

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, October 10, 2021 | The Hand of God

## Gathering Music

J. Noel Lance

*God created us out of love to love one another. Our response is to be God's presence and embody God's love by serving others.*

-Based on thoughts by Kent Ira Groff



## Call to Worship

Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

ONE: It is not us who shapes God, but God who shapes us.

ALL: **We await the faithful hand of the Artist, and allow ourselves to be shaped.**

ONE: For the God who was faithful in ages past is still working in us and through us to bring wholeness to the world.

ALL: **Let us worship the God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow.**

## Greeting

Dr. Foust

## Prayer of Submission

Dr. Foust

## \*Hymn of Praise

Chalice Hymnal No. 67, verses 1 & 2  
& No. 86, verse 1

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past &  
Great Is Thy Faithfulness*  
ST. ANNE & FAITHFULNESS

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of Thy throne still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is Thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## A Word about the Global Missions Offering

Dr. Foust with  
Phillips & Leslie Bragg

## Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 139:1-10

Phillips and Leslie Bragg  
Response by Eugene Butler

*One Voice: O Lord, you have searched and known me, searched and known me, searched and known me.*

Read: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

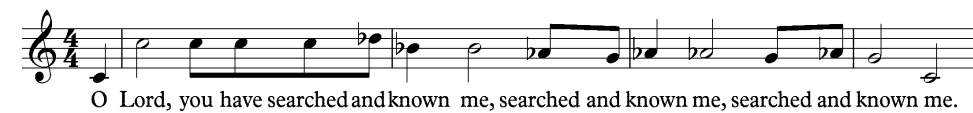
*Choir: O Lord, you have searched and known me, searched and known me, searched and known me.*

Read: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

*Choir: O Lord, you have searched and known me, searched and known me, searched and known me.*

*Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

## Sung by All:



## Offertory Prayer

Sara Vavra

## Offertory

J. Noel Lance

## \*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.

## Moment for Reflection

*God on the Mountain*

J. Kevin Gray  
Tracy Dart

Life is easy, when you're up on the mountain  
and you've got peace of mind, like you've never known,  
but things change, and you're down in the valley  
don't lose faith, for your never alone.

For the God on the mountain, is still God in the valley  
When things go wrong, God is bringing us to right  
And the God of the good times, is still God in the bad times  
The God of the day, is still God in the night

## Song of Presence

Chalice Hymnal No. 566, Verse 1

*Be Still, My Soul*  
FINLANDIA



Be still, my soul: for God is on your side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide;  
Who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
through thorny ways leads to a peaceful end.

## The Church at Prayer

Rev. Lee 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

Andrew Adair, Carol Drye, Betty Fuller, Camille Green, Polly Hull,  
Jean Hutson, Naomi Lamphier (sister of Amy Chilton), Barbara Ledford,  
Tish Philemon, Gene & Carol Poole, Viorica Secere,  
Don Swofford, Elma Thomas

Prayers for our world, especially those living in the wake of hurricanes,  
earthquakes, wildfires, COVID-19, and global conflicts

## Choral Anthem

Chancel Choir

## Message

*The Trustworthy Hand of God*

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

## \*Hymn of Discipleship

Chalice Hymnal No. 545, verse 1 & 2

*He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought*  
HE LEADETH

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

## Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
by His own hand He leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by His hand He leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me.

## Refrain

## Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

## Postlude

J. Noel Lance

## LIFE AT ST. JOHN'S

### Will you help St. John's build a better world?

Our goal for this year's Global Missions Offering is \$25,000. So far, we have raised \$11,888! Thank you to all who have already contributed to this special offering. Most of the funds raised will go to the Nyarweng primary school for teacher salaries and two remaining portions will go to:

- CBF Field Personnel who are on the ground in Haiti, Lebanon, Raleigh-Durham, Togo, and beyond to provide relief and medical support, and education to those in need
- and housing support for Afghan refugees coming to Charlotte with the Carolina Refugee Resettlement Agency.

Will you give to this year's Global Missions Offering and help us build a better world? Give online, by check with "Global Missions" in the memo, OR through your Realm account.



### Intergenerational Tie Dye Party

The St. John's youth invite YOU to come to the church parking lot by the gym on October 17 from 5:00-6:30pm to tie dye t-shirts for this year's Pride festivities. All ages are invited to come, and all materials will be provided. Be prepared to get a little messy!

### Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service

Sunday, Oct. 24, 6PM  
Livestreamed from St. John's!

The annual Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service returns with remarks and special musical offerings, broadcast live from the sanctuary at St. John's Baptist Church, featuring keynote speaker, the Rev. Clifford Matthews, Jr., Senior Pastor, St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.



*This event will be virtual-only. Livestream links and more details are to be announced soon.*

### "Undie Sundays" in October

Throughout the month of October, the Mission Resource Team is collecting underwear, socks, and undershirts for the men at Charlotte Rescue Mission and Hope Chapel. A collection bin is at the Main Entrance for donations of Medium or Large men's boxer shorts, undershirts, and athletic socks.

## THE ST. JOHN'S PULPIT

Sunday October 17, 2020

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Worship Theme: The God of Active Faith

Message Title: *When the Lord Saw that Moses Had Turned Aside to See*

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-6

## GUEST CONNECTION

If you would like information on how you can become a part of St. John's, please fill out one of the "For Our Guests" cards found on the back of the pew and place it in the offering plate. Our church staff 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) and the amount you would like to give (i.e. 10=\$10) 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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Rev. Nate Dove

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J. Kevin Gray

**Minister for Congregational Care**

Rev. Lee Gray

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Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

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