

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

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



THE SILENT MEDITATIONS

"To be commanded to love God at all, let alone in the wilderness, is like being commanded to be well when we are sick, to sing for joy when we are dying of thirst, to run when our legs are broken. But this is the first and great commandment nonetheless. Even in the wilderness - especially in the wilderness - you shall love him."

~ Frederick Buechner,

A Room Called Remember: Uncollected Pieces

"Be strong, live happy and love, but first of all Him whom to love is to obey, and keep His great command!"

~ John Milton, *Paradise Lost*



The Worship of God

25 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

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
setting by Paul Manz

"Allegretto on 'Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices'"

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Leader: *We are called to be the people of God's kingdom.*

People: **In God's realm we will find healing and hope.**

Leader: *We are called to be people who love as God has loved us.*

People: **In God's world, we will reach out with God's
Love to all God's people**

Leader: *We are called to be those who would serve.*

People: **Lord, be with us as we serve through helping others in need.**

ALL: **Amen!**

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†THE OPENING HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Hymnal No. 117

1. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!
2. Under the shadow of thy throne, still may we dwell secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
From everlasting, thou art God, to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages, in thy sight, are like and evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night, before the rising sun.
5. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

†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.

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

*"Prayer of St. Francis"*Lauren Pace, *soprano*
by Allen Pote

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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

"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

Hymnal, No. 648

1. **God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind sped flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.**
2. **Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, word made flesh, love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all pastors, learn and live a shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.**
3. **Great Creator, life bestower, truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts
oversee her life steadfastly yet not overlook her faults.**
4. **Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.**

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

†THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*"The God of Abraham Praise"*Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
arr. by Michael Burkhardt

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

Preacher:	Charles Farnum
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Music:	Timothy D. Belflowers Lauren Pace
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Our Ministry Staff

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