

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

Gathering Music Dr. Matthew Manwarren

Words of Greeting and Gathering Rev. Kheresa Harmon

Call to Worship Psalm 122:1 Rev. Harmon

ONE: "I was glad when they said to me,
ALL: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Preparing Our Hearts for Worship Dr. Manwarren
Prelude on HOLY MANNA Wilbur Held

Reverence of God in the human heart is the beginning of worship and obedience.

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

***Hymn of Praise No. 480** *I Love to Tell the Story*
Chalice Hymnal HANKEY

***Prayer of Submission** Rev. Harmon

Scripture Reading Treva Bridges
Deuteronomy 6:1-15

"Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. When the LORD your God has brought you into the land that he swore to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—a land with fine, large cities that you did not build, houses filled with all sorts of goods that you did not fill, hewn cisterns that you did not hew, vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant—and when you have eaten your fill, take care that you do not forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. The LORD your God you shall fear; him you shall serve, and by his name alone you shall swear. Do not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are all around you, because the LORD your God, who is present with you, is a jealous God. The anger of the LORD your God would be kindled against you and he would destroy you from the face of the earth."

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. Haley Blackwell

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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***Hymn of Vision No. 190** *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*
Chalice Hymnal STORIES OF JESUS

***Offertory Prayer** Riley Cardella
"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
Songs of Rejoicing Johann Sebastian Bach

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord; for He has done marvelous things! Break forth into joy.

His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ, the floods clap their hands, and the hills sing for joy. The seas with their roaring speak to His name.

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Come make a joyful noise, sing to the Lord Alleluia! Sing Alleluia!

***Doxology** OLD HUNDRETH

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 Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
'Let's Give Them Something to Talk About'

***Hymn of Discipleship No. 330** *Alleluia! Hear God's Story*
Chalice Hymnal W ZLOBIE LEZY

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

Postlude Dr. Manwarren
Postlude on OLD HUNDRETH Fred Bock

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.

How did your parents model, teach, and pass on their experiences of faith to you?

How are you passing on your faith to your children and the children of the next generation?

How do we use our homes and church buildings to pass on foundations of faith to our children?

How are you investing in the children of St. John's? What will they 'talk about' when they are older because of the investments you are making in their spiritual growth today?

"Parents, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4)

"Point your kids in the right direction, and when they're old they won't be lost." (Proverbs 22:6, The Message)



"First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; all in the lovelight of Jesus' face."

-Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.
- Wednesday, July 19, 2-4pm., NASCAR Hall of Fame
- Wednesday, August 2, 4-6pm., Big Air Trampoline Park

Summer Opportunities for Youth

- 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 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.

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 25th. 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 her in the church office (704-333-5428, ext. 0)



From Fredda in the Heritage Room

I have been asked about scheduling times for the Heritage Room to be open in order to look at the information in more depth. I am happy to share with everyone the information that has been collected and organized. I will be in the Heritage Rooms as follows:

- Monday, June 12, 2:00-4:00
- Tuesday, June 13, 10:00-2:00
- Wednesday, June 14, 10:00-2:00
- Thursday, June 15, 10:00-2:00

The Conference Room across from the Church Parlor should be available to use to review the information. For other dates and times, please contact me to arrange. (freddafk@aol.com)

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: June 18
Scripture: Colossians 3:12-17
Title: 'Renew - Regather - Reconnect'
Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W Foust PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., June 11	Luke 19:11-27 9:15 am Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 am Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., June 12	Luke 19:28-48 11:00 am Faith Journey Book Study (Lounge)
Tuesday, June 13	Luke 20:1-8 10:30 am Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) 6:00 pm Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226) 7:00 pm Leadership Meeting (Zoom)
Wed., June 14	Luke 20:9-19 10:00 am Wonderful Wednesday @ First Ward Park 6:30 pm Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226) 7:15 pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)
Thursday, June 15	Luke 20:20-26 10:00 am Needle Ministry (Lounge) 10:00 am WOC Spiritual Growth Team (Prayer Room) 6:00 pm Carolina Premier Practice (Gym) 6:30 pm Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Friday, June 16	Luke 20:27-40 6:30 am Brotherhood of the Biscuit (Lounge) 8:00 pm Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, June 17	Luke 20:41-47 5:30 pm Outen Wedding (Sanctuary) 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.....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 18

Offerotry Deacons	Ushers	Nursery
Becky Skidmore	Kimberly Allen	Kimberly Follis
Kevin Lynch	Leonard Balentine	Melissa Millette
Kevin Turner	Linda Balentine	
Laura McGuire		
Lynn Bishop		
Lynn Erdman		



Sunday, June 11, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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