

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

**Sixth Sunday of Eastertide**

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

\*Invites the congregation to stand

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Greeting** Dennis W. Foust, PhD

**\*Prayerful Call to Worship** J. Kevin Gray

ONE: Gracious God, we celebrate with thanksgiving Your acts of creation, for You have made all of humanity in Your own image.

**ALL: We bless You for Your everlasting love that compels us to share the good news of Jesus Christ.**

ONE: We are witnesses to the ultimate hope for the world in the fulfillment of Your will on earth.

**ALL: In Christ Jesus, we pray that St. John's may forever bring praise to You. Teach us the true meaning of loving each other. Work Your power in us to do far more than we dare ask or think. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Come, Lord of Love and Light*  
Words by J. Kevin Gray ITALIAN HYMN

Come, Lord of love and light; help us to set this world right.  
Open our eyes and guide our steps each day, as we walk in Your way.  
May we Your love convey to all the world.

Love planted grows like a seed feeding the hungry in need.  
May we this hour bring forth Your bounty Lord, loving those You've adored, seeing the world restored through Your great love.

## A Time to Voice, A Time to Listen

**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

## A Time to Voice, A Time to Listen

**Reading from the Gospel of John** Natalie Bailey  
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.**

**\*Hymn** *Lord I Want to Be a Christian*  
Chalice Hymnal No. 589 I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart, in-a my heart.  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart, in-a my heart.  
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart, in-a my heart.  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.  
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

**Message** Dr. Foust  
LOVE ONE ANOTHER: With Purpose



**\*Hymn of Discipleship** *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant*  
THE SERVANT SONG

Sister, let me be your servant; brother, let me walk with you.  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.  
We are pilgrims on a journey; we are brothers on the road.  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

**Offertory Prayer** Rev. Kathy Turner

**Offertory Anthem** Chancel Choir  
*Creation Will Be at Peace* Anna Laura Page

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
The wolf will lie down with the lamb, the cow and the bear will feed,  
their young will play together; a little child will lead, a little child will lead.

In the holy mountain of the Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace.  
The leopard and goat will graze, the lion will feed on straw.  
They will war no more, they will war no more;  
a child will lead them all, will lead them all.

In the holy mountain of Lord all war and strife will cease;  
in the holy mountain of the Lord creation will be at peace,  
creation will be at peace.

**\*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** Congregation

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

**\*Postlude** J. Noel Lance

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SAVE THE DATE

Pentecost Sunday | June 5

Worship at 10:30 with Together In Christ International Ministries

Food Trucks after Worship in the Parking Lot

### Charlotte Knights Game Today!

All those attending the Knights game with St. John's today, please meet Lee Gray in the first-floor lounge following worship. There, you will receive your ticket and a group will leave from there to ride the trolley to the stadium. All our tickets are now accounted for, but please still join us if you would like to attend. You can certainly still buy tickets in our vicinity at the stadium.

### A Journey to Understanding Our Immigrant Neighbors

Study Guides Available Now in the Church Library

The St. John's Immigrant and Refugee Ministry Group has been exploring how we, as God's people, can become more aware of these "strangers" that become our neighbors here in Charlotte and how He would have us respond in these times when there is much debate among us about immigration. A task force was formed for the purpose of developing a study guide to help the St. John's family in getting familiar "...with the plight and contributions of the immigrants and refugees in North Carolina and especially the area of Charlotte. And to remind ourselves and others of the Biblical mandate, obligation, and duty we have as Christians to this population."

The group updated materials from the North Carolina Council of Churches and utilized the writings of those who are knowledgeable and compassionate about refugees, such as Karen Gonzalez, to create a study guide called, "A Journey to Understanding our Immigrant Neighbors." Copies are available in the church library for anyone to pick up and read. Teachers of Sunday School classes and leaders of other groups within the church are strongly encouraged to get a copy and to consider it a resource for study within your group. If you are a group leader or teacher and want to get copies of the Study Guide for your group, contact Wanny Hogewood ([bwwh4062@gmail.com](mailto:bwwh4062@gmail.com)) or Beverly Hester ([beverlyrhester@earthlink.net](mailto:beverlyrhester@earthlink.net)).

### 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 29

Worship Theme:

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

*On Purpose, With Purpose,*

*For God's Purpose*

Proclaimer: Lee Gray

Sermon Title:

LOVE ONE ANOTHER: For God's Purpose

Scriptures: John 13:34-35

### This Week at St. John's

Sunday, May 22	9:15 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	1:00 pm	Afternoon @ the Knights Game (Offsite)
Monday, May 23	1:00 pm	Blumenthal rehearsals (Broach Hall)
	9:30 am	Shepherd's Center Adventures in Learning (Broach Hall & classrooms)
	2:00 pm	Staff meeting/worship planning (Conference Room)
Tuesday, May 24	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
	9:30 am	WDS Music Class (Lasater Hall)
	7:00 am	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
Wed., May 25	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, May 26	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
Friday, May 27	2:00 pm	Headstart Graduation (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, May 28	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 ..... 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



# LOVE ONE ANOTHER

**ON PURPOSE,  
WITH PURPOSE,  
FOR GOD'S PURPOSE**

**JOHN 13:34-35**

## Sixth Sunday of Eastertide

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

**Sunday, May 22, 2022, at 10:30AM**

**ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH**

**CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**