



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

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

The Worship of God

30 August 2020 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE SILENT MEDITATION

"All are lunatics, but he who can analyze his delusion is called a philosopher."

~ Ambrose Bierce, *The Collected Writings of Ambrose Bierce*

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

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

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Pastorale"

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
by Ovid Young

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Leader: *I will sing of the tender mercies of the Lord forever!
Young and old will hear of your faithfulness.*

People: **Your unfailing love will last forever.
Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens.**

Leader: *Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship,*

ALL: **for they will walk in the light of your presence.**

†THE OPENING HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal, No. 139

1. **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!**
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!
2. **Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,**
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed,
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.
3. **Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!**
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Hymnal, No. 885

Leader: *Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

ALL: **We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, powers, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

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**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. 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 MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Amazing Grace"

Lauren Pace, *soprano*; Kristi Cutler, *mezzo-soprano*
arr. by Ovid Young

THE MORNING PRAYER

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 14: 22 – 33

Rev. David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*

THE SERMON

"Dreams, Delusions, Dependence"

THE OFFERING

"Draw Me Nearer"

Lauren Pace, *soprano*; Kristi Cutler, *mezzo-soprano*
arr. by Ovid Young

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The church leadership is deeply grateful for all financial giving in 2020.

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

†THE CLOSING HYMN

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

Hymnal, No. 399

- 1. Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my fee, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**
- 2. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.**
- 3. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
by Craig Phillips

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	David C. Surrent
Liturgist:	Sarah D. Crockford
Music	Timothy D. Belflowers Kristi Cutler Lauren Pace
Audio Visual Team	Val Kenney Hannah Lunny Evan Crockford

Our Ministry Staff

Reverend David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*
Reverend Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*
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Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *Director of Music and Worship & Organist*
Sharon Booth, *Church Business Administrator*
Sarah D. Crockford, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Angela Douglas, *Housekeeper*
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Lexie Grainger, *Nursery Coordinator*
Linda Greene, *Director of After-School Program*
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