

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Second Sunday of Eastertide  
*Please silence all electronic devices.*  
\*Invites the congregation to stand

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Greeting** Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**\*Call to Worship** Dr. Foust

ONE: We come, God of the Journey, a people from different places, different histories, different lifestyles.  
**ALL: We come hoping to find companionship for the journey, solidarity for the struggle.**  
ONE: We gather, God of Hospitality, around your "welcome table," a table not yet round, but rounding.  
**ALL: We gather seeking to become a "round-table people, welcoming of all, with no preferred seating, no firsts and no lasts, ....and no corners for 'the least of these'."**  
- Written by Chuck Lathrop

**\*Prayer of Praise** Dr. Foust

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Let the Whole Creation Cry*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 21, verses 1 & 3 LLANFAIR

Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!  
"Glory to the Lord on high!" Alleluia!  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice, Alleluia!  
Night and stars, in God rejoice! Alleluia!

Men and women, young and old, Alleluia!  
Raise the anthem manifold, Alleluia!  
Join with children's songs of praise, Alleluia!  
Worship God through all your days, Alleluia!

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures** *Beverly Hester, Bret Marshall, Anna Cushma*  
Joshua 2: 1-21, 6 :22-25

**\*Hymn** *God Transforms Us*  
Words by J. Kevin Gray BEECHER

God makes heroes out of sinners; God sees past our flaws and hurt.  
When we listen, act, and follow, God will show us our true worth.  
Transformation now awaits us, as we heed the call to come,  
be part of the work God's doing through the message of the Son.

**The Church at Prayer and the Lord's 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 & Celebration**  
Shirley Ballard, Martha Brown, Stan Brown, Kathleen Bumgardner, Caroline Godsey, Tish Philemon, Jerry Stephens, Don Swofford, Dee Turner

Sympathy to Becki Vaughn in the passing of her husband, Gerald Vaughn, on April 24.  
Arrangements have not yet been announced.

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Rev. Karen González

\*Postlude J. Noel Lance

J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcoming Rev. Karen González to St. John’s!

Today we welcome Rev. Karen González as our guest proclaimer! Karen is the author of *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, the Bible, and the Journey to Belong* (Herald Press, May 2019). She has lived the experience of being an immigrant, having arrived with her family in this country from Guatemala at the age of 9. She is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary and works for World Relief in Baltimore, an organization that serves immigrants and refugees.



We look forward to hearing her message today during worship!

Youth Mission Trip to Chicago

St. John’s middle and high school students are invited to serve and learn on our Mission Trip to Chicago on June 19-25. On this trip, we will participate in Experience Mission’s ministry in Chicago and partner with Sunshine Gospel Ministries (through the BridgeBuilders program) for an experiential service-learning opportunity. The total cost will be \$525 per youth. This will include airfare, meals, and lodging. Please pay \$125 online when you register. You may pay your balance at any time via your Realm account. Plane tickets will be finalized on Tuesday, May 10, so we need you to register by Monday, May 9. Register through Realm today and be sure to follow all the directions on the registration page!

Jazz Mass on May 21

On May 21 at 7PM the St. John's Sanctuary will be filled with singers and musicians from across the country, raising their voices to sing the traditional mass set to the Jazz music, composed by our own James Kevin Gray and Rick Bean. The choir will be led by Maestro Sonja Sepulveda, a nationally known and loved choral conductor, and will feature soloists Dawn Anthony and Herbert Johnson. This same group will be joined by several other choirs on June 25 at Carnegie Hall to give this work its New York City debut; but you will have heard it first!

We hope to see you there! There is no cost to attend.

Most of these singers will be coming from other cites and few of them could use housing. If you would be willing to house a singer on Friday May 20, please contact Kevin Gray at [kgray@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:kgray@sjcharlotte.org) or 803-524-0287.

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The St. John’s Pulpit

Worship on May 8:  
Graduate Recognition Sunday  
Worship Theme:  
How God Leads Us  
Proclaimers:  
Lee Gray & Dennis Foust  
Sermon Title:  
"BASSACKWARDS WALKING:  
Living with God’s Values  
in a Price-tag Switching World"  
Scriptures:  
Gospel of Matthew  
5:43-46; 6:19-24

This Week at St. John’s

Sunday, May 1	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	9:15 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Monday, May 2	9:30 am	Shepherd’s Center Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall & Room 226)
	11:30 am	Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
	2:00 pm	Staff meeting/ worship planning (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
Tuesday, May 3	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
	9:30 am	Music Class/ WDS (Lasater Hall)
	11:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study (Zoom)
	1:00 pm	Soccer Shots/ WDS (Gym)
Wed., May 4	7:00 pm	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, May 5	5:30 pm	Handbells (Room 225)
Friday, May 6	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, May 7	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	9:30 am	Borgnis Spring Recital (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	Together We Rise NA (Lasater Hall)

Membership and 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.

Ministers

Every participant in God’s Servant Church

Equipping Ministers

Minister for Worship and Music ..... J. Kevin Gray  
Minister for Congregational Care ..... Rev. Lee Gray  
Senior Minister ..... Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

Administrative Assistant ..... Jenny Godfrey  
Administrative and Communications Support ..... Mallory Brown  
Church Administrator ..... Jacquelyn McAbee  
Custodians ..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon  
Organist ..... J. Noel Lance  
Weekday School Director ..... Lydia Olmstead



Second Sunday of Eastertide  
Sunday, May 1, 2022, at 10:30AM  
ST. JOHN’S BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA