

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting Autumn Sweet

Musical Call to Worship Youth Choir
You Are Good Israel Houghton

*Congregation is invited to stand and join on the last chorus when invited by Youth.

Lord, you are good, and your mercy endureth forever;
people from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation.

Chorus
We worship you, hallelujah, hallelujah!
We worship you for who you are.
We worship you, hallelujah, hallelujah!
We worship you for who you are,
who you are, who you are, for you are good.

***Spoken Call to Worship** Autumn Sweet

ONE: God has set this day before us,
ALL: a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.
ONE: God has set our lives before us,
ALL: A span of years in which we love, learn, and serve.
ONE: God relates with us in love, seeking to shape us in God's image.
ALL: Let us worship God.

- based on call to worship written by Beth Merrill Neel

***Prayer of Praise** Autumn Sweet

***Hymn of Praise** *We Gather Together*
Chalice Hymnal No. 276, verses 1 & 2 KREMSER

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,
to turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;
the pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.
O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you
ordaining, maintaining the power of life.
Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.
Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.

Offertory Prayer Lia Benton

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
Psalm 139 Allen Pote

Lord, you have searched me and known me, you know everything I do. When I
rise up, when I lie down, you are with me through and through.

Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say, your presence follows
me day by day. Where can I flee from your spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, you are there.

***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.

A Word About Youth Ministries

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer J. Kevin 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

Sympathy to Ed Turner in the passing of his wife, Dee Turner, on May 2.
The service to celebrate the life of Dee Turner will be held in the Sanctuary on
May 16 at 1PM with a reception to follow.

Reading from the Gospel of Matthew Mattie Stillerman

Matthew 5:43-47
You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your
enemy." But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute
you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun
rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the
unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do
not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers
and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do
the same?

***Hymn** *Up on a Mountaintop*
Words by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette SLANE

Up on a mountaintop, Jesus sat down, teaching the people who gathered
around: Look for the blessings that God kindly brings; God's loving kingdom is
changing all things. Love those who hate you and pray for them, too. God's
mercy reaches out far beyond you. Seek, as God's people, God's wholeness each
day so you can witness to God's perfect way.

Reading from the Gospel of Matthew John Bragg

Matthew 6:19-21
Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and
rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves
treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves
do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be
also.

Matthew 6:24
No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the
other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and
pursue wealth though dishonest means.

Song of Reflection J. Kevin Gray
You've Got to Serve Somebody Bob Dylan


You may be an ambassador to England or France;
you may like to gamble, you might like to dance.
You may be the heavyweight champion of the world;
you might be a socialite with a long string of pearls.

Chorus: But you're gonna have to serve somebody,
yes indeed, you're gonna serve somebody.
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord,
but you're gonna have to serve somebody.


You may be a state trooper, you might be a young Turk;
you may be the head of some big TV network.
You may be rich or poor, blind or lame,
may be living in another country under someone else's name. *Chorus*

Message Rev. Lee Gray & Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
"BASSACKWARDS WALKING: Living with God's Values in a Price-tag Switching World"


***Hymn of Discipleship** *Believers All We Bear the Name*
EDGE



Be - liev - ers all, we bear the_ name of Christ our li - ving Lord; as Chris - tians in the
Be - liev - ers all. our com - mon task is ser - vice to His name as we. in word and



world to - day we hold fast to the word. From sim - ple trust to grow - ing faith our
song and deed, God's sa - ving grace pro - claim. Yet, min - is - try has broad - er aims, so



pil - grim - age we trace T'ward full ma - tur - i - ty___ in_ Christ, led there thro' God's good grace.
we pur - sue the goal of meet - ing per - sons' full - er needs of bod - y mind, and soul.

Recognition of High School Seniors Rev. Gray & Dr. Foust

Abby Adams, daughter of Stacy & Lenny Adams, Myers Park High School
Scarlett Goodson, daughter of Todd & Jennifer Goodson, Sun Valley High School
Wilson Gray, son of Lee Gray, Allen & Laura Strickland, East Mecklenburg High
School
Aluel Nyuon, daughter of Debora Thon, Northwest School of the Arts
Nick Vavra, son of Phil & Sara Vavra, East Mecklenburg High School

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

May the road rise to greet you, the wind be at your back, May the sun shine
warmly on your face, may the rain fall softly, softly on your fields, and may God
hold you in the palm of his hand; may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

***Postlude** J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. 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. 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!

Dr. Foust 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 15:

Worship Theme:
LOVE ONE ANOTHER
*On Purpose,
With Purpose,
For God's Purpose*

Proclaimer: Dennis Foust

Sermon Title:
'LOVE ONE ANOTHER On Purpose'

Scriptures: John 13:34-35

This Week at St. John's

Sunday, May 8	9:15 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
Monday, May 9	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	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)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Room 204)
	6:30 pm	Ministries Deacon Panel (Room 204/ Zoom)
	7:30 pm	All Deacons' Meeting (Broach Hall)
Tuesday, May 10	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
	11:00 am	Immigrant & Refugee Ministry Group (Lounge)
	1:00 pm	Soccer Shots/ WDS (Gym)
	7:00 pm	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
Wed., May 11	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Room 204/ Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, May 12	10:00 am	Craft & Needles Ministry (Lounge)
	5:30 pm	Handbells (Room 225)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
Friday, May 13	6:00 pm	AGO Dinner (Broach Hall)
	7:00 pm	AGO Recital (Sanctuary)
	8:00 am	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, May 14	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

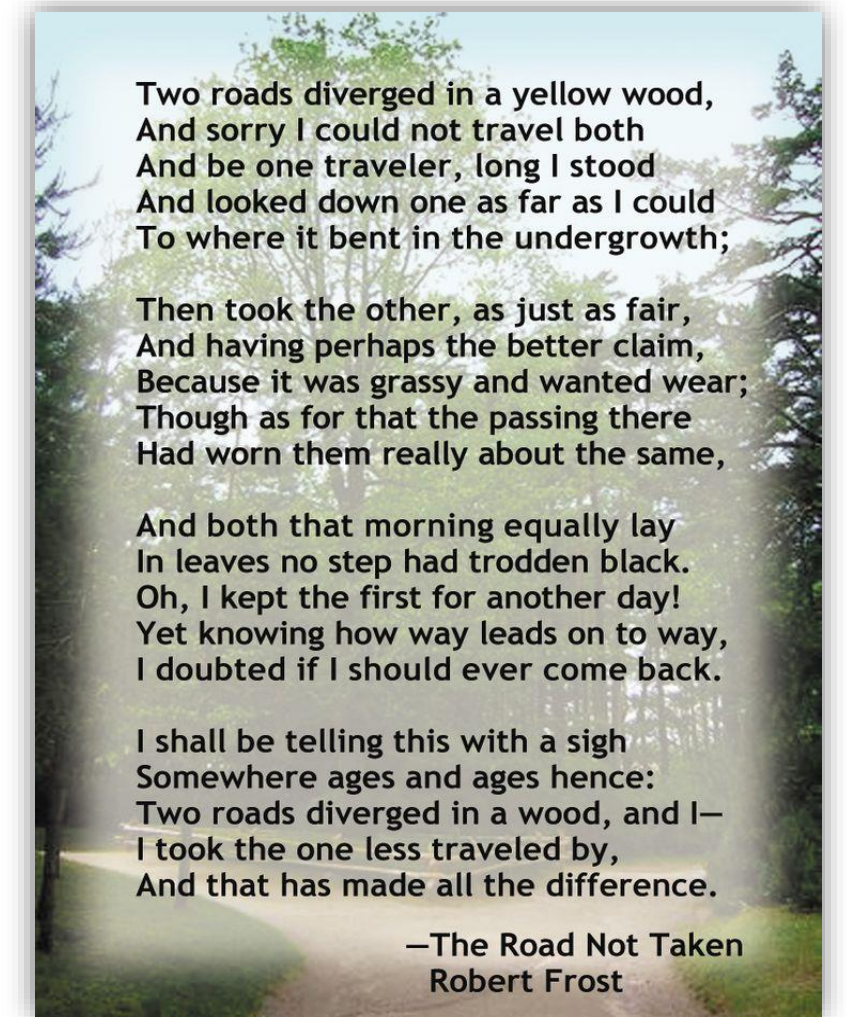
Every participant in God's Servant Church

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



Fourth Sunday of Eastertide Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 10:30AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA