



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

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

The Worship of God

16 August 2020 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE SILENT MEDITATION

"Say what you will about the Ten Commandments, you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only ten of them."
~ H. L. Mencken

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

Rev. Jan S. Dimick, *Member of the Congregation*

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Lord Jesus Christ, Turn Thou to Us"

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
by Johann Gottfried Walther

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Leader: *Holy are you, O God of grace and mercy.
May all the nations praise you, O God.*

People: **May all the nations of the earth joyfully
sing because God's justice is supreme!**

Leader: *May the love that lights up the face of God
shine with favor upon us and bless us;*

People: **teaching us God's way of living and loving
so that we may witness to that love and grace.**

Leader: *We gather to worship our wise and holy God.
We are in awe and revere you for your saving works.*

People: **We come together to seek your blessing, O God.
Praise be to our generous and just God. Amen!**

†THE OPENING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymnal, No. 103

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
2. **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
3. **Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

An Affirmation from Romans

Hymnal, No. 887

Leader: *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress,
or persecution or famine,
or nakedness or peril or sword?*

ALL : **No!
In all things we are more than conquerors
through the One who loved us.
We are sure that neither
death nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities,**

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nor things present, not things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Thanks be to God! 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

Rev. Jan S. Dimick

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Softly and Tenderly"

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
setting by Raymond H. Haan

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 EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12: 1 – 8

Rev. Ryan L Powell, *Associate Pastor*

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

"There Is A Balm in Gilead"

Clay Summers, *tenor*
arr. by Mark Hayes

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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.

Should you need assistance in any way, please contact the business office.

Again, thanks most greatly!

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Ryan L. Powell

†THE CLOSING HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Hymnal, No. 452

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O Let me from this day be wholly thine!
2. May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure,
warm, and changeless be, a living fire!
3. When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll;
Blest Savior, then in love, fear and distrust remove;
O blest me safe above, a ransomed soul!

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Improvisation on 'Duke Street'"

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*



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 attendance with us by using the link provided during our Livestream of worship today!**



Serving this Morning

Preacher	Ryan L. Powell
Liturgist:	Jan S. Dimick
Music	Timothy D. Belflowers Clay Summers
Audio Visual Team	Hannah Lunny Val Kenney Larry Dimick

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*
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