

The God of Abraham Praise

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GATHERING MUSIC J. Noel Lance

WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP Dr. Foust

EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP Congregation

PRAYER OF SUBMISSION Rev. Lee Gray

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Gray

ONE: Praise be to the Lord;

ALL: Who has given rest to God's people.

ONE: As the Lord was with our ancestors, so the Lord is with us.

ALL: God, we ask that You turn our hearts toward You, teach us to walk in Your ways of healing and keep the decrees You gave to our forefathers and foremothers. Amen!

- Based on Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the Temple

***HYMN OF PRAISE** The God of Abraham Praise
Chalice Hymnal No. 24 LEONI

Who Was and Is and Is to Be

READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH Exodus 25:10-22
Jordan Benton



They shall make an ark of acacia wood; it shall be two and a half cubits long, a cubit and a half wide, and a cubit and a half high. You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and outside you shall overlay it, and you shall make a molding of gold upon it all around. You shall cast four rings of gold for it and put them on its four feet, two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side. You shall make poles of

acacia wood and overlay them with gold. And you shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, by which to carry the ark. The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be taken from it. You shall put into the ark the covenant that I shall give you. Then you shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its width. You shall make two cherubim of gold; you shall make them of hammered work, at the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other; of one piece with the mercy seat you shall make the cherubim at its two ends. The cherubim shall spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings. They shall face one to another; the faces of the cherubim shall be turned toward the mercy seat. You shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark; and in the ark you shall put the covenant that I shall give you. There I will meet with you, and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim that are on the ark of the covenant, I will deliver to you all my commands for the Israelites.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** How Majestic Is Your Name
Chalice Hymnal No. 63 HOW MAJESTIC

OFFERTORY PRAYER Micah Belong

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
God of Grace and God of Glory Paul Langston

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power. Crown the ancient church's story. Bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us, scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to love and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places. Gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor Thee, that we fail not them nor Thee!

***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.

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, Betty Millsaps, Linda Nash, Melissa Nash, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Carole Ann Simpson, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, Dee Turner, & Jeck Warren - home;
Parker Jackson – military; Construction Workers on 7th and Hawthorne

READING FROM THE HISTORY Joshua 3:1-6, 14-17
Donna Scott

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim with all the Israelites, and they came to the Jordan. They camped there before crossing over. At the end of three days the officers went through the camp and commanded the people, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place. Follow it, so that you may know the way you should go, for you have not passed this way before. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a distance of about two thousand cubits; do not come any nearer to it."

Then Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you." To the priests Joshua said, "Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass on in front of the people." So, they took up the ark of the covenant and went in front of the people. When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing toward the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

***HYMN OF PERSEVERANCE** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Chalice Hymnal No. 622, vs. 1 & 3 CWM RHONDDA

The First, the Last, Beyond All Thought, Throughout Our Timeless Years!

MESSAGE *Beyond God in a Box* Dr. Foust

My Ark of the Covenant



***HYMN OF COMMITMENT** He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!
Chalice Hymnal No. 545 HE LEADETH ME

CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Dr. Foust

***COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH** Congregation

***POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

**Invites the congregation to stand*

Copies of worship bulletins are available on the St. John's website: stjohnsbaptistchurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Global Mission Offering

For this year, the Mission Resource Team has set a goal of \$16,000, with \$1000 going to assist those impacted by the Sierra Leone fire in West Africa and \$15,000 going to the Nyarweng School in South Sudan. When the \$15,000 for the Nyarweng School is added to funds from our Mission budget and from the designated account for the school, the total contribution from St. John's for the school will exceed \$55,000. This amount will cover 100% of the Nyarweng school's normal operating expenses, including teacher salaries and supplies for an entire year! This offering will be collected until August 31.

Goal: \$16,000
Received: \$4,419

Formation and Worship this Summer at St. John's Now Through August 4 in Broach Hall

- *July 14: The Global and Local Story of Hunger*
During the Sunday school hour, in Broach Hall, we will review how we are involved in addressing hunger needs today.
- *July 21, 28, & August 4: Poverty and Building a Sustainable Charlotte*
Charlotte has the 3rd fastest growing population in the United States with a booming hospitality industry, growing skyline, and exploding population. However, the chances for folks living in poverty to rise out of poverty are decreasing. Leaders from Charlotte Family Housing, Foundation for the Carolinas and others will be with us these Sundays as we learn and choose which actions to take as we strengthen as God's actively faithful people.

SJBC Men's Softball

SJBC Men's Softball is going well this season. All games are at Providence Baptist. Contact Dan Redding at dpredding2@gmail.com for any questions you might have. They always need players!

Schedule:

- Tuesday, July 16 @ 7:15PM vs. PBC Blue
- Thursday, July 18 @ 6:00PM vs. PBC Red
- Tuesday, July 23 @ 6:00PM vs. Hawthorne Lane UMC
- Thursday, July 25 @ 6:00PM vs. St. Martin's
- Tuesday, July 30 @ 6:00PM vs. St. Gabriel

Road Closures

The intersection of Hawthorne Lane and 7th Street will close to thru traffic on Monday, July 15, and will re-open on Monday, August 12. This closure is necessary for track installation as part of CityLYNX Gold Line Phase 2 construction. During this construction, you are encouraged to support businesses affected by the construction such as Hawthorne's Pizza. Hawthorne's will offer a discount to any St. John's members on Sundays if you present a church bulletin.

Charlotte Pride Festival & Parade 2019

The Charlotte Pride Festival & Parade is on Saturday, August 17 and Sunday, August 18. St. John's will have a booth on Saturday and will walk on Sunday! Mark your calendars now and plan to join us!

Chapel Hall Renovations

Due to an air conditioning system causing water damage in the Chapel building, there are extensive renovations necessary along the chapel hallway. Please be patient with our mess as our House and Grounds Committee work with ServiceMaster and our insurance companies to repair this damage.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, July 21 – The Ten Commandments Window
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Scripture: Exodus 19:16-20; 20:1-21 & John 14:8-11
Message: *The Way of the Lord*

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, July 14	9:15 am	Sunday School (Broach Hall & Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
Monday, July 15	8:00 am	Novant Health Class (Broach Hall)
	9:00 am	Staff Planning Meeting (Conference Room)
	9:30 am	Mental Health America (Lounge)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:30 pm	Freedom School Family Night (Lasater Hall)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, July 16	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	9:00 am	Staff Planning Meeting (Conference Room)
	1:00 pm	Safety & Security Task Force (Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Wed., July 17	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	7:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Membership Resource Team (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Thursday, July 18	12:30 pm	Novant Managers' Meeting (Broach Hall)
	4:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
Friday, July 19	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 20	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



SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA