

St. John's Worship

Sunday, June 21, 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 the Scattered Church

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Interlude

J. Noel Lance

Call to Worship

Kevin Gray

ONE: Come to me, all of you who are heavy laden and I will give you rest. These are the words offered to us by Jesus Christ.

ALL: Lord, we come to you blessed in the assurance that you are willing to give us rest and create within us a new spirit

Song: *Create in Me A Clean Heart* by Terry Talbot

Prayer of Submission

Mason Gray

Give us the mind that was in Christ Jesus. Transform us O God, equip us, and send us into the world to be your healing and light. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art
thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my redeemer, my love thou has won,
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

4. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Gospel Reading

Tallon C., reader
Matthew 5:1-2

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying..."

Hymn

Teach Us, O Lord
text by J. Kevin Gray
BEACH SPRING

Holy Father, guide and teach us to be more like Christ each day.
Fill our hearts with love and mercy, take our pride Lord, show the way.
We would walk where you would lead us, even though the valley's deep.
For we know that you'll not leave us, we can rest Lord, in your keep.

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's 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

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

Sympathy to Lynn and David Erdman, Natalie and Durning Moore, and Emily and Jon Mauney in the passing of Lynn's mother, Natalie's grandmother, and Emily's grandmother, Janie Kendrick, on June 13. Janie was a long-time member of St. John's. Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Sympathy to Harry Barr in the passing of his sister, Betty Lou Baker.

Offertory

Blessed Are They
by David Haas
Kevin Gray

Message

Taking Jesus Seriously
Dr. Foust



artwork by Jen Norton

Hymn

Some There Are Who by Their Living
BEECHER

1. Some there are who by their living lift us to a higher plane, finding joy disclosed in sorrow, healing hidden in their pain. They are drawn by brighter visions, glad to give all they possess for a greater good, discovering holier depths of happiness.

2. Some there are who by their loving lead us far beyond our fears, showing us by their compassion hatred washed away by tears. When contempt that we inherit fill us with hostility, we have hope because of persons who have known love's liberty.

3. Some there are who by their dying draw us closer to the Light, finding death a blessed journey into that most gracious night. When we feel the sting of knowing that our days are brief and swift, we remember those whose living met each moment as a gift.

4. Thanks to God for those inviting us to live more faithfully! Thanks to God for those who show us richer lives of charity! Thanks for those we see no longer, but whose memories in use live! Thanks to God for those who teach us how to live and how to die!

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Postlude

J. Noel Lance

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