

Then Sings My Soul

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GATHERING MUSIC Delbridge Narron

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 *Psalm 104* Rev. Gray

ONE: We will bless You, God! You fill the world with awe! You dress Yourself in light - rich, majestic light.

CHOIR: *Light of light eternal, all things penetrating, For Your rays our souls are waiting.*

PEOPLE: To You, O God, we lift up our praise.


CHOIR: *As the tender flowers willingly unfolding to the sun, their faces holding.*

PEOPLE: Our souls, bless the Lord! With all our being, we bless God’s holy name.

ALL: Ever so would we do, light from You obtaining, strength to serve You gaining.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** How Great Thou Art
Chalice Hymnal No. 33, verse 1, 2 & 4 O STORE GUD

READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES Jason Benton & Lia Benton
Exodus 19:16-20 & 20:1-19



On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, as well as a thick cloud on the mountain, and a blast of a trumpet so loud that all the people who were in the camp trembled. Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God. They took their stand at the foot of the mountain. Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke, because the LORD had descended upon it in fire; the smoke went up like the smoke of a kiln, while the whole mountain shook violently. As the blast of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses would speak, and God would answer him in thunder. When the LORD descended upon Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain, the LORD summoned Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the LORD blessed the sabbath

day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, ‘You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.’

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!

My Savior God to Thee

MESSAGE *The Way of the Lord* Dr. Foust

HYMN OF PREPARATION Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
Chalice Hymnal No. 305 CHILDREN PRAYING

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER Rev. Allison 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, 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

How Great Thou Art

***SONG OF PROCLAMATION** How Great Is Our God
Chris Tomlin

Solo: The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty, let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice. He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide and trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

All: How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great is our God.

Solo: Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands, beginning and the end. The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son, the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

All: How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great is our God.

Solo: Name above all names, worthy of our praise, my heart will sing, how great is our God.

All: Name above all names, worthy of our praise, my heart will sing, how great is our God. How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great is our God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER David Allen, Deacon

WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Chancel Choir
God Is My Strong Salvation Austin C. Lovelace

God is my strong salvation;
What foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation
My light, my help, is near:
Though hosts encamp around me,
Firm in the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me,
With God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance;
My soul, with courage wait;
God's truth be thine affiance,
When faint and desolate.
God's might thy heart shall strengthen,
God's love thy joy increase;
Mercy thy days shall lengthen;
The Lord will give thee peace.

***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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE Sam Vavra & Rev. Gray

Report on the High School Mission Trip to Puerto Rico

***MISSIONAL HYMN** There’s a Spirit in the Air
Chalice Hymnal No. 257 vs. 1, 4, 5, & 7 LAUDS

***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

Church Conference on July 28 in Worship

Join us for a church conference on Sunday, July 28 during the worship hour in the Sanctuary. During this time, we will vote on our new deacons and the members of the new task force that will begin the search for new staff members to join our ministry team. Please plan on joining us for this for special time! Take a look at the Family News for information on the new deacons and a list of the members of the new task force.

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: \$5,264

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

- July 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.

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.

Terrific Tuesday Book Club

Join us Tuesday, August 6 at 12PM at the home of Betty Harkey at 2044 Ferncliff Road. Bring your favorite salad to share. At this meeting, we will make plans for the coming year regarding book choices and such. Bring a list of books you would like use to consider. If you have questions, please email Betty Harkey at harkeybg@gmail.com or call her at 704-366-5901. Invite a friend to join us!

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!

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The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, July 28 – Golden Lamp-Stand Window
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Scripture: Exodus 25:31-40 & Matthew 5:14-16
Message: *Let There Be Light*

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, July 21	8:00 am	Search Task Force (Lounge)
	9:15 am	Sunday School (Broach Hall & Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together In Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
	2:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
Monday, July 22	All Week	Unidiversity Camp Begins (Youth)
	All Week	Camp St. John's Begins (Children)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	6:30 pm	Leadership Task Force (Lounge)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, July 23	7:00 am	Tuesday Morning Men's Group (Lounge)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	5:00 pm	CROP (Lounge)
	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	7:00 pm	Team United/AAU Basketball (Gym)
Wed., July 24	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	11:30 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Thursday, July 25	6:00 pm	Spiritual Growth Team (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Friday, July 26	1:00 pm	Freedom School Closing Celebration (Broach Hall)
Saturday, July 27	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	3:00 pm	South Sudanese Celebration (Broach Hall)

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 21, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA