

# Welcome to the Worship of God

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

*\*Invites the congregation to stand*

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Words of Gathering and Greeting** Rev. Haley Blackwell

**Call to Worship** Rev. Kheresa Harmon

One: The Lord is here. God, the Creator above us,

**All: The Redeemer among us,**

One: The Sustainer within us... is here.

**All: In the faces of our friends,**

One: In the songs and in the stillness,

**All: In prayers of praise and confessions of faith,**

One: In all that we do and all that we are,

**All: The Lord is here.**

**Prayer of Submission** Rev. Harmon

Entrance of the Christ Candle: **Riley Cardella**

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 22** *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Chalice Hymnal LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Scripture Reading** Dan Redding

Matthew 11:25-30

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.**

**\*Hymn of Discipleship No. 340** *Softly and Tenderly*

Chalice Hymnal THOMPSON

**Offertory Prayer** Pauline Carter

**Offertory Anthem** Chancel Choir

*Jesus My Lord* Eugene Butler

Jesus, my Lord, up from the dead, come walk by my side and break me some bread; quicken the life of crying and dread. Jesus my Lord, my Lord, my Lord.

Jesus, my Lord, out on the road, come walk by my side and lighten the load, by day and by night, on bed and the road. Jesus, my Lord, my Lord, my Lord.

Jesus, my Lord, high on the hill come walk by my side to tell me your will; silence the war in quiet and still. Jesus, my Lord, my Lord.

Jesus, my Lord down on the earth, come walk by my side from dying to birth; hasten the word in all of the earth. Jesus, my Lord, my Lord, my Lord.

**\*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

Barbara McElwey, Arnold Philemon, Jack Crymes,  
Tommy Almond, Fan Watson

**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.**

**Scripture Reading** Amanda Morrison

Genesis 32:22-32

<sup>22</sup> The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. <sup>32</sup> Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

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**\*Hymn of Invitation No. 353** *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler*

Chalice Hymnal AUSTIN

**Message** Rev. Blackwell

'Wrestling to Rest'

**\*Hymn of Assurance No. 540** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Chalice Hymnal ST. MARGARET

**Commissioning of the Scattered Church** Rev. Blackwell

**Postlude** J. Noel Lance

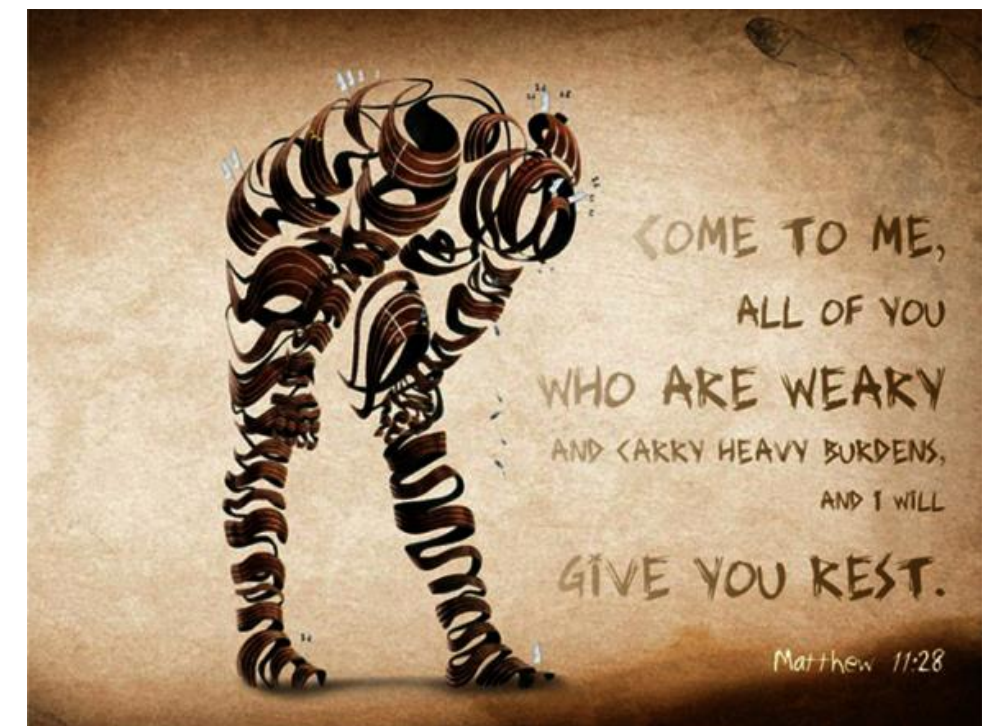
## CONNECTING SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH DAILY LIFE

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

What might you be wrestling with?

What affirmation or blessing do you need to hear from God?

Take some time this week to find a place of solitude and spend some time in silence. You may choose a passage of Scripture or a word or phrase to meditate on. Use this to keep your mind attentive to God's presence. Rest in the presence of God, knowing that you are loved, and that God is with you.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Summer's Preaching Schedule

- July 16 - Rev. Kheresa Harmon
- July 23 - Rev. Delbridge Narron
- July 30 - Dr. Steve Harmon
- August 6 - Rev. Sabrina Gilchrist (Right Moves for Youth)
- August 13 - Dr. Larry Hovis (Executive Coordinator CBFNC)

## 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.



**Goal: \$25,000 | Raised so far: \$24,445**

## Wonderful Wednesday on July 19: NASCAR Hall of Fame

All children are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 19 for an engine-revving afternoon at the NASCAR Hall of Fame. We'll depart from our church's Main Entrance parking lot for Uptown Charlotte via the Gold Line at 1:15pm. We will return to the church by 4:30pm. The cost is \$36 per person. Please reserve your race car by July 16. You may register on Realm or by contacting Kheresa at kharmon@sjcharlotte.org.

## Charlotte PRIDE Parade and Festival: Coming August 19 & 20

Mark your calendars and plan to join St. John's at the Charlotte PRIDE Festival & Parade in Uptown Charlotte on August 19 and 20. More details to come.

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

Our JULY outing will be lunch. 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. You will also have a chance to walk to Amelie's French Bakery for dessert after lunch.

**Save the date for August Outing: For August, will have lunch at Captain Steve's Seafood in Harrisburg (5645 NC Hwy 49) on Wednesday, August 23 at 11:45am. You can either meet us at the church at 11:00am or at 11:40am at Captain Steve's.**

## Serve as a Youth Chaperone: In-Town Mission Immersion August 5-8

SJBC Youth needs several chaperones to assist with our local mission immersion from August 5-8. We need overnight chaperones to stay at the hotel with us as well as chaperones to help with service sites during the morning and afternoons. Please let Haley know if you are interested in helping and when you might be available and she will create a schedule that works for you!

## St. John's Baptist Church

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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: July 16

Scripture: Genesis 25:19-34, Romans 8: 1-11, Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Title: Fertile Soil

Proclaimer: Rev. Kheresa Harmon

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., July 9	9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	<b>John 2:12-22</b> Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., July 10		<b>John 2:23-25</b> <b>UNIVERSITY</b>
Tuesday, July 11	10:30 am 10:45 am 6:30 pm	<b>John 3:1-21</b> <b>UNIVERSITY</b> Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Immigrant & Refugee Ministry Group (Room 204) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Wed., July 12	6:30 pm	<b>John 3:22-30</b> <b>UNIVERSITY</b> Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Thursday, July 13	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>John 3:31-36</b> <b>UNIVERSITY</b> Carolina Premier Practice (Gym) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Friday, July 14	8:00 pm	<b>John 4:1-26</b> <b>UNIVERSITY</b> Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, July 15	6:30 am 8:00 pm	<b>John 4:27-38</b> 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  
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  
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison  
Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted

## Volunteers for Next Sunday, July 16

Offertory Deacons	Ushers	Nursery
Becky Skidmore	Rod Spence	Ellen Smith
Bert Green	Kim Allen	Patti Klein
Bobbie Hinson	Dale Johnson	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Carter Sorrell	Jeff LeVie	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Chip Wilson		
<b>1 more needed</b>		



**Sunday, July 9, 2023**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**St. John's Baptist Church**

**Charlotte, North Carolina**