First
Chalice Hymnal No. 354 SEEK YE FIRST

Lead Us to New Beginnings

MESSAGE *Grace Leads Us to New Beginnings* Dr. Foust

***HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP** This Is a Day of New Beginnings
Chalice Hymnal No. 518 BEGINNINGS

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY Sara Vavra
Youth Mission Auction Call to Service

Send Us Forth as Your Servant Church

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH** Dr. Foust

POSTLUDE J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

Prayer Concerns

Parker Jackson-military; Betty Hastings, Paul & Henrietta Huffman,
Gene Poole, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Elma Thomas,
Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elizabeth Communities of Faith Services

On Wednesdays in Lent, the Elizabeth Communities of Faith will meet at Caldwell Presbyterian Church on 5th Street at 12PM for a service of worship and fellowship. The services continue March 13, 20, 27, April 3, and 10. St. John's will lead the service on March 20. The season's theme is "Meals with a MESSage," focused on Luke's meal stories.

Hackney Scholarship Fund

St. John's has been blessed with the Hackney Scholarship for many years. Students from St. John's who attend Wake Forest, Wingate, or Furman are eligible for grants from this fund. There is no merit requirement or financial needs limitation associated with the scholarship. So, if you are planning on attending one of these schools please contact Ken Raynor, ken@raynorlawfirm.com, to let him know you are interested and to find out more about the program.

Youth Mission Auction

Come to Broach Hall after worship next Sunday, March 17 for delicious BBQ, courtesy of MC Sorrell and Chuck Jones, Bake Sale, Silent Auction and Live Auction—all to raise funds for two years of youth mission trips! Want to help us meet our \$30,000 goal? Consider the following: make a lunch reservation this Sunday or by calling or emailing Mallory in the church office before Monday, March 11; buy a raffle ticket or several for a chance to win a MiniMax Big Green Egg or Apple Watch (see the attached flyer for more details); contribute to the bake sale—bring your donations Sunday, 3/17 before Sunday school. Can't attend the auction? Please consider donating to the youth mission trip fund. Contact Lia Benton (liabenton@outlook.com) or Sara Vavra (saravavra@yahoo.com) with any questions.

Easter Outfits Collection for A Child's Place

Starting this week, St. John's is collecting new or gently used children's outfits with socks and underwear for A Child's Place. The collection point for outfits is the main entrance by the gym. Please have all outfits in by Friday, March 29.

State & Community Missions Offering Update

We continue toward our goal of \$5000 for State and Community Missions. Two ministries have been selected by the St. John's Mission Resource Team to receive this year's offering: Habitat for Humanity and Urban Ministries. For many years, both youth and adults from St. John's have served as volunteers with Habitat to build, alongside future homeowners, an affordable house. Through programs sponsored by Urban Ministry Center we serve directly to address issues of homelessness and hunger. St. John's sponsors Room in the Inn on Friday nights during the winter months and the monthly year round sandwich ministry in which volunteers provide 200 sandwiches for the homeless. Our offering this year will give essential financial support to both these programs. This year's offering concludes March 29. In early February Bert Green shared information about Habitat. Today we welcome Katie Church of Urban Ministry Center to talk about the services of that program.

"...for I was hungry and you fed me ...I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."

Matthew 25:35

2019 Goal: \$5,000.00

Received to Date: \$761.00

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The St. John's Pulpit

March 17, 2019 | Second Sunday in Lent | Heritage Sunday
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Theme: My Life Flows on in Endless Song
Scripture: Luke 2:52

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Mar. 10	8:00 am	Staffing Our Future Task Force (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)
	10:30 pm	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries Worship (Chapel)
	11:30 pm	Pastoral Deacon Training (Lasater Hall)
	4:00 pm	Basketball Banquet (Gym/Lounge)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live for Youth (Gym/Lounge/3 rd Floor)
Monday, Mar. 11	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Mar. 12	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Workbench (Room 209)
	12:00 pm	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	5:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing Workshop (Room 305)
	6:00 pm	Nat'l Alliance on Mental Illness (Room 114 & 116)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Team United (Gym)
Wed., Mar. 13	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga Class (Room 114)
	12:00 pm	Elizabeth Communities of Faith Service (Caldwell Presby.)
	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	6:00 pm	Women of the Church Board Meeting (Lounge)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball Group (Gym)
Thursday, Mar. 14	10:00 am	Craft & Needles Ministry (Room 209)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, Mar. 15	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	5:00 pm	Room in the Inn (Lounge, Gym)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Mar. 16	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:00 am	Set-Up for Youth Mission Auction (Broach Hall)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing Workshop (Room 305)
	2:30 pm	Housing Committee (Room 209)

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.

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



Worship Theme
Forty Days and Forty Nights

Sunday, March 10, 2019

10:30 A.M. in the Sanctuary

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