



THE NINETH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

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

The Worship of God

2 August 2020 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE SILENT MEDITATION

"If believers would consider ministry to occur 'where two or three' are gathered unto His name, all sorts of opportunities throughout the day and week would open up."

~ Henry Hon, *ONE: Unfolding God's Eternal Purpose from House to House*

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

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

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Festival Prelude on 'HYFRYDOL'"

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
by Alfred V. Fedak

THE INVOCATION

Rev. Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Leader: *Come, children of God,
rejoice in your Maker!*

People: **Sing songs and hymns, old and new;
celebrate with voice and instruments,
with praise and prayers!**

Leader: *Open your eyes to the life-giving presence of Jesus Christ.*

People: **For God is already here,
among us and within in,
bringing new life to all who believe.**

ALL: **Let's praise God together!**

†THE OPENING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn No. 384
Tune: HYFRYDOL

1. **Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**
2. **Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**
3. **Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

†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.

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.

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†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 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 18: 15–20

Rev. David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*

THE SERMON

"Tips for Tussles"

THE OFFERING

"How Excellent Is Thy Name"

Lauren Pace, *soprano*
by Don McAfee

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Please remember that due to the virtual worship environment in which we find ourselves, giving has been slowed.
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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

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

Hymn No. 557

1. **Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**
2. **Before our Father's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.**
3. **We share each other's woes, our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.**
4. **When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet again.**

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"The God of Abraham Praise"

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
setting 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!**

Serving this Morning

Preacher	David C. Surrent
Liturgists:	Ryan L. Powell Sarah D. Crockford
Music	Timothy D. Belflowers Lauren Pace
Audio Visual Team	Hannah Lunny Val Kenney Evan Crockford Katie Crockford



Our Ministry Staff

Reverend David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*
Reverend Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*
Dallas Ball, *Contemporary Worship Coordinator*
Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *Director of Music and Worship & Organist*
Sharon Booth, *Church Business Administrator*
Sarah D. Crockford, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Angela Douglas, *Housekeeper*
Katie Goodwin, *Director of Preschool*
Lexie Grainger, *Nursery Coordinator*
Linda Greene, *Director of After-School*
Val Kenney, *Director of Youth & College Ministries*
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