



# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

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

# *The Worship of God*

26 July 2020 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

## THE SILENT MEDITATION

*"When belonging to an elite group eclipses the love of God, when I draw life and meaning from any source other than my belovedness, I am spiritually dead. When God gets relegated to second place behind any bauble or trinket, I have swapped the pearl of great price for painted fragments of glass.*

~ Brennan Manning, *Abba's Child: The Cry of the Heart for Intimate Belonging and Bonus Content*

## THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

## THE GREETING AND WELCOME

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

## THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Katie Crockford, *trumpet*  
arr. by Gary Lanier

*"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

## †THE INVOCATION

Rev. David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*

## †THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Leader: *The kingdom of God is here, and coming.*

People: **A mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;  
it is the smallest of all the seeds,  
but when it has grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree,  
so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.**

Leader: *The kingdom of God is here, and coming.*

People: **Yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour  
until all was leavened.**

Leader: *The kingdom of God is here, and coming.*

People: **Treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid;  
then joyfully sells all he has and buys the field.**

Leader: *The kingdom of God is here, and coming.*

People: **A merchant in search of fine pearls;  
on finding one of great value,  
sells all of his possessions and buys the pearl.**

Leader: *The kingdom of God is here, and coming.*

ALL: **Let all who have ears, hear!**

## †THE OPENING HYMN

*"O Spirit of the Living God"*

Hymn No. 539

1. **O Spirit of the living God, thou light and fire divine,  
descend upon thy church once more, and make it truly thine.  
Fill it with love and joy and power, with righteousness and peace;  
Till Christ shall dwell in human hearts, and sin and sorrow cease.**
2. **Teach us to utter living words of truth which all may hear,  
the language all may understand when love speaks loud and clear;  
till every age and race and clime shall blend their creeds in one,  
and earth shall form one family by whom thy will is done.**
3. **So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;  
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;  
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;  
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!**

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†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

†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 13: 44 -46

Rev. Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

Katie Crockford, *trumpet*  
arr. by Gary Lanier

*"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"*

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

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

*Again, thanks most greatly!*

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Ryan L. Powell

†THE CLOSING HYMN

*"For the Fruits of This Creation"*

Hymn No. 97

1. For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;  
for good gifts of every nation, thanks be to God;  
for the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvest we are sharing, God's will is done.
3. For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

## †THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

## THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*“Psalm XIX”*

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*  
by Benedetto Marcello

*The flowers in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Nell McCutchen –  
born July 18, 1900 – by her daughter and congregation member, Lura Holler*

## 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!**

## Serving this Morning

<b>Preacher</b>	Ryan L. Powell
<b>Liturgists</b>	David C. Surrect Sarah D. Crockford
<b>Music</b>	Timothy D. Belflowers Katie Crockford
<b>Audio Visual Team</b>	Hannah Lunny Val Kenney Evan Crockford

## Our Ministry Staff

Reverend David C. Surrect, *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*  
Hannah Lunny, *Director of Communications*  
David Powell, *Facilities Manager*

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