

# ST. JOHN'S WORSHIP

Sunday, March 21, 2021  
St. John's Baptist Church | Charlotte, NC  
Heritage Sunday

Observing St. John's 99th Birthday  
Rev. Dennis W. Foust, PhD

Heritage Sunday: The Beginnings  
Fredda Kimball, Church Archivist & Sally Young, Chair of Deacons

A Moment for Reflection on Our Ministry in Daily Life  
*O, I Will Let God Direct My Footsteps*  
by J. Kevin Gray

O, I will let God direct my footsteps, I'll change the world through the love of Christ.  
I'll seek his face each day I wake up. I'll spread God's word through daily life.

Greeting & Prayer of Submission  
Rev. Allison Benfield

Hymn of Praise  
*How Great Thou Art*

Oh Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
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Reflection  
How are you continuing Jesus' ministry?

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles  
Steve Hoffman, reader  
Acts 1:1-8

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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



## Reflection

"God calls each of us to a relational mission that is redemptive in nature.  
This redemption is both personal and social."  
-Findley Edge

## The Church at Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Lee Gray

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.

## Song of Response

*O, to Be Like Thee*  
RONDINELLA

O to be like Thee! blessed Redeemer;  
This is my constant longing and prayer;  
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures,  
Jesus, Thy perfect likeness to wear.

O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee!  
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art;  
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;  
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart.

## Message

*Power for a Purpose*  
Dr. Foust

## Reflection

How does your work or volunteerism express your ministry in daily life?

## Song of Commitment

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Jan Kerley, J. Kevin Gray, and Reneé Hutchison, trio

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## Commissioning the Scattered Church

Dr. Foust

## Postlude

*My Jesus, I Love Thee*  
arr. Diane Bish  
J. Noel Lance