



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

*St. John's United Methodist Church
Rock Hill, South Carolina*

The Worship of God

23 August 2020 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE SILENT MEDITATION

"O God: Keep us safe, healthy, and strong. Let our material masks unmask the truth of who we are, that together we may discover our common humanity, and by doing so, truly embody the institutional value of excellence. That is, the most excellent way of love, justice and peace."

~ Reverend Dr. Luke Powery, *Dean, Duke University Chapel*

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

Sarah D. Crockford, *Director of Children's Ministries*

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
setting by Edwin T. Childs

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Leader: *Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!*

People: Praise be to God, the Giver of many gifts!

Leader: *Our help is in God's name, the One who calls us here.*

**People: We come with songs of praise,
with prayers too deep for words.**

Leader: *Blessed be the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth!*

ALL: Blessed be the Lord!

†THE OPENING HYMN

"Maker, in Whom We Live"

Hymnal, No. 88

- 1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song, and echoes to the sky.**
- 2. Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"**
- 3. Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.**

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Affirmation from Romans

Hymnal, No. 887

Leader: *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?*

*Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?*

ALL : No!

**In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,**

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will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

†THE GLORIA PATRI

Hymnal, No. 71

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

THE MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(in unison)*

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 16: 13 – 20

The Reverend Dr. Anthony Hodge
Superintendent – Rock Hill District

THE SERMON

"Self Identification is Important"

THE OFFERING

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Kristi Cutler, *mezzo-soprano*
arr. by Ron Harris

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Please remember that due to the virtual worship environment in which we find ourselves, giving has been slowed.

Please do your very best to check your giving records and keep them as current as absolutely possible.

Please contact the business office if you need assistance in any way.

Again, thanks most greatly!

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Ryan L. Powell

†THE CLOSING HYMN

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee"

Hymnal, No. 175

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
2. O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
3. But what to those who find. Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is, none but his loved ones know.
4. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Trumpet Tune in D"

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
by David German



WELCOME GUESTS

As part of the living Body of Christ, we are called to love as Christ loved. We believe that we are to love and welcome all persons—and by that we mean *ALL*, because each and every person is created in the image of God, is of infinite worth and represents someone “for whom Christ died!” (Rom. 14:15) Therefore, we welcome persons of every race, socioeconomic status, family make-up, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, mental and physical ability and faith story. We invite *ALL* persons to join us on our journey together as we strive to practice loving acceptance of each person and engage in respectful discussion of our differences. To fully experience this welcome, we encourage visitors and new members to become involved in a small group within the Church, such as a Sunday School class, Bible study, ministry group, or volunteer opportunity. To learn more about the life and ministries of our church, visit www.stjohnsrh.org. **Please register your attendance with us by using the link provided during our Livestream of worship today!**



Serving this Morning

Preacher	Anthony Hodge
Liturgists:	David C. Surrett Ryan L. Powell Sarah D. Crockford
Music	Timothy D. Belflowers Kristi Cutler
Audio Visual Team	Hannah Lunny Val Kenney Evan Crockford

Our Ministry Staff

Reverend David C. Surrett, *Senior Pastor*
Reverend Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*
Dallas Ball, *Contemporary Worship Coordinator*
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