

# Welcome to the Worship of God

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

*\*Invites the congregation to stand*

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Words of Greeting** Haley Blackwell

**Call to Service** Mattie & Todd Stillerman  
Anna Cushman

**Preparing Our Hearts for Worship** Handbell Choir  
*I've Got Peace Like a River* arr. Tammy Waldrop

Entrance of the Christ candle: **Hannah Harmon**

**\*Call to Worship** Haley Blackwell

ONE: The God of redemption calls us to gather through grace.

**ALL: We gather in God's presence knowing we have failed to be faithful.**

ONE: In Christ, God asks you a question: "Do you love me?"

**ALL: Yes, Lord, we love you and are committed to follow the way of Jesus.**

ONE: In Christ, God calls you to feed God's lambs and sheep as you care for God's flock.

**ALL: God's limitless grace extends beyond our capacity to imagine. Let us worship God!**

*Based upon John 21:1-17*

**\*Prayer of Submission** Haley Blackwell

**\*Hymn of New Beginnings No. 546** *Amazing Grace*  
Chalice Hymnal NEW BRITAIN

**Reading of the Scripture** Phil Vavra  
John 21:1-17

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

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.**

**Moments with the Younger Church** Rev. Kheresa Harmon

**\*Hymn of Vision No. 475** *The Church of Christ in Every Age*  
Chancel Hymnal WAREHAM

**Offertory Prayer** Paul Huffman  
*Jesus calls us to feed his lambs and tend his sheep.*  
*Let us share God's love as we offer our gifts and our lives.*

**Offertory Anthem** Handbell Choir  
*Celebration Fanfare* Jason W. Krug

**\*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.

**Prayers of the People** Rev. Lee Gray

Martha Brown, Barbara McElwey, Melanie Foust, Anna Lynn Kearse,  
Emily Batts, Parker Fields, Archer Weaver, Arnold Philemon

**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.**

**Choral Anthem** Chancel Choir  
*O Sing to the Lord a New Song* arr. Heather Sorenson

O sing unto the Lord a new song, sing unto the Lord, all the earth!

Sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord, sing unto the Lord a new song, a new song. O sing unto the Lord our God!

Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all people, proclaim His salvation day by day.

The Lord is great and greatly to be praised. He is above all other gods!

Praise the Lord with a new Hallelujah, praise Him with a new Amen. Sing a new song unto the Lord our God!

**Sermon** Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD  
*'What is on the Other Side of Shame?'*

**\*Hymn of Perspective No. 619** *My Life Flows On*  
Chalice Hymnal HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

**Commissioning of the Scattered Church** Dr. Foust

**Postlude** J. Noel Lance

## CONNECTING SUNDAY WORSHIP TO LIFE

To support your spiritual growth, we encourage you to invest in contemplation each day. These thoughts may help you in your reflections.

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Dennis Foust

"If you respond, "Yes, Lord," to Jesus' question, "Do you love me," you will find a renewed purpose for your life that connects you to God's work embodied by Jesus. And this meaningful work dispels your guilt and shame for those moments when you failed."

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John3:17

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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Dr. Karl A. Menninger

"The voice of the intelligence is drowned out by the roar of fear. It is ignored by the voice of selfish desire. It is contradicted by the voice of shame. It is biased by hate and extinguished by anger turned inward. Most of all, the voice of intelligence is silenced by ignorance."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Youth Mission Auction & Luncheon on April 30

Join us on Sunday, April 30 at 11:30am in Broach Hall for our 2023 Youth Mission Auction! Proceeds from the auction will fund our youth mission trips in 2023 and 2024. Please make reservations for lunch on Realm or with Amanda Morrison in the office by TODAY. Lunch will include BBQ, mac and cheese, baked beans, salad, rolls, and dessert. The cost is \$15 for adults, \$10 for 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger, and free for those under 3.

### Elizabeth 8K Road Race: Volunteers Needed!

St. John's is a proud sponsor of the 2023 Elizabeth 8K, which will be held on Saturday, April 29. Our help is needed with sponsor set-up, registration, and course monitoring. Please consider volunteering. Contact Kheresa Harmon at [kharmon@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:kharmon@sjcharlotte.org) to learn more and volunteer.

### Building a Better World:

#### In Solidarity with Immigrant Children & Families

Please join us in Broach Hall for a buffet meal on May 3 at 5:30 PM followed by a conversation that focuses on immigrant children and families who are our neighbors---challenges they face, their resilience and triumphs, and how we can participate in welcoming them. Sharing experiences and insights with us will be Sil Ganzo, Lindsey Goehring, and Gricelda de la Cruz. Please register on Realm if you plan to have dinner. No reservations are needed if you plan to attend the program only that starts at 6PM.

### Calling All Mothers: Paint & Sip on May 11

Let's celebrate the gift that is mothering! All mothers are invited to indulge in an evening of artistic relaxation on Thursday, May 11, 7-9PM, at City Art Room. Please register on Realm by May 8. The cost is \$45.00.

We need a few good men! While the women of our church are indulging in an evening of artistic relaxation, men of the church will provide childcare on our church campus. Men, we need you! Please contact Kheresa Harmon by May 1 to volunteer.

### Bounce Into Summer: Sunday, June 4 after Worship

Children and families, let's bounce into summer with a bounce house, bubbles, chalk art, ice cream sundaes, and more after worship on Sunday, June 4. Please sign up on Realm or contact Kheresa. We can't wait to celebrate the summer with you!

### St. John's Academy of the Arts Summer Camps

Registration for St. John's Academy of the Arts Summer Camps has opened! Visit [www.summercampsatstjohns.org](http://www.summercampsatstjohns.org) to learn more and to register. Questions? Please contact Jessica Borgnis, Director of the St. John's Academy of the Arts, at [arts@sjcharlotte.org](mailto:arts@sjcharlotte.org).

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### The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: April 30

Worship Theme: God's Vision Is for Jesus' Teachings to Transform the World through Us

Scripture: Matthew 28:16-20

Message: 'God's Purpose for Your Purpose'

Proclaimers: Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

### This Week at St. John's

Sun., Apr. 23	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	<b>Luke 5:1-11</b> Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel) Youth SNL
Mon., Apr. 24	10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>Luke 5:12-16</b> Adventures in Learning Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall) Faith Journey Book Study
Tuesday, Apr. 25	10:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Luke 5:17-26</b> Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) NAMI Family Support Group NAMI Peer Support Group
Wed., Apr. 26	7:15 pm	<b>Luke 5:27-32</b> Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, Apr. 27		<b>Luke 5:33-39</b>
Friday, Apr. 28	6:30 pm 8:00 pm	<b>Luke 6:1-5</b> Brewery Night (Offsite) Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Apr. 29	7:00 am 8:00 am 8:00 pm	<b>Luke 6:6-11</b> Benton Basketball <b>2023 Elizabeth 8K</b> 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 Care .....Rev. Lee Gray  
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon

#### Church Staff

Academy of the Arts Director.....Jessica Borgnis  
Media Coordinator .....Mallory Brown  
Children's Music Director .....Chloe Hall  
Organist .....J. Noel Lance  
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren  
Custodians..... Chris Mullis, Debora Thon  
Ministry Coordinator..... Amanda Morrison  
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



“Do you love me?”

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**St. John's Baptist Church**

**Charlotte, North Carolina**