

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

***Call to Worship** Wilson Gray

ONE: Creator God, we have gathered to celebrate your faithfulness, and steadfast love.

ALL: We lift our song of praise to You.

ONE: God you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

ALL: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the Earth and sea formed, You were present.

ONE: God, let that same power You used to usher in creation be manifest in us your servant people,

ALL: And may we share the bounties of Your grace and promise with the whole world.

***Prayer of Submission** Wilson Gray

***Hymn of Praise** *We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God*
Chalice Hymnal No. 64 ELLACOMBE

We sing your mighty power, O God, that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and build the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at your command, and all the stars obey.

We sing your goodness, sovereign God, who filled the earth with food,
You formed the creatures with your word and then pronounced them good.
Oh! How your wonders are displayed, wherever we turn our eyes:
If we survey the ground we tread, or gaze upon the skies.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes your glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempest blow, by order from your throne.
While all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
And everywhere that we can be, you, God, are present there.

Reading from the Psalms Melissa Millette
Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

ONE: This is the written word of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Meditation



When we see a large mountain, many of us think of the difficulty of crossing over it. You may even think, "I'm no climber."

What gives me a little more bravery is the thought of having a partner to cross over with, a sturdy hand that can help me as I reach for new heights in life.

In Psalm 121, God is reminding us that we do not climb alone. God is our keeper and does not slumber or sleep while we are struggling.

Sometimes it is necessary to cross over mountains in order to reach the next peaceful valley experience of our life. Much like a butterfly who strengthens its wings in the struggle to free itself from a cocoon, so we are strengthened and ready for that next valley by the exercise of faith we experience in the climb.

Today and throughout the week remind yourself of the mountains you've climbed. Name them.

Remember what it felt like as you stepped down into that fertile peaceful valley. What wisdom and strength did you gain?

Sung Meditation Maddie Minogue
Goodness of God Fielding, Johnson, Cash & Ingram

I love You Lord; oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful, all my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night, You are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God.

Chorus
Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me, your goodness is running after
It's running after me, with my life laid down
I'm surrendered now, I give You everything
Cause Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Chorus

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer Dr. Foust

**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 and Celebrations

Tarsha Williams, Arnold Philemon, Martha Brown
Happy 100th Birthday Kathleen Bumgardner!

Flowers:

The flowers at the front were given in memory of Ken Childers by his children Maria Heasley, Kenny Childers, and family.

***Hymn** *There's Within My Heart a Melody*
Chalice Hymnal No. 550, vs. 1, 3 & 4 SWEETEST NAME

There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
"Fear not, I am with thee peace, be still,"
In all of life's ebb and flow.

Refrain:
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, sweetest name I know,
Fills my every longing, keeps me singing as I go.

Feasting on the riches of his grace,
Resting 'neath his sheltering wing,
Always looking on his smiling face
That is why I shout and sing.
Refrain

Though sometimes he leads through waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep.
See his footprints all the way.
Refrain

Message Haley Blackwell
Your Mountain is Waiting

***Hymn of Discipleship** *God of Grace and God of Glory*
Chalice Hymnal No. 464, vs. 1 & 4 CWM RHONDDA

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people, pour thy power; crown
Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.

Set our feet on lofty places; fill our lives that we may be strengthened
With all Christ-like graces pledged to set all captives free. Grant us
Wisdom, grant us courage, lest we fail our call from thee.

Offertory Prayer Paul Huffman

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
Thanks be to God Arr. Hal H. Hopson

Thanks be to God, O be joyful!
God is faithful, praise, O praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God, O be joyful!
God is good; God's mercy lasts forever. Praise the Lord.
O be joyful, O be joyful, O praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God, be joyful!

***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** Haley Blackwell

***Postlude** J. Noel Lance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2022 Global Missions Offering

Our goal for this year's annual Global Missions Offering is \$25,000. Help us reach our 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.

Highland Renaissance Academy Collection

Throughout the month of August, St. John's is committed to collecting items to help the students at Highland Renaissance Academy. Starting today, two barrels are set up at the Main Entrance. In one barrel, we will collect canned soup and fruit cups. In the other barrel, we will collect school supplies of all sorts (glue sticks, pencils, notebooks, child scissors). Drop off these essential supplies to help these sweet students! Questions? Contact Becky Skidmore at beckyskidmore@carolina.rr.com.

Deliver Backpacks to Highland Renaissance

The backpack team needs your help! Each week on Thursdays or Fridays, we need someone to deliver 15 backpacks filled with food for students in need at Highland Renaissance Academy. These backpacks are essential to filling nutritional gaps these students experience due to a lack of food at home on the weekends. Contact Jamie Loftis at jamieloftis@gmail.com if you can help.

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. 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.**



We have a very good problem!

With nineteen babies born in the church family in the last couple of years, we have a growing children's program! Of course, this means we need more volunteers to provide care during Sunday School and Worship on Sunday mornings. For safety, we must have at least two workers in each classroom. Volunteers are asked to commit to one Sunday a month. Children's programming will resume after Labor Day on Sunday, 9/11/22. If you are willing to work in our nursery or one of our children's classrooms one Sunday a month, or if you would like to substitute, please contact Mindy Vergakis at mindyvergakis@hotmail.com or Amanda Morrison in the church office.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship on Aug. 21
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD
Sermon Title: Why & How the Church Must Change
Scriptures: Nehemiah 2: 11-18 & Matthew 28:16-20

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Aug. 14	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)
	11:30 am	Cookies and Punch Social (Lasater)
	1:00 pm	Back to School Youth Pool Party
Mon., Aug. 15	8:00 am	Finance Resource Team (Zoom)
	9:30 am	Adventures in Learning-Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
	2:00 pm	Staff meeting/worship planning (Conference Room)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, Aug. 16	10:00 am	Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
	10:45 am	Immigrant and Refugee Ministry Group (Room 204)
	7:00 pm	Sherrill Basketball (Gym)
Wed., Aug. 17		
Thursday, Aug. 18	10:00 am	WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room)
	4:15 pm	Basketball Training Lewis (Gym)
Friday, Aug. 19		
Saturday, Aug. 20	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
Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... Haley Blackwell
Senior MinisterRev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Church Staff

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



Sunday, August 14, 2022, at 10:30 AM
ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA