

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

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

ONE: In our worship of God,

ALL: May we be faithful.

ONE: In our daily interactions with all of God's children,

ALL: May we be gracious.

ONE: In our living and sharing the light of God's hope,

ALL: May we be joyful.

ONE: As we minister alongside God, bringing healing and wholeness
To the world.

**ALL: May we be strengthened through the work of the Holy Spirit,
which is a gift from God, maker of heaven and earth, and all that
has breath!**

***Prayer of Submission** Dr. Foust

***Hymn of Praise** *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heaven*
Chalice Hymnal No. 651 Vs. 1-3 HOLY MANNA

God, who stretched the spangled heavens, infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance through the silent fields of space,
We, your children, in your likeness, share inventive powers with you.
Great Creator, still creating, show us what we yet may do.

Proudly rise our modern cities, stately buildings, row on row;
Yet their windows, blank, unfeeling, stare on canyoned streets below,
Where the lonely drift unnoticed in the city's ebb and flow,
Lost to purpose and to meaning, scarcely caring where they go.

We have ventured worlds undreamed of since the childhood of our
race;
Known the ecstasy of winging through uncharted realms of space;
Probed the secrets of the atom, yielding unimagined power,
Facing us with life's destruction or our most triumphant hour.

Reading from the Revelation to John Cyndy McIntyre
Revelation 3:7-13

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the
words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who
opens, and no one will shut, who shuts, and no one opens:
"I know your works. Look, I have set before you an open door, which
no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet
you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make
those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are
not but are lying I will make them come and bow down before your
feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept

my word of patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial
that is coming on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I
am coming soon; hold fast to what you have, so that no one may seize
your crown. If you conquer, I will make you a pillar in the temple of my
God; you will never go out of it. I will write on you the name of my God,
and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem that comes
down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. 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 of Praise** *Lift Every Voice and Sing*
Chalice Hymnal No. 631 Vs. 1 LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

Lift every voice and sing 'til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty"
Let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on and on 'til victory is won

Often referred to as "The Black National Anthem," *Lift Every Voice and Sing* was a
hymn written as a poem by NAACP leader James Weldon Johnson in 1900. His
brother, John Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954), composed the music for the lyrics.
A choir of 500 schoolchildren at the segregated Stanton School, where James
Weldon Johnson was principal, first performed the song in public in Jacksonville,
Florida to celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

At the turn of the 20th century, Johnson's lyrics eloquently captured the solemn
yet hopeful appeal for the liberty of Black Americans. Set against the religious
invocation of God and the promise of freedom, the song was later adopted by
NAACP and prominently used as a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement
of the 1950s and 1960s.

-Notes on this hymn from the NAACP webpage:



Meditation

"If you wait until you can do
everything for everybody instead
of something for somebody, you
will end up not doing anything for
anybody." _ Malcolm Bane

What little power do you have?
What great power can you call on?

Moments with the Younger Church Dr. Foust

Solo J. Kevin Gray
I Want Jesus to Walk with Me African American Spiritual

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
Kathleen Bumgardner, Tarsha Williams, Gabriel Farhadian,
Jeck Warren, Pauline Funderburk, Linda Finger

***Hymn** *Thus Said the Holy One and True*
WOODWORTH

Thus saith the holy one, and true, to God's beloved faithful few;
"A door appears I hold the keys, to shut, or open, as I please.

"I know your works, and I approve, though small your strength,
sincere your love; step out in faith, I'll walk with you, I'll be your light,
I'll see you through.

"You have my promise, hold it fast, life's trying hour will soon be past;
Rejoice, for lo, my Spirit comes, to give you strength, to guide you
home.

Message Dr. Foust
The Power You Have

***Song of Discipleship** *Here I Am Lord*
Chalice Hymnal No. 452, Vs. 1 & 3 HERE I AM LORD

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Offertory Prayer Bobbie Hinson

Offertory J. Noel Lance

***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.

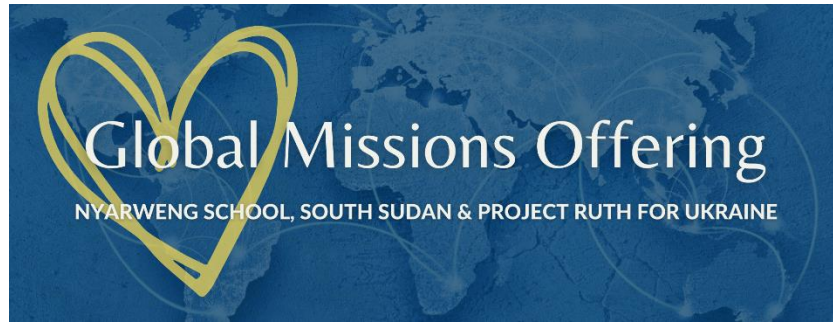
***Commissioning the Scattered Church** Dr. Foust
Chalice Hymnal No. 434 vs. 1 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Till we meet again, till we meet again, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

***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 \$8,280 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

Youth In-Town Mission Trip

We expect that 15-20 youth will participate in our local youth mission trip August 6-9. This will be a great way for our new Minister for Youth and Young Adults, Haley Blackwell, to be introduced to our youth. In



Charlotte, we will attend worship and do a work project at Hope Chapel, do a stream clean-up of our part of Little Sugar Creek (near Freedom Park), Deliver meals and work in the warehouse for Loaves & Fishes/Friendship Trays, work to prepare bundles for newborn children at Baby Bundles, sort clothes at Crisis Assistance, and tie-dye shirts for St. John's participants to wear to the Charlotte Pride Parade.

Ice Cream Social on August 21

"I scream, YOU scream, WE all scream for some ice cream!" St. John's is going to host an ice cream social on August 21st directly after worship. We will have food trucks as well as ice cream with ALL the toppings.



If you would like to sign up to make homemade ice cream, please reach out to Meg Bond 980-225-2824.

We look forward to seeing you as we begin our regathering weeks at the end of summer break.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on July 24
 Proclaimer: Dennis W. Foust, PhD
 Worship Theme: An iMessage on Welcoming Jesus
 Sermon Title: Responding to the Knock
 Scriptures: Revelation 3:14-22

This Week at St. John's

Sun., July 17	9:15 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Membership Resource Team (Room 204) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., July 18	8:00 am 2:00 pm 8:00 pm	Finance Resource Team (Zoom) Staff meeting/worship planning (Conference Room) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, July 19	10:00 am 7:00 pm	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge) Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., July 20		
Thursday, July 21	10:00 am	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
Friday, July 22	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 23	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, July 17, 2022, at 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA