

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Please silence all electronic devices.

*Invites the congregation to stand

Gathering Music

J. Noel Lance

Greeting

Rev. Lee Gray

*Call to Worship

Rev. Gray

ONE: We have gathered to worship the
One who created us,

ALL: The One who loves us,

ONE: The One who leads us,

**ALL: The One who helps us find our way
in the world,**

ONE: The One who sent Jesus, revealing
truth and light to all who are in
darkness.

**ALL: Surrounded by love, guidance, and
truth let us worship God!**



*Prayer of Submission

Rev. Gray

*Hymns of Praise

How Great Thou Art
O STORE GUD

Chalice Hymnal No. 33, Verse 1 & 2

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain



Reading from the Revelation to John
Revelation 4

Meredith Sorrell

After this, I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and

around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne, there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

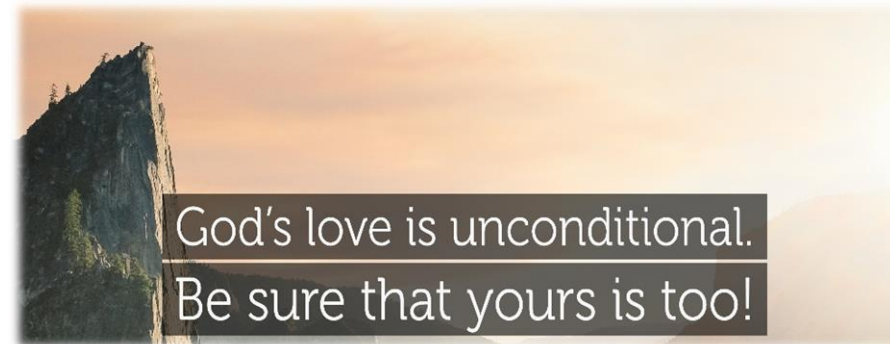
Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, "Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come." And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will, they existed and were created."

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.

Jesus tells us about God's Love
Softly and Tenderly

J. Kevin Gray



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, Jeck Warren,
Pauline Funderburk, Linda Finger, Caroline Godsey,
Rob Sellers, Arnold Philemon

*Medley of Hymns

God Our Creator

For the Beauty of The Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This, our hymn of grateful praise.

God Our Helper

A Might Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God a bulwark never failing
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great and, armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal.

God Who Sent us Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.



Message

Rev. Gray

What do we worship?

*Hymn of Discipleship

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

Chalice Hymnal No. 484, Verse 3

MESSAGE

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigns up
above has sent us His Son to save us and show us that God is love and
show us that God is love.

Refrain:

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

Whitney Crowder

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

Rev. Gray

*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 \$8,940 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.

Ice Cream Social on August 21

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. After this event, we will participate in the Charlotte Pride Parade in Uptown Charlotte!



If you would like to sign up to make homemade ice cream, please reach out to Meg Bond at 980-225-2824. We look forward to seeing you as we begin our regathering weeks at the end of summer break.

Charlotte Pride Parade: August 21

The Charlotte Pride parade returns to Uptown for the first time since the pandemic shutdown on Sunday, August 21. St. John's will march again in the parade to share our message that GOD LOVES EVERYONE! After the lunch and ice cream social after worship, we will make our way Uptown for the parade. **Scan the QR code to register to attend with us and to learn more details.**



Welcoming Haley Blackwell!

On June 12, the congregation, upon presentation from the Personnel Resource Team and diaconate, approved the call of Haley Blackwell as our new Minister for Youth and Young Adults. Last week, Haley and her husband, Austin, moved to Charlotte from Wichita, Kansas where she served as the Associate Campus Pastor of Formation at Friends University. We are so glad they have made the transition to the Queen City and will officially welcome her as a staff member tomorrow morning! We couldn't be more thrilled for them to join the St. John's community on Monday!

Choir Resumes Next Wednesday!

If you are a choir member, this is a reminder; however, if you have often thought you might want to sing in the choir, join us next Wednesday night at 7:15 in the choir room for rehearsal. Everyone knows music is such a big part of worship, and the more people investing in the musical leadership the more vibrant worship and church life is. So, take time next week to determine if you might become part of our team!

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on Aug. 7
Proclaimer: Lia Benton
Sermon Title: *Brave Enough*
Scriptures: Romans 8:31-39

This Week at St. John's

Sun., July 31	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., Aug. 1	2:00 pm 8:00 pm	Staff meeting/worship planning (Conference Room) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Aug. 2	7:00 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Aug. 3	6:00 pm	Personnel Resource Team (Conference Room)
Thursday, Aug. 4		
Friday, Aug. 5	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Aug. 6	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

Church Administrator..... Jacquelyn McAbee
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Media Coordinator..... Mallory Brown
Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison
Organist..... J. Noel Lance
Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmstead

What do we worship?

SUMMER WORSHIP SERIES

Sunday, July 31, 2022, at 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA