

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

Today, we welcome our sister faith community, Together in Christ International Ministries, as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday and the life of God's Holy Spirit in the life of the Church.

Prelude Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Dr. Wei Lin, Guest Violinist: *Violin Sonata* by George Frideric Handel

Christ Candle Presented by **Alexander Tod Aguilera**

Words of Greeting and Gathering Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Prayer of Submission Rev. Dennis W. Foust PhD

Processional of Celebration on Pentecost Sunday *Fire Fall on Us*
Offered by Together in Christ International Ministries and Children of St. John's

Holy Ghost Fire, Fire Fall on Me
Pentecostal Fire, Fire Fall on Me
Just as the day of Pentecost Fire Fall on Me (2X)

The Reading of Acts 2:1-17 in Multiple Languages

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly, from heaven, there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power. All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these people are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young people shall see visions, and your old people shall dream dreams."

***Hymn of Praise to God, No. 4** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*
Chalice Hymnal NICA EA

Prayers of the People Rev. Lee Gray

Barbara McElwey, Emily Batts, Arnold Philemon, Jack Crymes, Jane Starnes

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***Hymn of Prayer, No. 259**

Chalice Hymnal

Message

Offertory Prayer

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, GENEROSITY, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." (Galatians 5:22)

Musical Offering

Fire in the Upper Room

Fire in the Upper room oh
Fire, Fire yea.
The Upper room oh.
Fire, Fire yea!!!

***Doxology**

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

Choral Anthem

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Spirit divine, attend our prayers,
And make this house your home;
Descend with all your gracious pow'r;
O come, Holy Spirit, come!

Come as the light; to us reveal
Our emptiness and woe,
And lead us in the paths of life
Where all the righteous go.

Come as the fire and purge our hearts
Like sacrificial flame;
Let our whole soul an off'ring be
To our Redeemer's name.

Come as the dove, and spread your wings,
The wings of peace and love;
And let the Church on earth become
Blest as the Church above.

Spirit divine, attend our prayers;
Make a lost world Your home;
Descend with all your gracious pow'r;
O come, Holy Spirit, come!

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

Bert Green

Becky Skidmore

Together in Christ International Ministries

OLD HUNDREDTH

Kathy Bragg

Chancel Choir

Mark Hill

Message

***Hymn of Commitment, No. 526**

Chalice Hymnal

Commissioning the Gathered Church for Ministry in Daily Life as the Scattered Church

Postlude

Fanfare

Rev. Brickson Sam

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

Dr. Foust

Dr. Manwarren

William Mathias

CONNECTING SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH DAILY LIFE

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

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." (Romans 15:13)

"Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own." (1 Corinthians 6:19)

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:25-26)

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." (Romans 8:26)

"...stooping very low, He engraves with care
His Name, indelible, upon our dust;
And from the ashes of our self-despair,
Kindles a flame of hope and humble trust.
He seeks no second site on which to build,
But on the old foundation, stone by stone,
Cementing sad experience with grace,
Fashions a stronger temple of His own."
— *in Patricia St. John Tells Her Own Story*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Sunday: Celebrating Our Graduates

Next Sunday, June 4, we will honor and celebrate our high school graduates during morning worship at 10:30am. The seniors this year are: Jake Benton, Nora Frances Benton, Isaac Fries, Savannah Heasley, Reid Kinney, Katherine Mae Rodden, Mattie Stillerman, and Sophie Ann Sweet. Please plan to be present with us on this special Sunday.

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. Sign up on Realm today or contact Kheresa!

Mercy Bags Collection for the Homeless

Our children are receiving donations and assembling Mercy Bags for the homeless in the Charlotte Metro Area. Please consider donating one or more of the following items to help us fill our bags:

- 8 oz. bottles of water, peanut butter crackers, granola bars, individual packets of mixed nuts and/or trail mix, snack size boxes of dried fruit, combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, travel size bottles of hand sanitizer, pocket size Wet Ones singles

Our children will receive donations through June 4. Please place your donations in bins in our Giving Nook.

Wonderful Wednesdays for Children: Registration Open for June 14

- [Wednesday, June 14, 10am-12pm, Splash Pad at First Ward Park: REGISTER ON REALM TODAY or contact Kheresa by email at \[kharmon@sjcharlotte.org\]\(mailto:kharmon@sjcharlotte.org\).](#)
- Wednesday, July 19, 2-4pm., NASCAR Hall of Fame
- Wednesday, August 2, 4-6pm., Big Air Trampoline Park

Summer Opportunities for Youth

- June 4 - Senior Sunday
- June 4 from 5-8pm, Youth Banquet with a Sleepover Theme
- June 18-24 - Washington D.C. Trip for High School students
- July 10-14 - Unidiversity Camp for all youth
- August 5-8 - In-Town Immersion Trip for all youth

Summer Handbells Choir

Come join the Summer Handbell Choir! Practices will be Wednesdays June 21 through July 26th from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. There will be a musical offering presentation during worship on July 30th. If you are interested in joining, please contact Amanda Morrison in the office or Interim Minister for Music and Worship, Dr. Jared Daugherty.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: June 4

Senior Sunday

Proclaimer: Rev. Haley Blackwell

This Week at St. John's

Sun., May 28	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Luke 15:1-32 Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) – Pentecost Sunday Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., May 29	9:00 am	Luke 16:1-31 Church Offices Closed in Observation of Memorial Day Make & Grow (Lasater Hall)
Tuesday, May 30	10:30 am 6:00 pm	Luke 17:1-19 Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Wed., May 31	6:00 pm 7:15 pm	Luke 17:20-37 Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, July 1	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Luke 18:1-17 Carolina Premier Practice (Gym) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Friday, July 2	8:00 pm	Luke 18:18-43 Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 3	7:00 am 10:30 am 8:00 pm	Luke 19:1-10 Benton Basketball Communities in Schools: Safe Journey Graduation (Broach Hall) 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

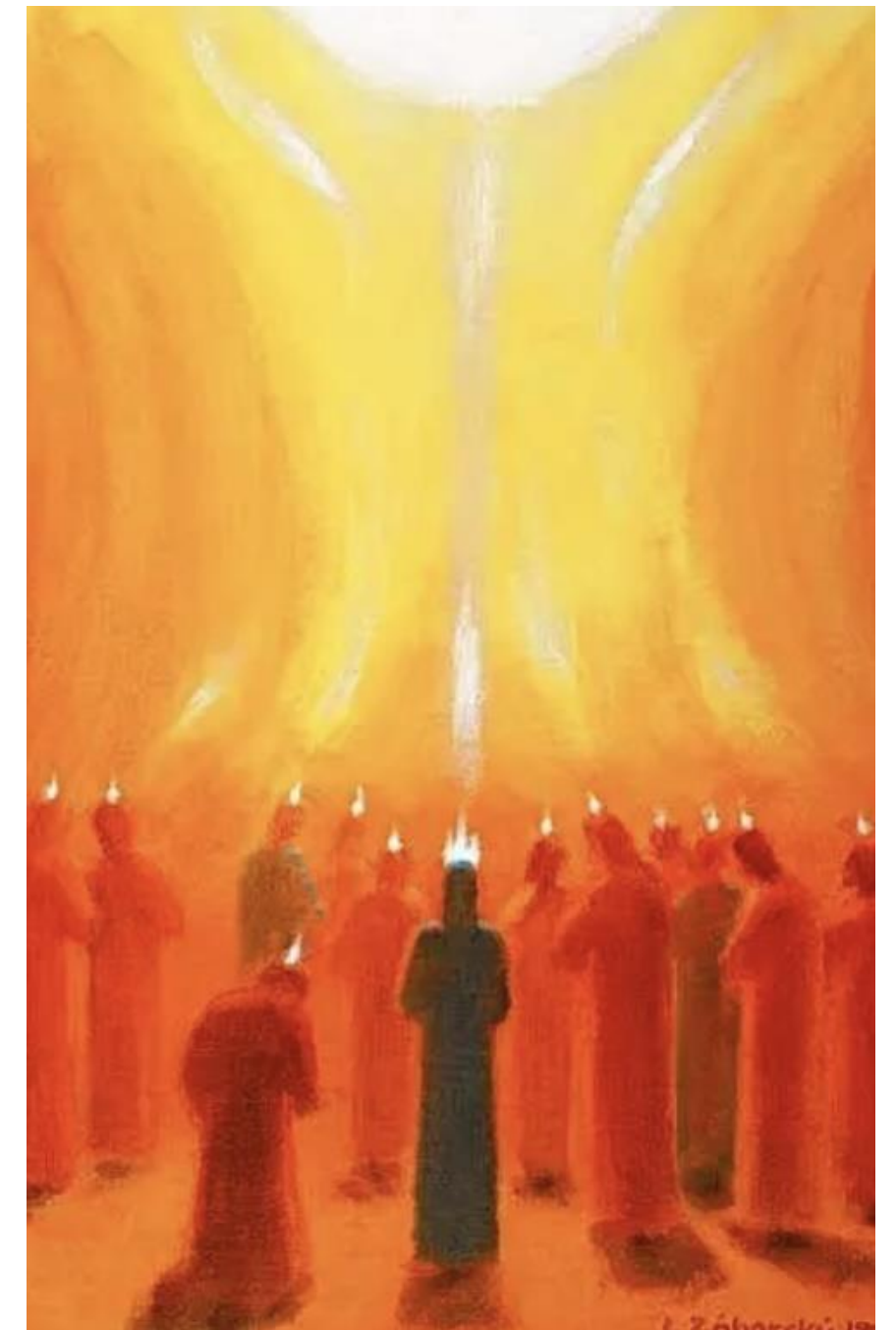
Equipping Ministers

Minister for Youth and Young Adults.....Rev. 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
Custodian.....Chris Mullis
Ministry Coordinator.....Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted

Volunteers for Next Sunday, June 4		
Offerotry Deacons	Ushers	Nursery
Anna Cushman	Steve Carter	Bobbie Hinson
Chip Wilson	Nancy Wilson	Debby Benton
Chris Lavendar	Dale Johnson	Kim Allen
Dan Redding	Jeff LeVie	
David Allen		
Elizabeth Peacock		



Pentecost Sunday

Sunday, May 28, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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