

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

An iMessage on Diligence

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting Rev. Dennis W. Foust
PhD

Words From the Servant Church St. John's Youth
A Report on Our Youth Mission Trip to Chicago

***Prayerful Call to Worship** Dr. Foust

ONE: O God of life, of all life and of each life,

ALL: We lay our lives before You.

ONE: You are before us, God, You are behind.

ALL: You are around us, God.

ONE: You are within.

ALL: You are the light in the midst of darkness, and the voice that calls us to be diligent in trying times. We praise You, O Lord, for You are good and faithful to lead us. Amen.

***Hymn of Praise** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Chalice Hymnal No. 622, CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, ever be my strength and shield, ever be my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Bear me through the swelling current, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you, I will ever sing to you.

Reading from The Revelation to John Sara Vavra
Revelation 2:18-29

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze: "I know your works—your love, faith, service, and endurance. I know that

your latest works are greater than the first. But I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet and is teaching and beguiling my servants to engage in sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. Beware, I am throwing her on a bed, and those who commit adultery with her I am throwing into great distress, unless they repent of her doings; and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am the one who searches minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve. But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call 'the deep things of Satan,' to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden; only hold fast to what you have until I come. To everyone who conquers and continues to do my works to the end, I will give authority over the nations; to rule them with an iron scepter, as when clay pots are shattered— even as I also received authority from my Father. To the one who conquers I will also give the morning star. Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the 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.

***Hymn** *When We All Get to Heaven*
HEAVEN

Let us then be true and faithful, trusting, serving every day; Just one glimpse of Him in glory will the toils of life repay.

When we all get to heaven, what a day of rejoicing that will be! When we all see Jesus, we'll sing and shout the victory!

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

Kathleen Bumgardner, Tish Philemon, Tarsha Williams, Ethel Harris

Choral Anthem
Be Thou My Vision

Chancel Choir
Arr. Carlton Young

Message Dr. Foust
An iMessage on Diligence: Do/ Due Diligence

***Hymn of Discipleship** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*
Chalice Hymnal No. 612 Vs. 1 & 2 ANGEL'S STORY

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

Offertory Prayer Scott Hicks

Offertory J. Noel Lance
When We All Get to Heaven Arr. Mary McDonald

***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

Loving Our Neighbors Around the Globe 2022 Global Missions Offering

Our goal for this year's annual Global Missions Offering is \$25,000. As of now, we have received just \$1,460 towards this goal.

Where will this offering go?

\$20,000 will go to support our friends at the Nyarweng School, South Sudan. \$5,000 will go to Project Ruth to support those affected by the war in Ukraine.

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.

Carillon Installation

In July a digital carillon will be installed at St. John's. It will strike the hour throughout the day. At noon, it will play a selection of hymns for several minutes.

We need your help! We would like to have the carillon play hymns that are favorites of YOU! If you have a favorite hymn, please email, mail, or drop a note to Kevin Gray with a list of your top five favorite hymns.

Assist M.E. Collection

June is our month to collect medical equipment (wheelchairs, shower seats, toilet chairs, walkers...) for Assist M.E.

Assist M.E. is a non-profit organization in the Charlotte. They take in gently used medical equipment and gift it to low income, uninsured patients in our community. Assist M.E. gets wheelchairs, bedside commodes, walkers, shower chairs and other medical equipment from individual donors and organizations.

NO BRACES OF ANY KIND, PLEASE.

Please bring medical equipment to the closet at the Main Entrance as you are able throughout the month of June. Contact Jane Starnes for more information at 704-618-8353.

Free Concert | July 3 | 7PM | Sanctuary

Join us for an evening of music! This concert is sponsored by the American Guild of Organists and St. John's and will feature two incredible organists, David Wilcox and Annette Martin, playing mostly patriotic music.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on July 3
Proclaimer: Rev. Steve Harmon, PhD
Sermon Title: Standing Firm for Freedom
Scriptures: Galatians 5: 1-15

This Week at St. John's

Sun., June 26	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., June 27	2:00 pm 6:00 pm 8:00 pm	Staff meeting/Worship planning (Conference room) Team Hope (Gym) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, June 28	7:00 pm	Weekday School Teacher Workday Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., June 29	9:30 am 1:00 pm 7:15 pm	Weekday School Teacher Workday Headstart Parent Orientation (Lounge) Headstart Parent Orientation (Lounge) Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, June 30	6:00 pm	Weekday School Teacher Workday Team Hope (Gym)
Friday, July 1	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 2	6:30 am 8:00 pm	Benton Basketball (Gym) 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

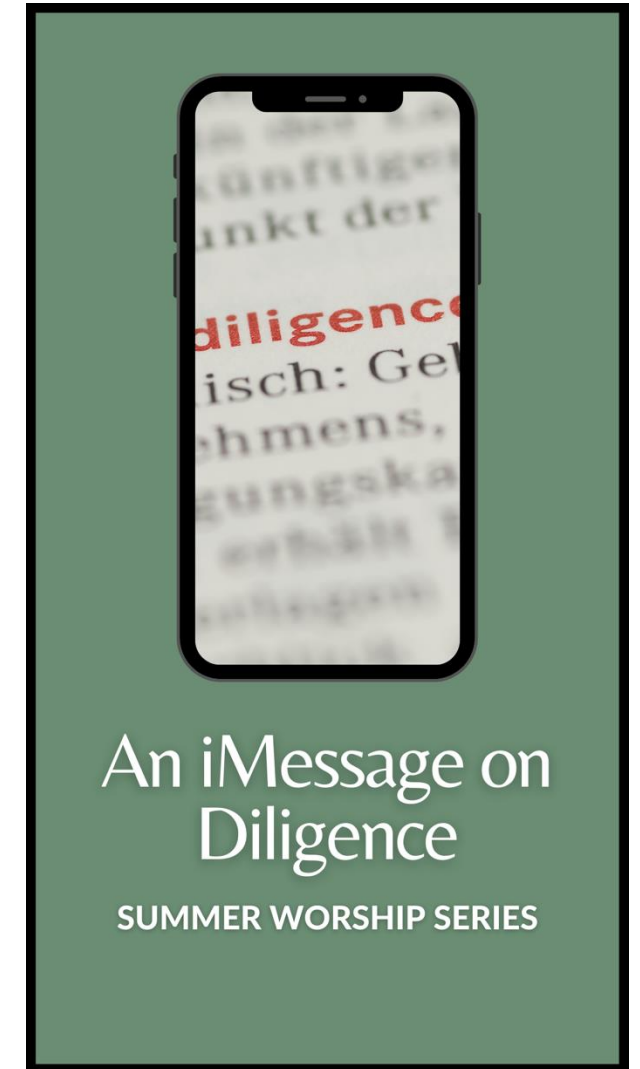
Every participant in God's Servant Church

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 26, 2022, at 10:30AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA