

# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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## Gathering Music

J. Noel Lance

## Setting the Scene

Supposing Him to Be the Gardner

J. Kevin Gray

Shawn Kirchner

Supposing Him to be the gardener, Mary wept and said, "where have they laid him? Tell me if you know. There will I go."

"Mary, Mary do you not know that it is I? Mary, Mary, do not cry."

## Dramatic Monologue

Molly Belong



## Call to Worship

Anne Hager

Were you there when He rose up from the grave?  
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?

## \*Hymn of Proclamation

Chalice Hymnal No. 216

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

† *Entrance of the Christ Candle*

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! All creation, join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, O heavens, and earth, reply,  
Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Alleluia! Jesus died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where your victory, O grave?  
Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won,  
Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise,  
Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ hath led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head,  
Alleluia! Made like Him, like him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave,  
the skies, Alleluia!

## Easter Proclamation

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

ONE: Christ is risen!  
ALL: He is risen indeed!

## Baptism

Clinton Dietz and Vija Chilton-Thompson

Dr. Foust

## Easter Anthem

"Hallelujah" from *Mount of Olives*

Chancel Choir  
Ludwig Van Beethoven

## Easter Proclamation

ONE: Christ is risen!  
ALL: He is risen indeed!

Rev. Lee Gray

## Prayer of the Easter People

Rev. Gray

## Offertory

The Day of Resurrection

J. Noel Lance  
Arr. Dan R. Edwards

## \*Doxology

LASST UNSERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## \*Easter Proclamation

ONE: Christ is risen!  
ALL: He is risen indeed!

J. Kevin Gray

## \*Hymn of Exultation

Chalice Hymnal No. 224

Christ Arose  
CHRIST AROSE

Low in the grave he lay, Jesus my Savior,  
waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Refrain: Up from the grave he arose;  
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;  
he arose a victor from the dark domain,  
and he lives forever, with his saints to reign.  
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior;  
vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord! (Refrain)

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior;  
he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!(Refrain)

## Message

*Bifocals, Picture in Picture, and Resurrection Living*

Dr. Foust



## \*Hymn of Joyful Witness

Congregation

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:  
2. Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Set your hearts on things a - bove:  
3. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high!

sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;  
there in all the Fa - ther's glo - ry lives and reigns our King of love;  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry!

he who on the cross a vic - tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,  
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!

Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
Je - sus Christ the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the Tri - une Maj - es - ty!

## \*Commissioning the Scattered Church

### \*Choral Benediction

"Hallelujah" Chorus from *Messiah*

Chancel Choir & Congregation

George F. Handel

### \*Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

J. Noel Lance

Arr. Jason D. Payne

*\*Invites the congregation to stand.*

† *At the conclusion of our expression of worship on Palm/Passion Sunday, the Christ candle was carried out of the sanctuary after the reading of Jesus' seven words spoken from the cross and symbolizing his death. Today, the Christ candle enters the sanctuary symbolizing God's resurrection of Jesus Christ. God's light cannot be extinguished and is continually penetrating darkness. Today, our baptismal candidates follow the Christ candle into the sanctuary symbolizing their commitment to follow Jesus as Lord of their faith. They light their individual candles from the Christ candle to symbolize the light of Christ shining in and through their lives and then add their light to the lighted candlestick symbolizing Christ's Church Eternal.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ruth Jackson's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Charlotte Knights – Sunday, May 22!

You're invited to see the Charlotte Knights play the Norfolk Tides on Sunday, May 22, at 1:00 pm. The cost per ticket is \$15.50 for game only. You can purchase tickets via Realm today or contact Lee Gray for more information. **Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, April 20.**

### An Evening with Karen González:

#### Speaker, Writer, Immigrant Advocate, and Taco Enthusiast

On Saturday, April 30, we welcome Rev. Karen González to St. John's. A speaker, writer, and immigrant advocate, who immigrated from Guatemala as a child, Karen is a sought-after speaker, who has written about and presented on a variety of topics, including spiritual formation, Latinx identity, race and culture, women in the church, the Enneagram, and immigration.

In 2019, her book, *The God Who Sees: Immigrants, The Bible, and the Journey to Belong* (Herald Press, May 2019), was published about her own immigration story and the many immigrants found in the Bible. We are DELIGHTED to be welcoming Karen to St. John's on April 30 at 6PM in Broach Hall for a lecture, discussion of her book, and a book signing. She will also be our guest proclaimer on Sunday, May 1, in worship at 10:30am.

If you have any questions about purchasing tickets or would like to pay with check/cash, please let Mallory Brown know at [mbrown@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:mbrown@sjcharlotte.org) or Jacquelyn in the office. Purchase your tickets for Saturday night with the QR code here or with this link: <https://tinyurl.com/sjbcgonzalez2022>

### From the Heritage Room: A Visit to the 1930s

The displays in the alcove outside Dr. Foust's office and in the hallway across from the offices have been updated. They now feature items from the 1930s, including information about our second minister, Dr. Chauncey Durden. Among the items displayed are minutes from the Women's Missionary Auxiliary and pictures from Vacation Bible School and a trip to Ridgecrest. There are also some interesting items relating to the budgets and stewardship activities. Names of those who had fulfilled their pledges were published on an "Honor Roll" list. If anyone or a Sunday School class would like to visit the Heritage Room, please contact Fredda Kimball.

**The church offices are closed on Monday, April 18, for Easter Monday.**

### Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ballard, Martha Brown, Stan Brown, Kathleen Bumgardner, Caroline Godsey, Jo Moore, Tish Philemon, Jerry Stephens, Don Swofford, Dee Turner

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### The St. John's Pulpit

April 24 – Second Sunday of Easter  
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
Worship Theme: Holy Humor Sunday  
Message: The Best Medicine  
Scripture: Psalm 126:1-3

### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, April 17	9:15 am	Sunday School/Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ Int's Ministries Worship (Chapel)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA- Lasater Hall
Tuesday, April 19	10:00 am	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
	11:00 am	Tuesday Bible Study (Zoom)
	1:00 pm	Soccer Shots (Gym)
	7:00 pm	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
Wed., April 20	2:00 pm	Staff meeting/ worship planning (Conference Room)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, April 21	5:30 pm	Handbells (Room 225)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
Friday, April 22	6:30 am	Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge)
	8:00 am	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, April 23	6:30 am	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	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 ..... Dr. 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 Olmsted



## Christ is Risen Indeed!

Sunday, April 17, 2022  
Easter Sunday  
10:30 AM Worship

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