

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

An iMessage on Spiritual Renewal

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 have gathered as the people of God.

ALL: And in our gathering we give praise for all the Lord has done and is doing.

ONE: We believe the Holy Spirit is guiding and renewing us for the purpose of transforming this world into the vision Jesus proclaimed through God ruling human hearts.

ALL: Let us surrender ourselves to this purpose and turn our eyes to God in all we do as we live our lives in worship and in praise.

***Prayer of Submission** Dr. Foust

***Hymn of Praise** *Revive Us Again*
REVIVE US AGAIN

We praise thee, O God, for the Son of Thy love,
for Jesus who died, and is now gone above.

Refrain:
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, hallelujah! Amen!
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

We praise thee, O God, for Thy Spirit of light
who has shown us our Savior and scattered our night. [Refrain]

Revive us again, fill each heart with Thy love.
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. [Refrain]

Reading from The Revelation to John Paula Foust
Revelation 1:9-20

I, John, your brother who share with you in Jesus the persecution and the kingdom and the patient endurance in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, "Write in a book what you see and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamum, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. His head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire, his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of many waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and from his mouth came a sharp, two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining with full force. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive forever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades. Now write

what you have seen, what is, and what is to take place after this. As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

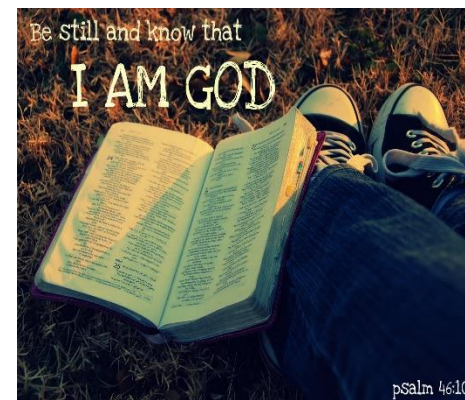
ONE: Through these written words of scripture, we listen for the Living Word of God.

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

Reflection

**Sung: Take time to be holy, speak oft with Thy Lord;
Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
Forgetting in nothing God's blessing to seek.**

Words to Ponder



As we recommit to the work of God through Jesus, it is important to take time each day to ponder exactly what are we committing to. We as the church are the disciples of this age. The disciples who lived during the earthly life of Jesus spent time in his presence daily. How do we do this? How do you do this?

**Sung: Take time to be holy, be calm in thy soul,
Each thought and each motive beneath His control.
Thus led by His Spirit to fountains of love,
Thou soon shalt be fitted for service above.**

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Gearlene Hoffman

**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
Shirley Ballard, Kathleen Bumgardner, Tish Philemon, Tarsha Williams

***Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation*
Chalice Hymnal No. 272 AURELIA

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are his new creation by water and the Word;
from heaven he came and sought us to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought us, and for our life he died.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing, and at one table fed,

to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own spirit led.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forever more;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Reading from The Revelation to John Dr. Foust
Revelation 2:1-7

Solo Renee Crawford & J. Kevin Gray
Wonderful, Merciful Savior Rogers & Wyse

Message Dr. Foust
An iMessage On Spiritual Renewal: Renewing More than Vows

***Hymn of Mission and Witness** *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*
Chalice Hymnal No. 484, vs. 1 MESSAGE

We've a story to tell to the nations that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.
For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth, the kingdom of love and light.

Offertory Prayer Ashley Maready

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir and Congregation
Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God Carl F. Muller

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with Thy free Spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors Your ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Create in me a clean heart, O God.

***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

2022 Global Missions Offering

This year's Global Mission Offering goal is \$25,000.

Thus far, we have received \$250 towards our goal!

We will continue to support our friends at the Nyarweng School, South Sudan, with \$20,000 and we will send \$5,000 to Project Ruth. Project Ruth, a CBF partner ministry in Romania, is currently assembling and distributing food care boxes for Ukrainian families.

You can give towards this goal today by donating online and specifying Global Missions, or by writing "Global Missions" in the memo line on your check.

Help us reach our \$25,000 goal!

Children's Classes and Worship Care this Summer

With the summer months upon us, and with so many families and volunteers traveling, we will begin our summer schedule for Infant/Toddler, Pre-K and Elementary Classes today.

While there are no classes or care offered during the Sunday school hour, worship care will continue to be offered for our infant/toddler classes.

We will resume classes and care for all children (Infant/Toddler, Pre-K and Elementary) during the Sunday School hour as well as Pre-K Worship Care when we get back to our normal Sunday routine in August.

SAVE THE DATE!

November 4-6, 2022 | St. John's Women's Fall Retreat | Blowing Rock

The St. John's Women of the Church Spiritual Growth Team is overjoyed to invite you back to Blowing Rock Conference Center for our 2022 Fall Retreat. After prayerful group listening, we will offer the magnificent story of The Woman With The Alabaster Jar as our guide for the retreat. Following her example, we will explore how to cultivate deeper intimacy with The Divine and deeper connectedness with one another.

Please consider joining us!

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on June 19
 Proclaimer: Dennis W. Foust, PhD
 Worship Theme: An iMessage on Perseverance
 Sermon Title: Recalculating
 Scriptures: Revelation 2:8-11 & 2:1-7

This Week at St. John's

Sun., June 12	9:15 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., June 13	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Zoom)
	2:00 pm	Staff meeting/Worship planning (Conference room)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	6:30 pm	Administrative Deacon Panel (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, June 14	10:45 am	Immigrant & Refugee Ministry Group (Lounge)
	7:00 am	Sherrill basketball (Gym)
Wed., June 15	12:30 pm	Charlotte Family Housing (Lasater Hall)
	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
	6:30 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, June 16	6:00 pm	Team Hope (Gym)
Friday, June 17	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, June 18	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 and Communications Support Mallory Brown
 Church Administrator Jacquelyn McAbee
 Custodians Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
 Ministry Coordinator Amanda Morrison
 Organist J. Noel Lance
 Weekday School Director Lydia Olmstead



Sunday, June 12, 2022, at 10:30AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA