

ORDER OF WORSHIP

†Please rise in body or in Spirit

† Gathering Songs of Praise	<i>Hallelujah (Your Love is Amazing)</i> <i>Hallelujah Medley</i>
† Welcome	Ryan L. Powell
† Affirming Our Faith	<i>The Apostles' Creed</i>
Joys and Concerns	Sarah D. Crockford
Moment for Stewardship	Max Marks
Tithes & Offerings	<i>Room at the Table</i>
† Gospel Lesson	<i>Matthew 25: 14 - 30</i>
Message	David C. Surrent
† Closing Song of Praise	<i>Take My Life and Let It Be/ I Surrender All Medley</i>
† Benediction	David C. Surrent

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**The Contemporary Worship Band
leads worship today through music.**

WELCOME

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 presence with us by signing the attendance registry.

TODAY TEXT - Matthew 25: 14 - 30

David C. Surrett, *Senior Pastor*

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time, the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ‘So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”



THE APOSTLES' CREED

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. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary has resumed on **Sunday mornings at 11:00 AM**. Due to limited seating capacity, reservations are needed. **Each Sunday at 3:00 PM**, reservations open to the congregation via the church website for the next Sunday.

Once capacity has been reached, a waitlist is generated. Please make your reservation even if you are put on a waiting list - as this helps us determine when we will expand our seating capacity.



Contemporary Worship will resume “in-person” worship on **Sunday, November 29th** in the St. John’s Center. Like the Traditional service, reservations will be required and seating is limited. Stay tuned to social media outlets for St. John’s for more information in the coming days.



Volunteers are needed to staff the “Registration” desk on Sunday mornings (9 AM & 11 AM services) to check-in worshippers. If you would like to volunteer to serve as an Ambassador and check people in, contact **Timothy Belflowers** via email at: tbelflowers@stjohnsrh.org.

Those persons who volunteer are automatically reserved a space for worship.