

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, June 20, 2021

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting & Prayer of Submission Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Sung Call to Worship J. Kevin Gray  
NETTLETON

Here we gather as God's people  
with our friends from far and near;  
let our voices sound with praises  
knowing Christ has called us here.  
Now we seek and greet each other,  
now in joy approach our friends.  
Here we mingle bound together  
as to all our love extends.

Spoken Call to Worship Rev. Allison Benfield

ONE: We are God's people, walking together.  
ALL: **Let us choose the way of the Lord and live.**  
ONE: We are God's servants working and living together.  
ALL: **It is God who gives us vision, and God who calls us  
forth. Praise the Living God!**

Hymn of Praise *O God of Vision*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 288, vss. 1, 2 & 3 LOBE DEN HERREN



*God's vision,  
our mission*

Reading from the Gospels Jan Kerley

*Luke 13:18-19*  
Jesus said therefore, "What is the kingdom of God like? And to what should I compare it? It is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches."

*Matthew 6:10*  
"...Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.  
ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music *If the Lord Had Not Been on Our Side*  
Together in Christ International Ministries

A Prayer for Refugees Dick Schafer

Hymn *Have Thine Own Way*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 588, vss. 1 & 4 ADELAIDE

Message *A Vision for God's Domain*  
Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Hymn of Discipleship *God Is Here*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 280, vs. 4 ABBOT'S LEIGH

Offertory Prayer Rev. Lee Gray

Offertory Anthem *Be Thou My Vision*  
Chancel Choir  
arr. Carlton Young

Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

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

Expressions of the Community Rev. Nathan Dove

Commissioning the Scattered Church Dr. Foust

Singing of The Lord's Prayer  
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.

Postlude J. Noel Lance



**"The Church exists by  
mission, just as fire  
exists by burning."**

**Emil Brunner**

## Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Polly Hull, Gene & Carol Poole, Elma Thomas,  
Barbara Ledford, Carol Hager (sister of Betty Harkey),  
Tish Philemon, Andrew Adair, Carol Drye

Sympathy to Michael and Lydia Farnsworth on the death of  
Michael's Aunt Frances Dykes in Houston, Texas.

Sympathy to Mike York in the death of his father,  
Carroll O. York, on June 2.

A memorial service for Sara Page Jackson Lewis will be held at 11:00  
AM on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, in the Chapel at  
McEwen (formerly Harry & Bryant Company),  
500 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC.

Congratulations to Steven & Kimberly Follis on the birth  
of their daughter, Joy Christine, on June 16!

Congratulations to Anna and Blinn Cushman on the birth of their  
twins on June 16! Carol McLeod is the proud grandmother!

# LIFE AT ST. JOHN'S

## All Together Through Prayer

This Sunday continues our summer sermon series, "All Together Through Prayer," and we are excited to hear from several different proclaimers throughout the summer, in addition to Dr. Foust, including:

- Rev. Nate Dove on Sunday, July 11
- Sabrina Gilchrist, Executive Director of Right Moves for Youth, on July 18
- Derek Henson on August 8
- Lia Benton on August 15
- Rev. Lee Gray on August 22

## Will you join us for worship NEXT Sunday, June 27?

Go ahead and register on the Realm Connect App or by scanning the QR code to the right today! We look forward to connecting with you.



## Join St. John's in prayer during this summer of regathering!

Dr. Foust is calling us to prayer during this summer of regathering. Therefore, we ask each of you to invest a minimum of 10 minutes per day in prayer (you can even set aside 5 minutes twice per day or 2 minutes 5 times per day). This week, focus your prayers on the following issues, groups, and individuals:

- Sunday, June 20 – World Refugee Sunday
- Monday, June 21 – Alliance of Baptists
- Tuesday, June 22 – Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America
- Wednesday, June 23 – Lee Gray, Minister for Congregational Care
- Thursday, June 24 – Palestine/Israeli Conflicts
- Friday, June 25 – Chris Mullis, Head Custodian
- Saturday, June 26 – Alliance Center for Education Head Start

## Attention: Important Security System Updates

We have upgraded our security system! Instead of the codes you once had to enter the building, we are now using key fobs. Key fobs are used to access three exterior entrances and various interior doors.

If you would like a key fob of your own, please visit Jacquelyn in the church office Monday-Thursday between 10am-3pm to pick one up.

You can enter the building during office hours by pressing the call button at any entrance.

## Save the Date!

Save the date for the 2021 Women's Retreat sponsored by the Women of the Church. The retreat will take place at the church starting the evening of November 5 through November 6. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details to come soon!

## CONNECT WITH US!

Subscribe to our weekly newsletter by scanning the QR code to the right with your mobile device and stay in touch with everything happening at St. John's!



## MEMBERSHIP & 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.

## MOBILE GIVING AT ST. JOHN'S

You can now text your contributions and offerings to St. John's! It is secure, simple, and efficient. Text "SJGIVE" (not case sensitive) to 73256 to give using your mobile device. When you receive a message, click on the link provided and follow the instructions. You will then receive a receipt to confirm your gift was received. It is that simple!

## MINISTERS

Every participant in God's Servant Church

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#### Minister for Spiritual Growth

Rev. Allison Benfield

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Rev. Nathan Dove

#### Minister for Worship & Music

J. Kevin Gray

#### Minister for Congregational Care

Rev. Lee Gray

#### Senior Minister

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021 AT 10:30AM

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA