

# Come and Worship the Living God

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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

## A WORD ABOUT CROP WALK

Molly & Micah Belong

## EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP

Congregation

## A PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Allison Benfield

ONE: We have heard the voice of Jesus saying,

**ALL: "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.**

ONE: "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**ALL: "For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."**

ONE: Jesus appointed twelve whom he named apostles to be with him and to be sent out to proclaim the message.

**ALL: Because we are united in the faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, we gather to worship The Living God. As obedient learners of Jesus, we take seriously the responsibility and privilege of Christian growth asking God to equip us to be ministers in daily life. Amen.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Chalice Hymnal No. 450

God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian

HYFRYDOL

## READING FROM THE EPISTLE

Jordan Benton

Ephesians 4:1-3, 11-16

ONE: I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

## VOCATIONAL VOICES

ONE: The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.

**ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.**

# Equip Us, O Lord

## HYMN

Believers All, We Bear the Name

EDGE

Be - liev - ers all, we bear the name of Christ our li - ving Lord; as Chris - tians in the  
 Be - liev - ers all, our com - mon task is ser - vice to His name as we, in word and  
 Be - lie - vers all, in u - ni - ty we fol - low God's com mands; di - verse in gifts, but  
 world to - day we hold fast to the word. From sim - ple trust to grow - ing faith our  
 song and deed. God's sa - ving grace pro - claim. Yet, min - is - try has broad - er aims, so  
 one in Christ, we of - fer out - stretched hands to all with - in the bonds of faith, to  
 pil - grim - age we trace Tward full ma - tur - i - ty in Christ, led there thro' God's good grace.  
 we pur - sue the goal of meet - ing per - sons' full - er needs of bod - y mind, and soul.  
 those out - side faith's call, that thro' our love the world may know our God as Lord of all.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Marc Cardella, Deacon

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Prayer for Partnership*

Chancel Choir

Tom Mitchell

## \*DOXOLOGY

Chalice Hymnal No. 46

OLD HUNDRETH

**P**raise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host: Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## TIME FOR REFLECTION

Rev. Benfield

ONE: Let us reflect upon our baptisms, the day we were commissioned to join Christ in missional witness.



**ALL: We will take seriously the responsibility and privilege of personal Christian growth, diligently seeking to establish and maintain a Christian atmosphere in our homes.**

## HYMN

Chalice Hymnal No. 365, vs. 1 & 3

## THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

BEACH SPRING

Rev. Lee Gray

**O**ur 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

Judy Biber, Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren - home; Parker Jackson - military

## HYMN

Chalice Hymnal No. 257, vs. 1, 4, 6, & 7

There's a Spirit in the Air

LAUDS

## MESSAGE

*Vocational Discipleship: Beyond Being Useless*

Dr. Foust

## \*HYMN OF COMMITMENT

NETTLETON

**L**ord, we look to You for guidance on the days we feel inept. When Your call seems like a mountain far too tall for us to trek. Give us faith that never fails us, as we follow on Your way. Help us in our helping others, growing in Your grace each day.

For we know that You are faithful, and Your Spirit makes us one. Let us lean on You in moments when we feel so all alone. Give us eyes to see Your working, form our will to be Your own, Give us courage, make us steady as we tend the seeds You've sown.

# Send Us Forth

## CELEBRATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY

Dr. Foust

## \*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH

Dr. Foust

## \*POSTLUDE

J. Noel Lance

*\*Invites the congregation to stand.*



May we go out into the world as God's scattered church, loving and serving all we meet.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Craft & Bake Sale 2019

The Craft & Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, October 13 after worship from 11:30am-1:00pm in Lasater Hall. All proceeds will go to national CBF in their partnership with the Baptist World Alliance to provide hurricane relief. If you have crafts you would like to donate, please drop them off between 10:00am and 12:00pm on Friday, October 11 in Lasater Hall. If you have baked goods you would like to donate, please bring them on Sunday starting at 9:00am in Lasater Hall.

### World Communion Sunday

Join us for worship on World Communion Sunday, October 6. On this day, join in worship with the South Sudanese and Together in Christ International Ministries congregations. Dennis will offer a message titled, "Community of Faith: Abiding Creates a Fruitful Culture," based on John 15:1-5. A special "Moments with the Younger Church" will be a part of this service with an emphasis on the CROP Walk and how children can be a part of ending hunger across the globe. We hope you will join us for this service of worship that promotes unity with 2.2 billion Christians around the world.

### Undie Sundays in October!

We will be collecting new underwear to be distributed to our Room in the Inn program, Hope Chapel and Charlotte Rescue Mission for all of October. Items needed are athletic socks, boxer shorts, and t-shirts. Sizes most needed are medium and large. On each of the Sundays in October, containers will be at both the Main Entrance and Broach Hall entrance for you to place your donations inside.

### Save the Date for CROP Walk

Once again, we have the opportunity to participate in and support CROP Walk. This year, it is back on a Sunday. More specifically, it is on Sunday, October 20 in the afternoon. If you want to sign up, please do so with this link: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/charlottenc/stjohnsbaptistchurch>. The first 20 people to sign up will get a free t-shirt! If you have questions, please ask Micah or Molly Belong.

### October Terrific Tuesday Book Club

The Terrific Tuesday Book Club will meet again on October 22 at 12PM in the Library to discuss Michelle Obama's memoir, *Becoming*. Bring a lunch to share in the lounge after the discussion. Start reading today! Anyone is welcome to join the book club.

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**The St. John's Pulpit Next Sunday**  
Sunday, October 6 | World Communion Sunday  
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Scriptures: John 15:1-5

Message: *Community of Faith: Abiding Creates a Fruitful Culture*

### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Sept. 29	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int'l Ministries (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Broach Hall, 3rd Floor)
Monday, Sept. 30	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, October 1	5:30 am	Mecklenburg Radiology Associates (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., October 2	6:30 am	Benton Basketball Group (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	10:00 am	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:15 pm	Temporary Sanctuary Group (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, October 3	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Weekday School Board Meeting (Lounge)
	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, October 4	8:30 am	Weekday School Active Reading Wkshp. (Lounge)
	10:30 am	Metrolina Assoc. for the Blind Yoga (Room 114)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, October 5	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	10:00 am	Communion Task Force (Conference Room)
	3:00 pm	Charlotte Family Housing Wkshp. (Room 305/Youth Lounge)

### 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, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

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

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