

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Words of Greeting and Gathering Rev. Lee Gray

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

“God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

Entrance of the Christ candle, presented by **Alexander Aguilera**

Prayer of Submission Rev. Gray

Call to Worship, Based on Psalm 95 Rev. Gray

ONE: “Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us praise the rock of our salvation.”

ALL: “We gather to express thanksgiving to the LORD through music & song.”

ONE: “Come, let us submit ourselves in worship of the LORD our maker.”

ALL: “For the LORD is our God; we are God’s people, the flock under God’s care.”

***Hymn of Praise No. 464** *God of Grace, and God of Glory*
Chalice Hymnal CWM RHONDDA

Scripture Reading Joanne Compton
Colossians 3:12-17

“Therefore, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”

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.

Prayers of the People Rev. Kheresa Harmon

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

Sympathy to Kathy and Kevin Turner for the passing of Kevin's father
Abe Bernstein.

Celebrations

Congratulations to Sam Kimball and Whitney Magendie on the birth of their son, Harris William Kimball, on June 12. Fredda Kimball and Jimmy Kimball are the proud grandmother and uncle.

Congratulations to Lee and Lisa Godsey on the birth of their daughter, Savannah Louise Godsey, on June 13. Raleigh and Judy Godsey are the proud grandparents.

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 Good News** *God Cherishes You*
Rebecca Littlejohn OLD RUGGED CROSS

There are those who would say we must all be the same, and that differences must be denied; but we know that each soul is below’d in God’s eyes and we claim all God’s blessings with pride! So remember God cherishes you; you are precious, and worthy, and loved. When you live out the truth that is yours, there’s rejoicing in heaven above!

There are voices of fear that deny what we know; that all of God’s people are blessed. So we sing loud and clear, with our words and our lives, and we share the good news we confess: Please remember God cherishes you; you are precious, and worthy, and loved. When you live out the truth that is yours, there’s rejoicing in heaven above!

When hate threatens to harm, may we speak out as one and declare that love conquers all fear. No one shall stand alone; we will walk side by side and proclaim that God’s kingdom is near! So remember God cherishes you; you are precious, and worthy, and loved. When you live out the truth that is yours, there’s rejoicing in heaven above!

***Offertory Prayer** Natalie Turner

“Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established.” (Proverbs 16:3)

Musical Offering solo by Dr. Jared Daugherty accompanied by J. Noel Lance
Come, Ye Blessed (based on Matthew 25:34-36) John Prindle Scott

Then, then shall the King say unto them upon His right hand, come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, from the foundation of the world. Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, from the foundation of the world. Come, ye blessed of my Father,

Come, ye blessed of my Father I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was a thirst, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me, ye came unto me.

Therefore, come, ye blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, inherit the kingdom prepared for you, from the foundation of the world. Come, ye blessed of my Father, come, come, come.

***Doxology** OLD HUNDREDDTH

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 ‘Renew. Regather. Reconnect.’ Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

*Hymn of Witness

For Everyone Born
FOR EVERYONE BORN

For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead,
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy;
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice, and joy.

For woman and man, a place at the table,
Revising the roles, deciding the share,
With wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
For woman and man, a system that’s fair,
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy;
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;
Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.

Commissioning the Scattered Church for Ministry in Daily Life Dr. Foust

Postlude J. Noel Lance

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.

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
(Psalm 51:10)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is; God's good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2)

“Imagine if love, not law, was the standard by which we learned to examine ourselves and confess our sins against God, neighbor, and the earth we share. Imagine if each week we were guided into the kind of self-examination that helped us name and turn from our unloving acts in recent days.” - Brian McLaren, [The Great Spiritual Migration: How the World's Largest Religion Is Seeking a Better Way to Be Christian](#)

“People say, what is the sense of our small effort? They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that. No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do.” – Dorothy Day, Co-founder of Catholic Worker Movement

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wonderful Wednesdays for Children: Registration Open for July 19

Wednesday, July 19, Join us for an engine-revving afternoon at the NASCAR Hall of Fame from 1:15-4:30pm. The cost is \$36 per person. Please reserve your race car by July 16. Register on Realm or contact Kheresa.

St. John's Youth to Washington, D.C.

A group of our youth are headed to Washington, D.C. for a weeklong mission immersion today! Our youth will get to learn about our country's rich history and serve those in need. We will celebrate Juneteenth, serve with a local garden guild, provide programming for a local day camp for at-risk youth, take a tour of the capitol, and much more! Please pray for them as they travel and learn.

Global Missions Offering: Nyarweng Primary School, South Sudan

This year, our annual Global Missions Offering will again go to support the Nyarweng Primary School in South Sudan. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please scan the QR code. You can also write a check to St. John's with "Global Missions" in the memo line.



Seniors' Picnic - Sunday, June 25

If you are at least 75 years young, please join us for a time of food, fun, and fellowship in Broach Hall following the worship service on June 25. There is no cost for this event, however, reservations are required! Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, June 20. You may register through Realm using the QR code, by emailing Amanda (amorrison@sjcharlotte.org), or by calling the church office (704-333-5428, ext. 0)



Mercy Bags

Our younger church prepared 129 mercy bags for the more than 2,600 people who experience homelessness in the Charlotte metro area. You will find mercy bags in locations around our church building. Please take a few bags, keep them in your car, and the next time you see another child of God standing on a street corner with a sign that reads, "Please help," help. Roll down your window and offer hope and mercy in a bag.

On the Way

On Tuesday, July 18 at 11:30 we will eat at the Midwood Smokehouse behind the Park Rd Shopping Center on 540-C Brandywine Rd. We have a private room reserved that can seat up to 20. You can leave with us from the church at 11:15 am or meet us there at 11:30 am but please let Lee Gray LGray@sjcharlotte.org know if you plan to attend.

Volunteers for Next Sunday, June 25		
Offerotry Deacons	Ushers	Nursery
Chris Lavender	Ethel Harris	Elizabeth Whipple
M.C. Sorrell	Al Bridges	Lindsay Wilson
Mark McNeill	Treva Bridges	Melissa Holloway
Matt Comer		
Melissa Millette		
Minh Callaway		

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: June 25
Scripture: Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10
Title: 'We Believe It When We See It'
Proclaimer: Rev. Lee Gray

This Week at St. John's

Sun., June 18	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	Luke 22:63-65 Youth DC Mission Immersion Trip Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., June 19		Luke 22:66-71 Youth DC Mission Immersion Trip
Tuesday, June 20	8:00 am 10:00 am 10:30 am 10:45 am 6:00 pm	Luke 23:1-7 Youth DC Mission Immersion Trip Finance Resource Team (Zoom) Sandwich Ministry Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Immigrant & Refugee Ministry Group (Room 204) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Wed., June 21	6:30 pm 7:15 pm	Luke 23:8-12 Youth DC Mission Immersion Trip Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226) Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, June 22	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Luke 23:13-17 Youth DC Mission Immersion Trip Carolina Premier Practice (Gym) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Friday, June 23	8:00 pm	Luke 23:18-25 Youth DC Mission Immersion Trip Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, June 24	6:30 am 8:00 pm	Luke 23:26-43 Youth DC Mission Immersion Trip 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 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



Sunday, June 18, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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