

The Worship of God

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- GATHERING MUSIC 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
- *CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Lee Gray

ONE: When Jesus says "Come, follow me," it's always,
A: "Come and see."
B: "Come and see."
C: "Come and see."
 CHOIR: *Never obligation.*
 BALCONY: *Only invitation.*
ALL: Invitation to transformation and lifelong vocation.

- *HYMN OF PRAISE Anniversery Hymn HANOVER
 Chalice Hymnal, back cover vs. 1 & 2

We Are an Invited People

- READING OF THE GOSPEL John 21:15-19 Jordan Benton



When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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

- *HYMN "Are Ye Able," Said the Master BEACON HILL
 Chalice Hymnal, No. 621, vs. 1 & 4

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Rev. Gray

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 Huffman, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren-home; Parker Jackson, military

Sympathy to Paul Huffman and family in the death of his wife, Henrietta, this week. A service will be held next Wednesday, May 8 at 11am in the Sanctuary. A reception will follow in Broach Hall.

Sympathy to Kim, Robby, and Miller Ray in the death of Kim's mother, Mary Lib Causey.

We Are a Transformed People

REFLECTION

Abandoning their Lord in his time of need, hiding in shame, full of confusion, these were the disciples? Yes, these were the disciples, in the hours and days after the death of their Lord, the one who would be Christ. Even after the resurrection some of them wrestled with what to do next. How does one believe such a thing as a resurrection; a new ending to their story, but not the one they expected? Yet, out of the ashes Jesus appears to them not with a crown but with an invitation to love the world as he had loved. An invitation for a new beginning; an opportunity to turn mourning into dancing, first within themselves, and then for all people, in all times and in all places.

OFFERTORY

Beautiful Things

J. Kevin Gray
Michael & Lisa Gungor

All this pain, I wonder if I'll ever find my way? I wonder if my life could really change at all. All this earth, could all that is lost ever be found, could a garden come up from this ground at all? You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of the dust. You make beautiful things, you make beautiful things out of us. All around, hope is springing up from this old ground. Out of chaos life is being found in You.



*HYMN

Chalice Hymnal No. 494

They'll Know We Are Christians
ST. BRENDAN'S

We Are a Servant People

MESSAGE

Living as a Servant of Others

Dr. Foust

*HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP

Chalice Hymnal No. 501

There Is a Balm in Gilead
BALM IN GILEAD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dale Johnson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Last Words of David

Chancel Choir
Randall Thompson

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia! Amen!

*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.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Harriet Lasater by her family on the occasion of her memorial service this week.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Conference and Lunch Today in Broach Hall

Join in Broach Hall today after worship 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.

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.

Here's the link for the sign up genius:

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

Wedding Invitation

The St. John's family is cordially invited to a service of worship and wedding ceremony for Molly Bedrock and Micah Furlong on Saturday, May 18 at 11am in the Sanctuary.

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.

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.

A Riff of Love Concert Featuring Greg Jarrell from QC Family Tree

All are invited to attend a jazz performance that brings to life Greg Jarrell's book, *A Riff of Love: Notes on Community and Belonging*. The concert is on Thursday, May 9 at 7PM at Holy Comforter Episcopal Church on Park Road. The music and stories of the evening will explore doing justice and building community among those who live on the margins of our city. This event is free and will be followed by a book signing and reception. Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/riffoflove-jazz-stories-event>.

St. John's Goes to a Charlotte Knight's Game!

Instead of Open Table in May, we are going to a Charlotte Knight's game at the beginning of June. Join us on Friday, June 7 at the Knight's stadium. We have procured a block of 50 tickets. Each ticket is \$14/person and that price includes a \$2 discount on merchandise or food. We need to know if you want to go by May 26. So, call or email Mallory today to let her know you will be there!

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The St. John's Pulpit

May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: God Transforms Diversity into Community

Message: *Living Missionally*

Scripture: Acts 13:1-3

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, May 5	8:30 am	Staffing Our Future Task Force (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Godly Play (Room 221)
Monday, May 6	11:30 am	Church Conference and Lunch (Broach Hall)
	1:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	12:30 pm	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	5:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	8:00 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
Tuesday, May 7	7:00 am	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)
Wed., May 8	6:00 pm	CROP (Lounge)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
Thurs., May 9	11:00 am	Memorial Service for Henrietta Huffman (Sanctuary)
	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)
Friday, May 10	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Craft and Needles Ministry (Room 209)
	1:00 pm	HeadStart (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Saturday, May 11	8:00 am	Weekday School Cultural Day (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, May 11	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Kids' Basketball (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.....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

The Worship of God



Third Sunday in Eastertide

God Transforms Failures Into Purpose

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA