

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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\*Invites the congregation to stand

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Greeting** Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

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

ONE: We have gathered to celebrate and participate in the works of God!

**ALL: As we express our worship, we praise God's holy name!**

ONE: We see all that has been done, and rejoice for all that is to come.

**ALL: When we walk with God, the best is always ahead.**

ONE: Let us hear and see anew, as God shows us the next step of our journey as we continue the works of Jesus.

**ALL: Praise be to God, who was, is, and will be. Amen.**

**\*Hymn of Praise** O God of Vision  
Chalice Hymnal No. 288 Vs. 1-3 LOBE DEN HERREN

O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,  
Gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.  
Show us a new life in your breath-taking view,  
Lovely beyond all our dreaming.

Pour out Your Spirit on all now assembled before You.  
May our diversity here be a means to adore You.  
Women and men, young, old and youthful again,  
Make us as one, we implore You.

Grant to us insight, O God, for this time of decision.  
May we dream challenging dreams of both depth and precision.  
Speak through the dark. Dispel by lightning's bright spark  
Whatever clouds dim our vision.

**Reading from the Revelation to John** Todd Stillerman  
Revelation 3:1-6

"And to the angel of the church in Sardis write: These are the words of him who has the seven spirits of God and the seven stars:

"I know your works; you have a name for being alive, but you are dead. Wake up and strengthen what remains and is at the point of death, for I have not found your works perfect in the sight of my God. Remember then what you received and heard; obey it, and repent. If you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what hour I will come to you. Yet you have still a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their clothes; they will walk with me, dressed in white, for they are worthy. If you conquer, you will be clothed like them in white robes, and I will not blot your name out of

the book of life; I will confess your name before my Father and before his angels. 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.**

**Song** Renee Crawford, Renee Hutchison & J. Kevin Gray  
*Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather* by Yamaguchi & Koizumi



Here, O Lord, Your servants gather, hand we link with hand; Looking toward our savior's cross, joined in love we stand. As

we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray: Jesus, Savior, guide our steps, for you show us the way.

Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands, yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands. E'en in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth: Jesus, teacher, dwell with us, for you show us the truth.

Grant, O God, and age renewed, filled with deathless love; help us as we work and pray, send us from above truth and courage, faith and power, needed in our strife: Jesus, master, be our way, be our truth, our life.

**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,  
Gabriel Farhadian, Jeck Warren

**\*Hymn** Restless Weaver  
Chalice Hymnal No. 658 BEACH SPRING

Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom;  
Dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home;  
Gathering up life's varied fibers- every texture, every hue:  
Grant us your creative vision, with us weave your world anew.

Where earth's fragile web is raveling, help us mend each broken strand.  
Bless our urgent, bold endeavors cleansing water, air, and land.  
Through the Spirit's inspiration- offering health where once was pain  
Strengthen us to be the stewards of your world knit whole again.

When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn,  
From compassion's sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn.

Where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God, to dare  
Live our dreams of transformation. Make our lives incarnate prayer.

Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life- now and yet to be  
Binding all your vast creation in one living tapestry:  
You have called us to be weavers. Let your love guide all we do.  
With your Reign of Peace our pattern, we will weave your world anew.

**Message** Dr. Foust  
*A Rip Van Winkle Church*

**\*Song of Discipleship** In This Very Room  
Chalice Hymnal No. 295 by Ron and Carol Harris

Reader: Lord make us instruments of Your vision for the Church and for the world.

Soloist: In this very room there's quite enough love for one like me, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for one like me, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.

Reader: Remind us, Lord, that You are calling each of us to be Your body in the world.

**ALL: And in this very room there's quite enough love for all of us, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for all of us, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

Reader: Lord, let us always express Your vision. Remind us that we are Your body in this room and in the world.

**ALL: In this very room there's quite enough love for all the world, and in this very room there's quite enough joy for us to share, and there's quite enough hope and quite enough power to chase away any gloom, for Jesus, Lord Jesus, is in this very room.**

**Offertory Prayer** Becky Skidmore

**Offertory** J. Noel Lance  
*Be Thou My Vision* Maureen Howell

**\*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

Our goal for this year's annual Global Missions Offering is \$25,000. As of now, we have received just \$5,410 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.

## Youth Bowling Trip

After worship on Sunday, July 17, the youth will be going bowling. We will have a quick lunch & head over to Bowlero in Montford! Please text Meg Bond if you have any questions and to RSVP: 980-225-2824

## Men's Shelter Service

Check your calendars! Just one scan of this QR code will get you on the list for the opportunity to serve at the Men's Shelter on July 15. Will you consider signing up for this great cause?



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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on July 17  
 Proclaimer: Dennis W. Foust, PhD  
 Worship Theme: An iMessage on Holding Fast  
 Sermon Title: The Power You Have  
 Scriptures: Revelation 3:7-13

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., July 10	8:00 am	Church Council (Conference Room)
	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., July 11	2:00 pm	Staff meeting/worship planning (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Leadership Task Force (Zoom)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, July 12	7:00 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., July 13	6:00 pm	Mission Resource Team (Room 204/Zoom)
Thursday, July 14	10:00 am	Needle Ministry (Lounge)
Friday, July 15	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 16	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

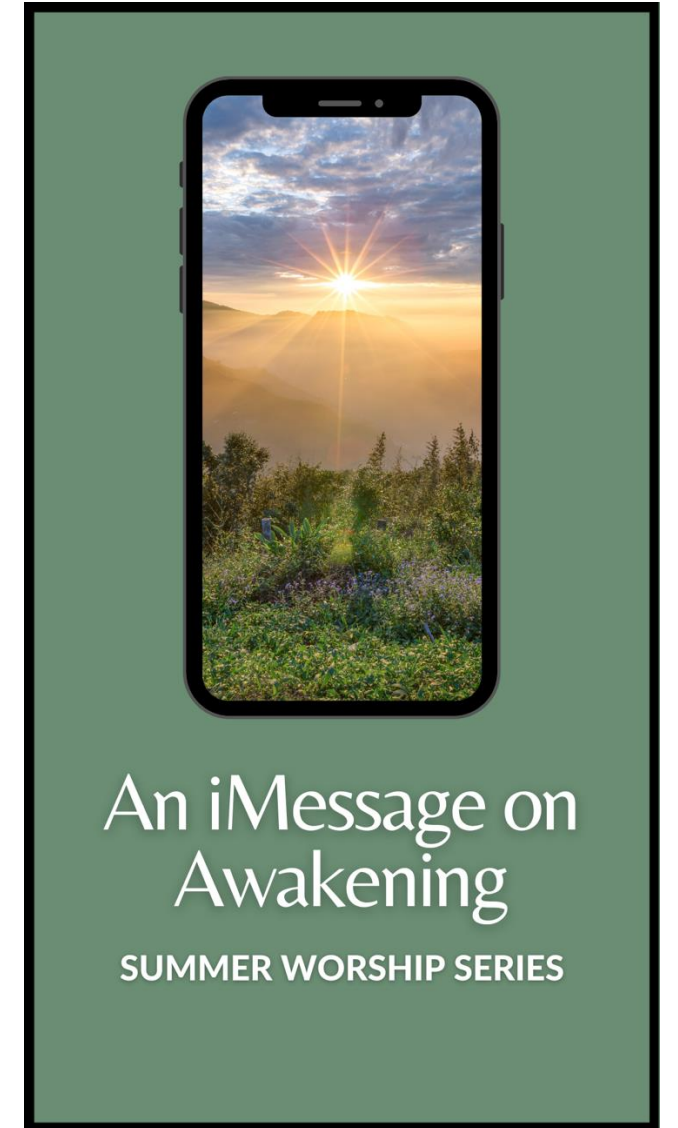
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### Equipping Ministers

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