



# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

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



## THE SILENT MEDITATION

*"Forgiving and being reconciled to our enemies or our loved ones are not about pretending that things are other than they are. It is not about patting one another on the back and turning a blind eye to the wrong. True reconciliation exposes the awfulness, the abuse, the hurt, the truth. It could even sometimes make things worse. It is a risky undertaking but in the end it is worthwhile, because in the end only an honest confrontation with reality can bring real healing. Superficial reconciliation can bring only superficial healing."*

Desmond Tutu

## *The Worship of God*

27 September 2020 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

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

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

*"Prelude on 'Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song'"*

*Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, organ  
by James Biery*

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

*Rev. Ryan L. Powell, Associate Pastor*

Leader: *Holy God, as we gather this morning, we are distracted.*

People: **Grant us focus.**

Leader: *We are worried.*

People: **Grant us peace.**

Leader: *Our lives are cluttered.*

People: **Grant us space.**

Leader: *Our minds are racing*

People: **Slow us down.**

Leader: *Our hands are clinging to so many things.*

People: **Loosen our grasp.**

Leader: *May we release the many things of this world*

People: **As we seek the one thing — Your Eternal Kingdom. Amen!**

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
4. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the ever lasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
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## †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, power, 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.

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

Sarah D. Crockford

## THE MOMENT FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Ryan L. Powell

## 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 6: 1 – 18

Rev. David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*

THE SERMON

Practical Living Sermon Series

*“How To Have A Rewarding Spiritual Life –  
The Big Prizes For The Grand Life”*

THE OFFERING

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*  
arr. by Dan Miller

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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 best to monitor your giving records and keep them as current as absolutely possible.*

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

*Again, thanks most greatly!*

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

†THE CLOSING HYMN

*“More Love to Thee, O Christ”*

Hymnal, No. 453

1. **More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!**  
**Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.**  
**This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;**  
**more love to thee, more love to thee!**
2. **Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;**  
**now thee alone I seek, give what is best.**  
**This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;**  
**more love to thee, more love to thee!**
3. **Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;**  
**sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,**  
**when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;**  
**more love to thee, more love to thee!**
4. **Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;**  
**this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;**  
**this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;**  
**more love to thee, more love to thee!**

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*“Rondeau: Sinfonies de Fanfares”*

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*  
by Jean Joseph Mouret



## 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](http://www.stjohnsrh.org). **Please register your attendance with us by using the link provided during our Livestream of worship today!**

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## Serving this Morning

<b>Preacher</b>	David C. Surrent
<b>Liturgist:</b>	Ryan L. Powell Sarah D. Crockford
<b>Music</b>	Timothy D. Belflowers Kristi Cutler Lauren Pace
<b>Audio Visual Team</b>	Val Kenney Hannah Lunny Evan Crockford

## Our Ministry Staff

Reverend David C. Surrent, *Senior Minister*  
Reverend Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Minister*  
Dallas Ball, *Contemporary Worship Coordinator*  
Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *Director of Music and Worship & Organist*  
Sarah D. Crockford, *Director of Children's Ministries*  
Angela Douglas, *Housekeeper*  
Katie Goodwin, *Director of Weekday Ministries*  
Lexie Grainger, *Nursery Coordinator*  
Linda Greene, *Director of After-School Program*  
Val Kenney, *Director of Youth & College Ministries*  
Hannah Lunny, *Director of Communications*  
David Powell, *Facilities Manager*

