

# The Worship of God

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**PRELUDE** J. Noel Lance

**WORDS OF GREETING** Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**\*EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP** Congregation

**A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP** Dr. Foust

**PRAYER OF SUBMISSION** Dr. Foust

**\*MUSICAL CALL TO CELEBRATION** Congregation

*He Is Lord*

He is Lord, He is Lord! He has risen from the dead and He is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Allison Benfield

ONE: Christ is alive, and the light of hope spreads far and near.

**ALL: Alleluia!**

ONE: Suffering and death are reality, but Christ's kingdom is eternal!

**ALL: Alleluia!**

ONE: Even in the face of our doubts we begin to believe, to trust as we see the faithfulness of God in our lives.

**ALL: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus  
Chalice Hymnal No. 233 HYFRYDOL

## We Walk By Faith

**READING OF THE GOSPEL** John 20:19-31 Todd Stillerman

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you. Thomas, put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## \*SONG OF RESPONSE

When Thomas Heard from Jesus  
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette  
AURELIA

When crowds began to murmur and leaders raised their cry,  
brave Thomas spoke out firmly, "Let's go with Him and die."  
He ate at Jesus' table, partaking wine and bread;  
yet later with the others, he saw the cross and fled.

What joy on Easter evening when many saw the Lord!  
Yet Thomas was not with them and would not trust their word.  
When Christ appeared before him, his doubts were quickly gone;  
he gladly knew that evening the joy of Easter dawn.

## We May Not Touch His Hands and Side

### REFLECTION

Shifting Sand  
Aaron Tate



**HYMN** Come and Find the Quiet Center  
Chalice Hymnal No. 575, vs. 1 & 2 BEACH SPRING

**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

Byron Bullard, 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

Sympathy to Michael Farnsworth and family in the death of  
his aunt, Dorothy McBlain

**HYMN** Come and Find the Quiet Center  
Chalice Hymnal No. 575, vs. 3 BEACH SPRING

## To Seek Where God Is Found

**MESSAGE** *Living Honestly With Your Doubts and Beliefs* Dr. Foust

## \*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

We Walk by Faith  
Samuel McFarland  
DUNLAP'S CREEK



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Charlie Harper, Deacon

**OFFERTORY** Chancel Choir  
*With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
And let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!  
The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of His name,  
make His praise to be glorious.

With a voice of singing declare ye this,  
And let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

**\*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**

**\*POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

*\*Invites the congregation to stand.*

## 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.

### Church Conference and Lunch

Join in Broach Hall after worship on May 5 for Church Conference. We will hear from our Architectural Review Task Force and Staffing for Our Future Task Force. Both groups will offer update reports as we move into our exciting future. A lunch of hearty salad, breadsticks, and cookies will be served from Hawthorne's at a low cost of \$5/person. Sign up with Mallory today if you want to eat lunch.

### Volunteer for Vacation Bible School: June 10-14 at St. John's

It is almost VBS time, which means we need volunteers! Help us minister to children and families in the community by giving of your time to make VBS awesome. VBS is June 10-14 from 9am-noon each day, but volunteer shifts are much shorter than that 3 hours! We are in need of Greeters to welcome children and families each morning (8:40am-9:10am), Guild Assistants to help our Guild Leaders (10:30am-11:45am), and Pick Up Monitors to make sure parents/adult sign their children out each day (11:45am-12:15pm). To sign up, please visit our online sign up or contact Allison at [abenfield@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:abenfield@sjcharlotte.org).

Here's the link for the sign up genius:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4FADA62EA4FF2-2019>

### 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](http://carolinatix.org).

### Pride Parade 2019: August 17-18

Save the date for this year's Pride Festival and Parade in Charlotte! Stay tuned for more details and plan to join us downtown for Sunday's parade.

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

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

Worship care is available in our first-floor nursery for children in kindergarten and younger. Worship bags are available for all children at the front of the Sanctuary each Sunday.

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### The St. John's Pulpit

May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: God Transforms Failures into Purpose

Message: *Living As a Servant of Others*

Scripture: John 21:15-19

### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, April 28	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
Monday, April 29	5:00 pm	Youth Banquet (Broach Hall and Gym)
	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Conference Room)
	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)
	6:00 pm	Joy Class (Lounge)
Tuesday, April 30	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	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)
Wed., May 1	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Thurs., May 2	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
	Friday, May 3	10:30 am
12:30 pm		Harriet Lasater Memorial Service (Sanctuary)
8:00 pm		AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, May 4	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	2:00 am	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 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

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Second Sunday in Eastertide

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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