

# Gathered as the Church Eternal

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## GATHERING MUSIC

J. Noel Lance

## HYMN OF WELCOME

Congregation

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and  
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and

all can safely live. A place where saints and  
words are strong and true. Where all God's children

children tell how hearts learn to for-  
dare to seek to dream God's reign a-

give. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of  
new. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as

faith and vault of grace, Here the love of Christ shall  
symbol of God's grace; Here as one we claim the

end divisions:  
faith of Jesus; All are welcome, all are welcome,

all are welcome in this place.

## WORDS OF GREETING

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

## A WORD ABOUT TODAY'S WORSHIP

Dr. Foust

## A CALL TO SERVICE

Ken Scott

## EXPRESSION OF FELLOWSHIP

Congregation

## A PRAYERFUL CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Lee Gray

ONE: With all the saints of Africa, Asia, India, the Islands, Europe, and the Americas, we praise You, O God,

**ALL: For you have created us all.**

ONE: You have opened the doors of Your kingdom for all humankind.

**ALL: Help us not only to seek these portals for ourselves but remind us to be helpers to all who are searching or lost. Amen**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

Chalice Hymnal No. 637, verses 1, 2 & 5

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

## READING OF THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Rev. Gray

Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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.**

## SONG OF RESPONSE

How Shall I Come Before the Lord

O WALLY, WALLY

Text by Deal B. McIntyre

How shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself with heart outpoured? And shall I come with offerings? What shall I give? What shall I bring?

Will finest gifts bring God's delight? Will wealth bring favor in God's sight? What must we be? What must we do? What does the Lord require of you?

Let justice shine in all your ways. Let loving-kindness rule your day, that, as this earthly path you trod, you shall walk humbly with your God.

## Being Attentive and Prayerful

## LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Dr. Foust

ONE: For centuries, followers of Jesus have been sent out on mission living as vocational disciples to be ministers in daily life.

**ALL: Jesus taught us, “As the Father has sent me, so send I you.”**

ONE: For almost 98 years, members of St. John's have recited together these words of our church covenant:

**ALL: “We will be a servant church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood.”**

ONE: Today, we remember those saints of St. John's who served alongside us and who, during this past year, passed on ahead of us into the land of God's eternal rest.

## REMEMBERING ST. JOHN'S SAINTS

*Bill Finger, McLain Hall, Jane May, Sarah Peacock, Larry Batts, Harriet Lasater, Henrietta Huffman, Jack Moore, and Grace Burton*

## 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

Judy Biber, Byron Bullard, Betty Curlin, Joyce Ehrenberger, Polly Hull, Gene Poole, Peg Russ, Brad Sifford, Henry Snyder, Elma Thomas, & Jeck Warren; Parker Jackson – military

## READING OF THE GOSPEL

Jane Winn

Luke 4:16-21

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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.**

## SOLO

*The Lord Is My Shepherd*

Anne Hager

Edwin T. Child

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, You are with me.*

## A READING FROM THE COVENANT

**ALL: We will be a servant Church, recognizing the infinite worth of every person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in behalf of human brotherhood.**

ONE: “As the Father has sent me, so send I you.” John 20:21

## \*HYMN

Peter Said “I'm Going Fishing”

BEECHER

Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Peter said, "I'm going fishing," so his friends went out with him. Through the night, they labored, watching, hauling empty nets back in. In the grey of early morning, Jesus, you came walking by. From the beach you called a greeting, "Cast out on the other side!"

Soon their nets were filled to brimming; Someone cried, "It is the Lord!" Jumping in, he started swimming; Christ, you met him on the shore. Guiding them to better waters, eating fish, and sharing bread — you showed Peter and the others: You were risen from the dead!

Risen Christ, You send us fishing! God's great sea is everywhere. You have guided us in mission, You have given love to share. Through the years, our church has heard You. We have answered Your great call: "Cast your nets where I have told you. Bring my word of love to all!"

Lord be with our congregation; By Your spirit, send us forth! May we care for Your creation; May we work for peace on earth. In our worship, in our giving, in our serving those in need, may we know, Lord, You are living, guiding us in ministry.

## Teach Us, O Lord to Be Vocational Disciples

**MESSAGE** *Servant Church: We Will Be A Missional Church* Dr. Foust

**\*HYMN OF COMMITMENT** Servant Church  
Back Cover of Chalice Hymnal, verses 2-4 ST. THEODULPH  
Words by Clarence Eden

**OFFERTORY PRAYER** Greg Rodden, Deacon

**WE GIVE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WORK OF GOD**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** Men's Chorus  
*What A Day That Will Be* by Lina Sandell, arr. J. Kevin Gray

**\*DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH  
Chalice Hymnal No. 46

**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

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

**\*COMMISSIONING THE SCATTERED CHURCH**

**\*POSTLUDE** J. Noel Lance

*\* Invites the congregation to stand*



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#### The St. John's Pulpit

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: The God Who Is the Answer to Our Prayers

Message: *The Danger of Praying*

Scriptures: Romans 12:1-2 and Matthew 6:5-13

#### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, Nov. 3	9:15 am	Sunday School (Classrooms)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Monday, Nov. 4	2:00 pm	South Sudanese Worship (Chapel)
	5:00 pm	Sunday Night Live (Gym, Lounge, 3rd Floor)
	11:45 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Room 114)
	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Room 305)
	5:30 pm	SJ Basketball Clinics (Gym)
Tuesday, Nov. 5	5:45 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:30 am	General Election (Broach Hall)
	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
	11:00 am	Bible Work Bench (Room 209)
Wed., Nov. 6	5:15 pm	SJBC Men's Basketball (Gym)
	6:15 pm	Young Voices of the Carolinas (Choir Room)
	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Yoga (Room 114)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
Thursday, Nov. 7	6:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Handbells (Handbell Room)
	7:15 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
	9:00 am	Unity Coalition (Lounge)
	6:00 pm	Elizabeth Historic Desig. Committee (Broach Hall)
Friday, Nov. 8	7:30 pm	CBFNC Collegiate Ministry (Lounge)
Saturday, Nov. 9	8:00 pm	AA (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)

#### Ministers

*Every participant in God's Servant Church*

#### Equipping Ministers

Minister for Spiritual Growth..... Rev. Allison Benfield  
Minister for Worship and Music ..... J. Kevin Gray  
Minister for Youth and Young Adults ..... Rev. Lee Gray  
Senior Minister ..... Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

#### Church Staff

Administrative Assistant..... Mallory Brown  
Church Administrator..... Jacquelyn McAbee  
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Sonny Ross, Debora Thon  
Graded Choir Director..... Anna Ball  
Organist..... J. Noel Lance  
Weekday School Director ..... Lydia Olmsted

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# The Worship of God



THE GOD WHO SHOWS US HOW TO OFFER  
HOSPITALITY SO "ALL ARE WELCOME"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2019

10:30 A.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA