

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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GATHERING MUSIC

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WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Foust

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

EASTER ANTHEM

“Hallelujah” from Mount of Olives

Chancel Choir
Ludwig Van Beethoven

RESURRECTION PROCLAMATION

Dr. Foust

ONE: Christ is risen!
ALL: He is risen indeed!
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ALL: Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

*HYMN OF PROCLAMATION

Chalice Hymnal No. 216

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EASTER HYMN

† *Entrance of the Christ Candle*

Miller Ray

READING OF THE GOSPEL

Rev. Lee Gray
John 20:1-10



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So, she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God!

*HYMN OF RESURRECTION

Chalice Hymnal No. 224

Christ Arose!
CHRIST AROSE

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE AND GENEROSITY

David Allen, Deacon

OFFERTORY

Cantique de Jean Racine

Chancel Choir
Gabriel Faure

Oh, Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration. O Savior turn on us Thy loving eye; Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with Thine illumining radiance, that they may waken Thy mercy to tell. Oh Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee. Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory, and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee.

*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.

*RESURRECTION LITANY

Rev. Allison Benfield

ONE: God of resurrection life, we are looking for Easter.
ALL: Living God, we pray You will open our eyes of faith to see awe and wonder.
ONE: Living God, move our visions beyond the parameters of tangible reality by fixing our eyes of faith upon the living Christ in our midst.
ALL: God of resurrection life, we are looking for Easter.
ONE: Living God, help us be answers to the prayers of other persons who are looking for Easter. Teach us how to help them see the risen Christ each time hope triumphs over despair, faith overcomes doubt or love dispels fear.
ALL: Living God, empower us to live in the reality of Jesus’ resurrection so we can help people close-by and far-away find Easter through awe and wonder. AMEN.

*HYMN OF EXULTATION

Chalice Hymnal No. 95, verses 1 & 5

Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun
DUKE STREET

MESSAGE *Living in God’s Light with Your Lack of Understanding*

Dr. Foust



*HYMN OF JOYFUL WITNESS

Congregation will join on third verse

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove:
3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!

sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry!

he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Hallelujah” Chorus from *Messiah*

George F. Handel

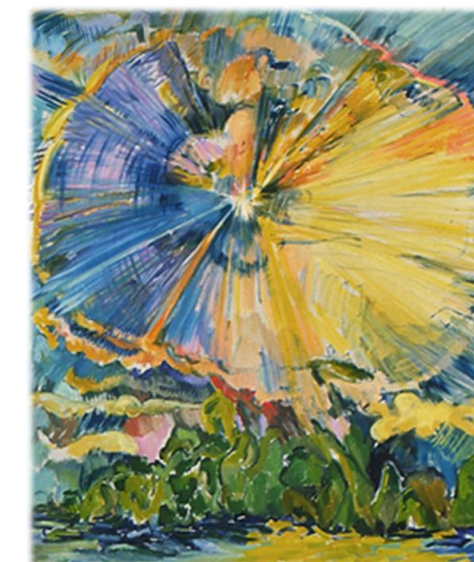
*POSTLUDE

J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand.*

† *The Christ light enters the sanctuary today symbolizing the proclamation of Christ’s resurrection. God’s light, as revealed in Christ, cannot be extinguished. Christ continues to penetrate darkness. The Christ candle is carried by Miller Ray who, through his commitment and baptism, proclaims the light which continues from generation to generation.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Noel Lance, our organist, by the Chancel Choir.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Nominations Needed: A Message from the Leadership Task Force

The Leadership Task Force is seeking deacon nominations for the 2019-2020 church year. Our diaconate is the primary lay leadership body of St. John's Baptist Church. Members of the congregation are elected to determine, initiate, and support the various ministries of the church with each of three panels overseeing a different part of our greater whole. The administrative panel is responsible for the business and management, including finance, personnel, house & grounds and technology. The ministry panel is responsible for programming and education, including outreach, missions, spiritual formation and worship. The pastoral panel is responsible for congregational care and relationship building. For this cycle, the church will elect 4 administrative deacons, 4 ministry deacons and 9 pastoral deacons. If you would like to nominate a candidate, please alert Mallory in the church office. Please secure your candidate's permission prior to nominating them, and if possible indicate which panel your candidate prefers.

Eastertide at St. John's

Today we begin a new, 7-week worship theme called: *Living Tomorrow's Life Today*. This is based on the hymn, "There's a Spirit in the Air," on which we have based our entire church year of worship. As we move through Easter and the six Sundays following, we will consider how God transforms, enlightens, and calls us to live in the power of resurrection.

Young Voices of the Carolinas Spring Concert

Come and support the Young Voices of the Carolinas on Saturday, April 27 at 5:00pm in the Sanctuary. This is a great event to bring a friend and introduce them to the life of St. John's. This select group of young people range in age from 8-18 and practice in our buildings several times a week. We hope you will come, invite a friend, and enjoy a night of music. Tickets can be purchased on their website.

Church Conference and Lunch

Join in Broach Hall after worship on May 5 for Church Conference. We will announce and discuss some exciting items and want all to attend. Lunch will be provided at a low cost. Sign up with Mallory today.

Visit the Charlotte Museum of History

Women of the Church are going to the Charlotte Museum of History on May 7, and our tour guide will be our own Janet Wade! Join us at 2pm that day for a look at the history of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Cost is \$10 per person, and everyone is welcome. Sign up by calling Mallory in the church office by April 30.

Colors of Song Concert

The Carolina Voices Festival Singers will present a concert on May 18 at 7PM in the Sanctuary of St. John's. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door the night of the event or online through carolinatix.org.

Room in the Inn Thank You Note from Dale Johnson and Alice Wirz

Thanks to all our stalwart Room in the Inn volunteers for successfully completing another Room in the Inn season! For this, the 23rd season of RITI, St. John's volunteers converted the gym and the lounge into a warm, safe space for up to 12 homeless neighbors each Friday night from December through March. Whether you participated as a driver, meal provider, overnight host, van driver, laundry washer, lunch bag provider, or setup assistant, we VERY much appreciate all you have done to make 12 neighbors feel at home on each of those wintry Friday nights! Several individual volunteers and Sunday School classes have helped since RITI was initiated by the Urban Ministry Center in 1996! We appreciate ALL volunteers, whether you've been involved for 1 year or for 23!

The church offices are closed on Monday, April 22 for Easter Monday.

Prayer Concerns

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

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The St. John's Pulpit

April 28 – Second Sunday of Easter
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Worship Theme: God Transforms Doubt into Belief
Message: *Living Honestly with Your Doubts and Beliefs*
Scripture: John 20:19-31

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, April 21	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
Monday, April 22	All Day	Church offices closed for Easter Monday
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:30 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, April 23	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	Terrific Tuesday Book Club (Library and Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Wed., April 24	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	1:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	1:30 pm	Learning Charms (Room 116)
	5:50 pm	Open Table (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thurs., April 25	2:30 pm	Weekday School First Aid Training (Lasater Hall)
	5:00 pm	HeadStart (Broach Hall)
	6:00 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Sanctuary)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, April 26	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, April 27	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Kids' Basketball (Gym)
	5:00 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas Concert (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

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

**CHRIST IS RISEN,
INDEED!**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019
EASTER SUNDAY
10:30 AM WORSHIP**

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