



But who
do you say
that I am?

Matthew 16

THE TENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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

The Worship of God

9 August 2020 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE SILENT MEDITATION

"As Luke's story unfolds, Jesus continues to undermine expectations involving political power and Jewish identity. In his first public appearance, in a synagogue service, he claims to be the Messiah, which creates quite a buzz of support – until he tells them that he will bless Gentiles and be rejected by his own kinsmen. The crowd responds by trying to throw Jesus off a cliff. Israel's Messiah isn't supposed to say things like this."

~ Peter Enns, *The Bible Tells Me So:
Why Defending Scripture Has Made Us Unable to Read It*

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

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

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
by Louis Lefébure-Wély

"Élévation"

THE INVOCATION

Rev. Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Leader: *They went to Jesus, and he asked them...*

People: **Who do you say I am?**

Leader: *They answered,*

People: **You are the eschatological manifestation
of the ground of our being,
the proclamation of which we find meaning
in our interpersonal relationships.**

Leader: *And Jesus said,
What!?!*

People: **Faith doesn't have to be that hard.
Life doesn't have to be that difficult.**

Leader: *Sometimes, we just have to live out God's love.
Sometimes, we just have to live what we believe.*

ALL: **And so here we are, simply...
to sing,
to celebrate,
to worship God!**

†THE OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

Hymnal No. 559

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church one;
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.
2. To this temple, where we call thee, come, O lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving kindness hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always.
3. Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory, while unending ages run.

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. *(continued...)*

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. 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

Sarah D. Crockford

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"It Is Well"

The Contemporary Worship Band
by Kristene DiMarco

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 16: 13 – 20

Rev. David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*

THE SERMON

"Not A Discount Store Jesus"

THE OFFERING

"Good, Good Father"

The Contemporary Worship Band
by Barrett & Brown

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

Again, thanks most greatly!

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. David C. Surrent

†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

"Tuba Tune in D"

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
by C. S. Lang



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
Liturgists:	Ryan L. Powell Sarah D. Crockford
Music	Timothy D. Belflowers The Contemporary Worship Band
Audio Visual Team	Hannah Lunny Val Kenney Evan Crockford Katie Crockford



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