

# Welcome to the Worship of God

Please silence all electronic devices.

\*Invites the congregation to stand

**Gathering Music** J. Noel Lance

**Words of Greeting & Gathering** Phillips Bragg

**\*Hymn of Praise No. 17** O *Worship the King*  
Chalice Hymnal LYONS

Entrance of the Christ Candle: **Hannah Harmon**

**Call to Worship** Phillips Bragg

One: Rejoice, children of God, Jesus is in our midst.

**All: Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.**

One: Be glad, children of God, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

**All: Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food that does not satisfy.**

One: Sing for joy, children; God gathers up the pieces of our lives, that nothing may be lost.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

~ Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009* © 2008 Abingdon Press.

**Prayer of Submission** Phillips Bragg

**Reading of the Scripture** Suzanne Taylor  
Matthew 14:13-21

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



**Offertory Prayer**

**Offertory Anthem**  
*In This Very Room*

In this very room, there's quite enough love for one like me.  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for one like me.  
And there's quite enough hope,  
And quite enough power  
To chase away any gloom  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus  
Is in this very room.

And in this very room, there's quite enough love for all of us.  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all of us.  
And there's quite enough hope,  
And quite enough power  
To chase away any gloom  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus  
Is in this very room.

And in this very room, there's quite enough love for all the world.  
And in this very room, there's quite enough joy for all the world.  
And there's quite enough hope,  
And quite enough power  
To chase away any gloom  
For Jesus, Lord Jesus  
Is in this very room.

**\*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.

**Prayers of the People**

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

**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 Discipleship No. 321**  
Chalice Hymnal

**Message**  
'Desert Provisions'

**\*Hymn of Response No. 540**  
Chalice Hymnal

**Commissioning of the Scattered Church**

**Postlude**

Lynn Bishop

Chancel Choir

OLD HUNDREDTH

Rev. Kheresa Harmon

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*  
BREAD OF LIFE

Rev. Sabrina N. Gilchrist

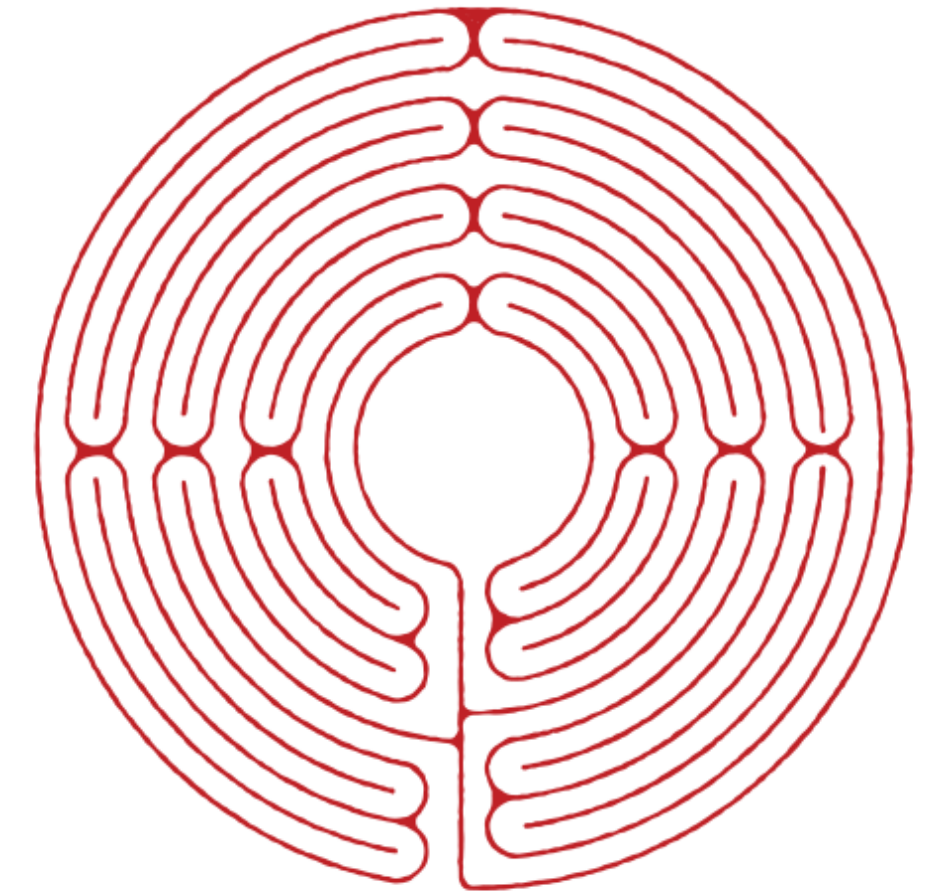
*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*  
ST. MARGARET

Rev. Harmon

J. Noel Lance

## PRAYER LABYRINTH JOURNEY

To get the most out of your prayer labyrinth experience, follow these 3 stages in your journey:



**Stage One:** Place your finger on the labyrinth entrance. Slowly follow its path towards the center. Confront your innermost worries and fears. Name them to God, who walks alongside you as a guide and companion.

**Stage Two:** When you reach the center of the labyrinth pattern, stop and pray, expressing what is on your heart. Ask God for insight, guidance, and peace. Receive what God has for you.

**Stage Three:** Keeping your finger on the pattern, move away from the center towards the entrance. Reflect on your labyrinth experience. Take a greater awareness of God's presence with you throughout your day.

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### Front Cover Artwork:

*Jesus Multiplies the Loaves and Fish*

Notes: JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

Jesus stands in the center inspecting the baskets of leftover food the disciples are bringing to him. All around him are content crowds of people who have just been fed. The miracle of this story rests in Jesus' taking the resources people shared and breaking (read dividing) them among all in attendance that day. Christians are called to live and follow Christ in his example—this means sharing what we have with those around us, especially those in need. In this world, there is plenty to go around. Rather than projecting a gospel of prosperity, we should radiate a gospel of giving.

Date: 1973

Artist: JESUS MAFA

Object/Function: Painting

Country: Cameroon

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## This Summer's Preaching Schedule

- August 13 - Dr. Larry Hovis (Executive Coordinator CBFNC)

## 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@sjcharlotte.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

*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

## Wonderful Wednesday Finale: Cancelled!

Our Wonderful Wednesday Finale, which was scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, beginning at 4:00 p.m., at Big Air in Charlotte, has been canceled. We look forward to the return of Wonderful Wednesdays in summer 2024!

## 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.

## Meet Our 2023 Deacon Nominees!

This year, we present a wonderful slate of deacons for our Administrative, Ministries, and Pastoral Panels. The nominees for the **Administrative Panel** are: Bobbi Sherrill, Raleigh Godsey, Jason Benton, Marc Cardella, and Phillips Bragg. **Ministries Panel**: Lindsay Wilson, Charlie Harper, Rick Walker, and Kathy Mahnesmith. **Pastoral Panel**: Laura Sorrell, Phil Vavra, Cindy McIntyre, Robby Ray, Jamie Loftis, Kimberly Follis, Beverly Hester, and Jordan Benton.

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## The St. John's Pulpit

Worship: August 13  
Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33  
Message Title: 'In and Out'  
Proclaimer: Rev. Larry Hovis, PhD

## This Week at St. John's

Sun., Aug. 6	<b>All Day</b> 9:15 am 10:30 am 10:30 am	<b>John 8:21-30</b> <b>Youth Charlotte Immersion Trip</b> Sunday School/ Learning Groups (Virtual/ in-person) Worship (Sanctuary) Together in Christ International Ministries (Chapel)
Mon., Aug. 7	<b>All Day</b> 10:00 am	<b>John 8:31-41</b> <b>Youth Charlotte Immersion Trip</b> Adventures in Learning Shepherd's Center (Broach Hall)
Tuesday, Aug. 8	<b>All Day</b> 10:30 am 6:30 pm	<b>John 8:42-47</b> <b>Youth Charlotte Immersion Trip</b> Staff Meeting/Worship Planning (Conference Room) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Wed., Aug. 9	6:30 pm	<b>John 8:48-59</b> Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Thursday, Aug. 10	10:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>John 9:1-12</b> Needle Ministry Carolina Premier Practice (Gym) Mixed Metaphors Productions Practice (Room 226)
Friday, Aug. 11	8:00 pm	<b>John 9:13-23</b> Eastway AA (Lasater Hall)
Saturday, Aug. 12	6:30 am 8:00 pm	<b>John 9:24-34</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	Church Staff
Minister for Youth and Young Adults..... Rev. Haley Blackwell	Academy of the Arts Director..... Jessica Borgnis
Senior Minister..... Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD	Media Coordinator ..... Mallory Brown
Minister for Congregational Care ..... Rev. Lee Gray	Children's Music Director ..... Chloe Hall
Minister for Children and Their Families..... Rev. Kheresa Harmon	Organist ..... J. Noel Lance
	Associate Organist..... Dr. Matthew Manwarren
	Custodian..... Chris Mullis
	Church Administrator..... Amanda Morrison
	Weekday School Director..... Lydia Olmsted



# Sunday, August 6, 2023

## 10:30 AM Worship

## St. John's Baptist Church

## Charlotte, North Carolina

## Volunteers for Next Sunday, Aug. 13

Offertory Deacons	Ushers	Nursery
Carter Sorrell	Steve Carter	Charlie Harper
Matt Comer	Laura McGuire	Fredda Kimball
Meredith Sorrell	Betsy Almond	
Minh Callaway	Jeff Almond	
Morgan Newman		
Paul Huffman		