

ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP

Sunday, November 1, 2020

St. John's Baptist Church | Charlotte, NC

BEING CHRIST'S CHURCH IS LIKE A TEAM

Greeting & Prayer of Submission

Rev. Allison Benfield

Hymn of Praise

All Are Welcome

Let us build a house where love can dwell,
and all can safely live, a place where saints
and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.

Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions.

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures

Nehemiah 4:6-9, 6:1-3

Bert Green, reader

So we rebuilt the wall, and all the wall was joined together to half its height; for the people had a mind to work. But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and the gaps were beginning to be closed, they were very angry, and all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. So we prayed to our God, and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

Now when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah and to Geshem the Arab and to the rest of our enemies that I had built the wall and that there was no gap left in it (though up to that time I had not set up the doors in the gates), Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come and let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono." But they intended to do me harm. So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it to come down to you?"

This is the written word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Song

I'm Working on a Building

Hymn

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion, company divine!
We live and struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Martin Luther and Elizabeth Munstdorp, to Claude Broach and Jonnie McLeod.

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime. We thank You for the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands, wives and parents who have passed on ahead of us. Those close in our hearts, we remember you.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those who have passed on ahead of us this past year, knowing they are with You forever.

Harry Barr, Judy Biber, Edith Breckenridge, Richard Gordon Canady, , Monette Gosset, Carolyn Hicks, Alice Jordan, Janie Kendrick, Lewis Levie, Pat Lloyd, Mike Miller, Helen Moore, Tommy Nations, Helen Neff, Sue Rappe, Henry Snyder, Cherry Sutton, Bryan Thorn, Linda Walker

Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 28:16-20

Janet Jones, reader

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

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Song

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
GRAND ISLE

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
and one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they
were all of them saints of God – and I mean, God help me to be one too.

Opportunity for Giving

Offertory

Message

“A Championship Team”
Rev. Lee Gray

Hymn

They'll Know We are Christians
ST. BRENDAN'S

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride:
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Rev. Gray

Postlude

J. Noel Lance
For All the Saints
by Carolyn Hamlin