

Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

**Invites the congregation to stand*

Gathering Music J. Noel Lance

Words of Gathering & Greeting Rev. Haley Blackwell

Preparing our Hearts for Worship J. Noel Lance

Entrance of the Christ Candle: Dietz Family

Call to Worship Rev. Blackwell

ONE: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

ALL: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

ONE: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

ALL: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

ONE: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown

ALL: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

Prayer of Submission Rev. Blackwell

***Hymn of Praise No. 90** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*
Chalice Hymnal MADRID

Offertory Prayer Matt Comer

Offertory Anthem Chancel Choir
Fairest Lord Jesus by: Derek Hakes

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nations,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven
can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine!

***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. Kheresa Harmon

Barbara McElwey, Arnold Philemon, Jack Crymes,
Tommy Almond, Fan Watson, Stacey Almond, Joyce Ehrenberger

Celebrations

Monday, August 14th will be Kathleen Bumgardner's 101st Birthday!
Happy Birthday Kathleen!

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.

Reading of the Gospel Tom Blackmon
Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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 Prayer No. 85** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*
Chalice Hymnal MELITA

Message Rev. Larry Hovis, PhD
'In and Out'

***Hymn of Discipleship No. 337** *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*
Chalice Hymnal GALILEE

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.

Imagine yourself in the story from Matthew 14:22-33: Read the scripture passage twice, stopping to reflect on the questions below after each reading.

1st Reading: Visualize yourself in the Gospel story. Don't seek intellectual insights — stay with the imagery. Use your senses to see, touch, feel, and hear. What part of the story are you drawn to? Which character do you identify with? Or are you a bystander?

2nd Reading: Experience the story in the role of the character God led you to. Then talk with the Lord. What do you feel? How does this relate to something in your life today? What is God saying to you?

Prayer reflection adapted from soulshepherding.org



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 11:00 am or at 11:40 at Captain Steve's. Please let Lee Gray LGray@sjohnscharlotte.org know if you plan to attend, and if you will join us at the church or meet us at the restaurant.

Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service: TODAY!

Prosper and Persevere

Sunday, August 13 at 4pm at Caldwell Presbyterian Church

Speakers include: Charlie Cytron-Walker of Temple Emanuel in Winston Salem, Dr. Jaspal Singh of Gudwara Khalsa Darbar, and Ayya Sudhamma of Charlotte Buddhist Vihara

A Special Breakfast for Kindergarteners and 1st Graders

Rising kindergarteners, first graders, and their families are invited to a breakfast in their honor on Sunday, August 20 at 9:15am in Broach Hall. Breakfast is free, but reservations are required. Please register on Realm by August 17.

Collection for Highland Renaissance Academy

Throughout the month of August, the Mission Resource Team is hosting a collection for Highland Renaissance Academy! We will be collecting individual fruit cups and canned soup as well as elementary school supplies. All donations can be dropped off in the Giving Nook at the Main Entrance. If you have questions, please contact Becky Skidmore.

Happy 101st birthday to Kathleen Bumgardner on August 14! We are so glad to be able to celebrate this occasion with her. Please send her a card in the mail. Contact the office for her address.

Promotion Sunday and Blessing of the Backpacks

Promotion Sunday for our children and youth and a Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on Sunday, August 27. Look for more details to be shared in the coming weeks.

d365 Devotionals for Back-to-School

Passport, Inc., produces d365, a daily devotion site. The devotional experience, written for students and young adults, seeks to provide reflections on themes that impact our faith journey. Throughout the month of August, d365 Devotionals focuses on the return to a new academic year, and will challenge students to pack love, joy, peace and patience... along with their books this year. You are invited to use this spiritual resource with your family at d365.org.

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The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: August 20

Scripture: Luke 22:14-20

Message Title: 'Spiritual Food and Mismatched Chairs'

Proclaimer: Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

This Week at St. John's

Sun., Aug. 13	9:15 am	John 9:-35-41
	10:30 am	Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person)
	10:30 am	Worship (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
	4:00 pm	2023 Charlotte Pride Interfaith Service (Caldwell Presbyterian)
Mon., Aug. 14	9:00 am	John 10:1-21
	10:00 am	Alliance Center for Education Teacher Training (Lasater Hall)
	10:00 am	Adventures in Learning Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
Tuesday, Aug. 15	9:00 am	John 10:22-42
	10:00 am	Alliance Center for Education Teacher Training (Broach Hall)
	10:00 am	Sandwich Ministry (Lasater Hall)
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room)
	6:30 pm	Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Wed., Aug. 16	9:00 am	John 11:1-16
	6:30 pm	Alliance Center for Education Teacher Training (Broach Hall)
	6:30 pm	Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Thursday, Aug. 17	9:00 am	John 11:17-31
	10:00 am	Alliance Center for Education Teacher Training (Broach Hall)
	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, Aug. 18	9:00 am	John 11:32-37
	8:00 pm	Alliance Center for Education Teacher Training (Broach Hall)
	8:00 pm	Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Aug. 19	6:30 am	John 11:38-44
	12:00 pm	Benton Basketball (Gym)
	8:00 pm	SJBC @ Charlotte Pride 2023 (Uptown)
	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
Senior Minister.....Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD
Minister for Congregational CareRev. Lee Gray
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon
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Church Staff

Academy of the Arts Director.....Jessica Borgnis
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OrganistJ. Noel Lance
Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
Custodian..... Chris Mullis
Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
Weekday School Director.....Lydia Olmsted



Sunday, August 13, 2023

10:30 AM Worship

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