

Eastertide

Sunday, May 10, 2020

St. John's Baptist Church | Charlotte, NC

While we are distancing ourselves physically during this time, we hope you will join us for this virtual worship experience. Follow along here and on the St. John's Facebook page, website, or YouTube.



Gathering Music

There's a Spirit in the Air

LAUDS

J. Noel Lance

There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere: "Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

There's a spirit in the air, calling people everywhere: praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

When believers break the bread when a hungry child is fed, praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working, in our world.

Greeting and Call to Worship

based on 1 Peter 2:1-10

Rev. Allison Benfield and Congregation

ONE: *Because there's a Spirit in the air, we express our worship to The Living God.*

ALL: We are like newborn infants longing for the pure spiritual milk of God's Presence which nourishes us to grow stronger in our life of salvation—for we have tasted that God is good.

ONE: *Let us recognize God's Presence, as revealed in Jesus, who is the living stone.*

ALL: Jesus' life and teachings are making us to be like living stones also; a living dwelling.

ONE: *As we relate with God by following Jesus, we become a royal priesthood; God's own people.*

ALL: Because there's a Spirit in the air, we express our worship to The Living God through Jesus Christ, the Church's one foundation.

Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.

2. Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

3. Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us
oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How
long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of
song.

5. We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Story of Witness

Featuring Willa McNeill, interviewed by Rev. Lee Gray about the Mask Making Initiative at St. John's

Song

Hear Our Prayer

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Janet Jones and Patti Klein

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. 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

Emily Batts, Byron Bullard, Mary Chilton (mother of Amy Chilton), Carol Drye, Teri Franklin, Don Furr, Camille Green, Polly Hull, Maddie and Domhnall Minogue, Gene Poole, Elma Thomas, Alison Zieglmeier (daughter of Ken and Donna Scott); Parker Jackson, military; Chip Wilson, assigned to the Pentagon for COVID-19

*Congrats to Maddie and Domhnall Minogue on the birth of their son, Cian, on May 1, 2020.
He is the grandson of Nancy Fuller and great-grandson of Betty Fuller.*

Hymn

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

1. The church of Christ, in every age, beset by change but
Spirit-led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on
rising from the dead.

3. Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that
longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in
Christ's humanity.

5. We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to
our Lord: to care for all, without reserve, and spread
Christ's liberating word.

Prayer of St. Francis

J. Kevin Gray

Offertory

Disciples' Prayer

sung by the St. John's Chancel Choir

by J. Kevin Gray

Reading of Scripture

John 14:1-12

Lilly Marie S., reader

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console
To be understood, as to understand
To be loved, as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
And it's in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen*

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

Song

You Have Seen the Face of God

Reneé Hutchison, soloist

by J. Kevin Gray

Theological Reflection

The Kind of Church Today's World Needs

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Song of Peace

Bridge Over Troubled Water

J. Kevin Gray, soloist

by Paul Simon

Videos of Congregation

Hymn

We've a Story to Tell the Nations

MESSAGE

2. We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.

Refrain

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

4. We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God. *[Refrain]*

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Postlude

How Firm a Foundation

J. Noel Lance

by Carolyn Hamlin



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