



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY after PENTECOST

at

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

The Worship of God

13 September 2020 at Eleven o'clock in the morning

THE SILENT MEDITATION

"Here's a little song I wrote. You might want to sing it note for note. Don't worry, be happy. In every life we have some trouble, but when you worry, you make it double. Don't worry, be happy. Don't worry, be happy now.

~ Bobby McFerrin, Don't Worry Be Happy (excerpt)

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

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

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Variations on NETTLETON"

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
setting by Undine S. Moore

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Rev. Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*

Leader: *We come to worship, weighed down with worry;*

People: **Worry about money, worry about work,
worry about the future.**

Leader: *We come to worship hoping to hear a word;*

People: **A word of hope, a word of assurance, a word of peace.**

Leader: *Jesus reminds us that we do not need to worry.*

*If God cares for the birds of the air and the grass of field,
won't God care for each one of us?*

ALL: **Let us worship God!**

†THE OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Hymnal, No. 400

1. **Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.**
2. **Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**
3. **O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.**

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Modern Affirmation

Hymnal, No. 885

Leader: *Where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is the one true church, apostolic and universal,
whose holy faith let us now declare:*

ALL : **We believe in God the Father,
infinite in wisdom, power, and love,
whose mercy is over all his works,
and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.**
**We believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Son of man,
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,
the ground of our hope,
and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
as the divine presence in our lives,
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance
of the truth of Christ,
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love
as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord,
to the end that the kingdom of God
may come upon the earth. 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 BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"Seek Ye First"

Larry Dimick, *dulcimer*
arr. Dimick/Belflowers

THE MOMENT FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Rev. Ryan L. Powell

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 6: 25 – 34

Rev. David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*

THE SERMON

Practical Living Sermon Series

"Money and Faith....Savior or Stuff"

THE OFFERING

"Satisfied Mind"

Larry Dimick, *guitar*
by Rhodes/Hayes

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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

†THE CLOSING HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

Hymnal, No. 369

1. **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

**REFRAIN: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

2. **Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (REFRAIN)**
3. **Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (REFRAIN)**

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Toccata on 'Amazing Grace'"

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
by Christopher J. Pardini

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
Liturgist:	Ryan L. Powell Sarah D. Crockford
Music	Timothy D. Belflowers Larry Dimick
Audio Visual Team	Val Kenney Hannah Lunny Evan Crockford

Our Ministry Staff

Reverend David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*
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