

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP THE LIVING GOD WHO MODELS
COMPASSIONATE SERVANTHOOD**

Please silence all electronic devices.

*The flowers on the chancel table are given in celebration of Heritage Sunday and
Jerry Stephens' 95th birthday from her family.*

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Greeting & Words of Welcome Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

Passing of the Peace The Worshipping Community

Call to Worship Haley Blackwell

ONE: Servants of God, lift up your heads;

ALL: that the Lord of life may behold our eyes.

ONE: Servants of God lift up your hands;

ALL: that the Lord of life may bless our works;

ONE: Servants of God lift up your hearts;

ALL: that the Lord of life may abide within us. Amen.

Prayer of Submission Haley Blackwell

Preparing our Hearts for the Worship of God J. Noel Lance, piano;
Tanti Anni Prima (Many Years Ago) by Astor Piazzola Allison Drenkow, cello

Entrance of the Christ Candle: Riley Cardella

*Hymn of Praise (inside back cover of Chalice Hymnal) *A Servant Church*
By Clarence Eden ST. THEODULPH

WE EXPRESS OUR WITNESS THROUGH CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

Litany of Confession Rev. Kheresa Harmon

ONE: Merciful and reconciling God, we have devalued our discipleship.

ALL: We have refused to serve or humble ourselves as living sacrifices.

ONE: Correct our ignorant ways and renew us as your servant people.

ALL: Forgive our hubris and guide us to mature as followers of the way of
Jesus. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Harmon

Servants of God, your sins are forgiven by your redemptive Lord. As you turn
away from self-centeredness to serve God by serving the needs of others,
you invest in your salvation and build a better world. May God be praised
through your service.

*Hymn of Commitment, No. 475 *The Church of Christ in Every Age*
WAREHAM



The Reading of the Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him,
'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to
them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us
to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus
said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the
cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?'
They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink
you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be
baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but
it is for those for whom it has been prepared.' When the ten heard this,
they began to be angry with James and John. So, Jesus called them and
said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize
as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over
them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among
you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must
be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and
to give his life a ransom for many.'

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.

WE PROCLAIM OUR ACTIVE FAITH

A Servant's Prayer on Heritage Sunday Rev. Lee Gray

*Hymn of God's Justice, No. 453 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*
BEECHER

Call to Service: Community & State Mission Offering Bert Green
Habitat for Humanity

The Offertory Prayer Mark McNeill

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The Offertory Chancel Choir
For Everyone Born arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and
bread, a shelter, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,
and God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and
peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the
song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old,
the right to belong. And God will delight when we are creators of justice and
joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of
justice and joy!

Joy! Joy! Joy! For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear,
and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for ev'ryone
born, the right to be free! And God will delight when we are creators of
justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are
creators of justice and joy!

Anna Cushman

*The 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.

Message 'What Do You Want?' Dr. Foust

WE RENEW OUR COMMITMENTS TO BE A SERVANT CHURCH

*Hymn of Discipleship, No. 461 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*
BEACH SPRING

*Litany of Heritage and Vision

ONE: St. John's, for more than a century, we have served God by serving
the needs of others. In our church covenant, we commit ourselves to
God and to one another:

**ALL: "We will be a servant church, recognizing the infinite worth of every
person and believing that Christ has called us to active involvement in
behalf of human brotherhood."**

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF ST. JOHN'S FOR MORE THAN FIFTY YEARS:
We were taught this life of discipleship by those who came before us. We
are now passing along this example of servant church living to others.

PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN PART OF ST. JOHN'S FOR LESS THAN FIFTY YEARS:
We are learning how to mature in this servant life of discipleship and are
grateful for this heritage of active faith entrusted to us.

PEOPLE WHO ARE FORTY YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER:
We are teaching this servant life of discipleship to our children. It is our
vision for them to understand how following the way of Jesus requires
loving God by loving our neighbor.

ONE: As we enter our second century, we continue to recognize the infinite
worth of every person, collaborate with our partners, and minister to
people in metro Charlotte and around the world so they receive God's
compassion through our eyes, hands, and hearts.

**ALL: Let us prioritize our lives by investing in the spiritual health of our
households, so we strengthen the ministry of St. John's as a servant
church, to build a better world. Amen.**

The Commissioning Dr. Foust

The Benediction *May the Road Rise to Meet You*
by Andre Lash

May the road rise to meet you the wind be at your back, may the sun shine
warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly softly on your fields, and may
God hold you in the palm of his hand, may God hold you in the palm of his
hand.

**WE DEPART THE SANCTUARY TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD AS
SCATTERED CHURCH**

The Postlude Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Allegro by John Stanley

Announcements

Mission Expo | TODAY in the Gym!

All are invited to meet, greet, and connect TODAY after lunch with our St. John's mission partners in the gym for a Mission Expo, hosted by our Mission Resource Team. Representatives from our partners will be present with up-to-date materials and information to share about the work their team is doing to build a better world. You will even be able to sign up to volunteer with any organization that sparks an interest in you.

Community & State Mission Offering

Our 2023 Community and State Mission Offering will go to Habitat for Humanity in support of this year's Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Work Project to help build The Meadows, a nine-acre property in West Charlotte. There is an added dimension to this year's offering. We are presenting these offerings in honor of Bert and Dianne Green. Bert became involved with Habitat through St. John's in 1985 and served on the Board of Directors from 1988-1992 and then became the Executive Director in 1993 serving for 19 years before transitioning to the role of Director of Strategic Initiatives in 2012. With our gifts to this year's offering, we will honor the commitments and vision of Bert and Dianne and we will help provide home ownership for the working poor in Charlotte. Help us reach our goal of \$7,500 and let's build a better world!

On the Way: St. John's Retired Adults and Friends

On Wednesday, April 19 we will be On the Way to Winston-Salem for a day-trip to Reynolda Museum, Gardens, and Shops. We will also have lunch at the Village Tavern that day. We have a 15-passenger bus reserved. Please let Lee Gray lgray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend so additional driving arrangements can be made if needed. We will meet at the church at 9:00am to leave by 9:15am. We will return to the church between 5:30 and 6:00pm.

Youth Mission Auction | Coming April 30!

We are now accepting donations for our 2023 Youth Mission Auction which will take place on April 30! You may fill out an online form (scan the QR code) or you will find paper forms in the church office. You may drop your paper form off in the box outside Haley's office.



For more information about any of the above opportunities and more, please subscribe to our Family News by scanning the QR code here. We send one newsletter per week throughout the year.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: March 26
Worship Theme: Jesus' Attitude and Actions as a Servant
Scripture: Mark 10-35-45
Message: 'What Do You Want?'
Proclaimers: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Mar. 19	Mark 14:35-42 9:00 am Snapshot Sundays (Main Entrance Lobby) 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 Heritage Sunday Luncheon (Broach Hall) 12:00 pm Mission Expo (Gym) 12:30 pm Snapshot Sundays (Main Entrance Lobby)
Mon., Mar. 20	Mark 14:43-52 10:00 am Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) 11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge) 2:00 pm Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
Tuesday, Mar. 21	Mark 14:53-65 8:00 am Finance Resource Team (Zoom) 10:00 am Shepherd's Center/AARP Tax Assistance Program (Parking Lot) 10:00 am Sandwich Ministry (Lounge)
Wed., Mar. 22	Mark 14:66-72 12:00 pm Elizabeth Communities of Faith Lenten Service & Soup Lunch (Sanctuary & Broach Hall) 7:15 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, Mar. 23	Mark 15:1-15 10:00 am NC CBF Meeting in Winston-Salem
Friday, Mar. 24	Mark 15:16-20 10:00 am NC CBF Meeting in Winston-Salem 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Mar. 25	Mark 15:21-32 7:00 am Benton Basketball 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 Youth and Young Adults..... Haley Blackwell
Interim Minister for Music and Worship.....Dr. Jared Daugherty
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Minister for Congregational CareRev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Church Staff

Academy of the Arts Director.....Jessica Borgnis
Media CoordinatorMallory Brown
Children's Music DirectorChloe Hall
OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon
Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted
Church Administrator..... Jill Rackley



Jesus' Attitude and Actions as a Servant
Sunday, March 19, 2023, at 10:30 AM

ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST CHURCH
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA