

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Musical Call to Worship Handbell Choir
Jubilate, Alleluia! Douglas Wagner

***Spoken Call to Worship** J. Kevin Gray

ONE: The living God reaches out to us, lovingly calling us together.

ALL: Let us reach out through love to one another as God reaches for us.

ONE: For in our loving and in our relationships,

ALL: We shall see the face of the one who has called us all.

***Prayer of Praise** J. Kevin Gray

***Hymn** *We Gather Together*
NETTLETON

God, we gather as your people with our friends from far and near;
let our voices sound with praises, knowing you have 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.

God of grace and God of glory teach our hearts to sing your praise.
For we find in you forgiveness, for each step and word misplaced.
Called to be your faithful people, help us be your voice of love,
showing mercy, helping justice, as we look to you above.

Family Dedication

*Natalie and Durning Moore present
James Durning Moore, III, and Anne Lawrence Moore*

The Dedication Covenant Dr. Foust

MINISTER: Do you, Durning and Natalie, covenant together to raise James and Annie in an environment of Christian love, harmony and peace?

PARENTS: We do.

MINISTER: Do you covenant together to grant James and Annie the benefits of communal fellowship by nurturing them within the church, the corporate body of Christ?

PARENTS: We do.

MINISTER: Do you, congregation, covenant together as the larger family of God to create an atmosphere of support and guidance whereby James & Annie can come to know and serve the Lord Jesus Christ?

CONGREGATION: We do.

MINISTER: Do you pledge to make your witness of such quality as to instruct James & Annie in Christian discipleship?

CONGREGATION: We do.

MINISTER: Then, recognizing the covenant accepted this day by Durning and Natalie and by the congregation, I offer James and Annie this certificate acknowledging their formal introduction to this family of God.

Presentation of the Children Dr. Foust

Prayer of Dedication Dr. Foust

Reading from the Gospel of John Christa Lynch
John 13:34-35

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.

ALL: Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

A Time to Reflect

LEADER: For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

CHOIR: For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

How does the church deepen your sense of love for other members of the church?

ALL: For Thy Church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore one pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's 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 & Celebration

Shirley Ballard, Kathleen Bumgardner,
Tish Philemon, Jerry Stephens, Don Swofford

A service to celebrate the life of Dee Turner will be held in the sanctuary tomorrow, May 16 at 1PM with a reception to follow.

A service to honor the life of Drew Patterson will be held in the sanctuary on May 20 at 11 AM.

Solo J. Kevin Gray
Bridge Over Troubled Water Paul Simon

When you're weary, feeling small,
when tears are in your eyes, I will dry them all.
I'm on your side when times get rough, and friends just can't be found.
Like a bridge over troubled water, I will lay me down.

When you're down and out, when you're on the street,
when evening falls so hard, I will comfort you.
I'll take your part when darkness comes, and pain is all around.
Like a bridge over troubled water, I will ease your pain.
Like a bridge over troubled water, I will ease your mind.

Message Dr. Foust
LOVE ONE ANOTHER: On Purpose

***Hymn of Discipleship** *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?*
BUNNESAN

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
all those who gather, round Jesus Christ:
Spirit blown people, born from the Gospel
sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us color or status
can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings
all are at accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for mission
we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother,
kindred and Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

Offertory Prayer Jeff Almond

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
The Gift of Love Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain,
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within,
the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
by this we worship, and are freed.

***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.

***Commissioning the Scattered Church** Dr. Foust

***Postlude** J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. We hope to see you there! There is no cost to attend. *Most of these singers will be coming from other cities and a 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 or 803-524-0287.*

From the Heritage Room: A Visit to the 1940s

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 1940s, including information about our third minister, Dr. Claude Broach. If anyone or a Sunday School class would like to visit the Heritage Room, please contact Fredda Kimball.

Last Call to Join Us at the Knights Game!

There are a handful of extra tickets for the St. John's outing to the Knights Game on May 22 at 1PM. Please contact Lee Gray if you are interested in going.

Refugee 101 at St. John's on May 18

On May 18, at 11:30AM, the volunteer coordinator at Refugee Support Services will come to the lounge at St. John's to provide their one-hour Refugee 101 orientation session. Plan to come to the lounge, bring a lunch, and learn the latest about refugees arriving in Charlotte and how we can help extend a welcome to them. Please email either Nina Phillips (ninacarl@gmail.com) or Beverly Hester (beverlyrhester@earthlink.net) to let us know that you will be there. Thanks!

Centennial Celebration Sermons

Copies of Dr. Foust's sermons celebrating our Centennial can be found on the resource table across from the church offices.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on May 22:

Worship Theme:

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

On Purpose, With Purpose,

For God's Purpose

Proclaimer: Dennis Foust

Sermon Title:

'LOVE ONE ANOTHER: With Purpose'

Scriptures: John 13:34-35

This Week at St. John's

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| Sunday, May 15 | 9:15 am | Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) |
| | 9:30 am | Membership Resource Team (Room 204) |
| | 10:30 am | Worship (Sanctuary) |
| | 10:30 am | Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) |
| Monday, May 16 | 5:00 pm | Youth Banquet (Broach Hall) |
| | 8:00 am | Finance Resource Team (Zoom) |
| | 9:30 am | Shepherd's Center Adventures in Learning (Lasater Hall) |
| | 1:00 pm | Memorial Service/ Turner (Sanctuary) |
| | 2:00 pm | Reception (Broach Hall) |
| | 6:00 pm | Team Hope (Gym) |
| | 6:30 pm | Leadership Task Force (Lounge/ Zoom) |
| | 8:00 pm | Eastway AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Tuesday, May 17 | 6:30 am | Primary Election (Broach Hall) |
| | 9:30 am | WDS Music Class (Lasater Hall) |
| | 10:00 am | Sandwich Ministry (Lounge) |
| | 1:00 pm | Soccer Shots/ WDS (Gym) |
| | 2:00 pm | Staff meeting/ worship planning (Conference room) |
| | 7:00 pm | Sherrill basketball (Gym) |
| Wed., May 18 | 11:30 am | Refugee 101 Training (Lounge) |
| | 6:00 pm | Team Hope (Gym) |
| | 7:15 pm | Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) |
| Thursday, May 19 | 2:00 pm | Headstart End of Year Celebration (Broach Hall) |
| | 6:00 pm | Team Hope (Gym) |
| Friday, May 20 | 6:30 am | Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) |
| | 11:00 am | Memorial Service/Patterson (Sanctuary) |
| | 5:00 pm | Jazz Mass Rehearsal and Dinner (Sanctuary/ Broach Hall) |
| | 8:00 pm | Eastway AA (Lasater Hall) |
| Saturday, May 21 | 6:30 am | Benton Basketball (Gym) |
| | 12:00 pm | Jazz Mass Rehearsal (Sanctuary/Broach Hall) |
| | 7:00 pm | Jazz Mass Concert (Sanctuary) |
| | 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



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Sunday, May 15, 2022, at 10:30AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA