
Worship at St. John's Baptist Church

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Greeting & Prayer of Submission

Rev. Lee Gray

Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

J. Kevin Gray and Jesse Roberts

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's redeeming love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 6:1-8

Stephen Follis, reader

Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven. "So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

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

Song of Response

When Giving Your Gifts

by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

J. Kevin Gray and Jesse Roberts

When giving your gifts, don't let others see;
don't point to yourselves and say, "Look at me!"
For some think that praise is its own great reward,
but gifts made in secret are blessed by the Lord.

When talking to God, don't be on display;
just go in your room and quietly pray.
And when you are fasting, don't make it a show,
for God is the only one needing to know.

The Church at Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Benfield

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

BEECHER

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Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift which you impart.

Message

And Whenever You Pray

Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Hymn of Discipleship

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Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, goodwill and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live

Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

Postlude

Toccata on Darwells

J. Noel Lance