

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

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



THE SILENT MEDITATION

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

~ Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*



The Worship of God

18 October 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

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

*Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, organ
setting by Robert Lau*

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Leader: *Christ asked Peter if he loved him.*

People: **Peter affirmed three times his love of the Lord.**

Leader: *Christ asks us if we love him.*

People: **We affirm our love of the Lord in our worship.**

Leader: *Christ calls us to demonstrate our love in service.*

People: **Lord, help us to witness to your love in the ways
In which we care for others!**

ALL: **Amen!**

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†THE OPENING HYMN

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

alt. tune: DIX

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM CORINTHIANS AND COLOSSIANS

Hymnal, No. 888

Leader: *This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:*

ALL: Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.

(1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 6; Colossians 1: 15 –20)

†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

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.

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THE OFFERING

*"Be Thou My Vision"*Lauren Pace, *soprano*
arr. by Craig Courtney~ To give electronically, please use the **"St. John's UMC – Rock Hill"** app OR text **stjohnsrhgive** to 77977 ~*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 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

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service"

Hymnal, No. 581

1. Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, offered mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
Consecrating to your purpose every gift that you impart.
2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.
3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.
4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

†THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*"Suite Gothique: 'Toccata'"*Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
by Léon Boëllmann

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!**

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Serving this Morning

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