



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

October 11, 2020
10:00 AM

The Nineteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

The Worship of God

† Please rise in body or in spirit.

THE SILENT MEDITATIONS

"Holy Communion is offered to all, as surely as the living Jesus Christ is for all, as surely as all of us are not divided in him, but belong together as brothers and sisters, all of us poor sinners, all of us rich through his mercy. Amen."

~ Karl Barth, *Deliverance to the Captives*

"It just seems helpful to admit that Christianity is as complicated and conflicted as any other religion, with groups of followers who can believe in the unity of their faith even as they refuse Communion to one another."

~ Barbara Brown Taylor, *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others*

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE GREETING AND WELCOME

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

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Liturgical Improvisation No. 3"

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
by George Oldroyd

†THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsively*)

Rev. Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*

Leader: *We gather this day to break bread and pour wine.*

People: We gather with the whole world in heart and mind.

Leader: *Around the world the broken body is made whole.*

People: As part of that body we join in its unity.

Leader: *Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.*

People: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

Leader: *Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.*

ALL: Let us Worship God!

1. Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;
let every soul be Jesus' guest.
You need not one be left behind,
for God hath bid all humankind.
2. Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,
ye restless wanderers after rest;
ye poor, and maimed, and halt, and blind,
in Christ a hearty welcome find.
3. This is the time, no more delay!
This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call,
and live for him who died for all.

†THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM CORINTHIANS AND COLOSSIANS

Hymnal, No. 888

Leader: *This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved:*

**ALL: Christ died for our sins,
was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.**

**Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. Amen.**

(1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 6: Colossians 1: 15 – 20)

†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 OFFERING

Lauren Pace, *soprano*
by Hal H. Hopson*"Come to the Table"*

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Please contact the business office should you need assistance in any way.
Again, our most gracious thanks!*

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 20: 1 – 16

Rev. David C. Surrent, *Senior Pastor*

THE HOMILY

"A Grumbling, Mumbling or Bumbling God of Grace"

People: God of Glory,
 you sent Jesus among us as the Light of the world,
 to reveal your love for all people.
 We confess that our sin and pride
 hide the brightness of your light.
 We turn away from the poor;
 we ignore the cries for justice;
 we do not strive for peace.
 In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
 and baptize us once again with your Spirit,
 that, forgiven and renewed,
 we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen

Pastor: Hear these comforting and empowering words from the scriptures: "If we confess our sins,
 he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
All: Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. David C. Surrent, Senior Pastor

Celebrant: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: *It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: *Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. He showed the people how they had taken your Law and distorted it. He has shown us the better way that leads us back to life...*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: *Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...*
Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: *And now with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray...*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*~ The United Methodist communion table is open to all who wish to receive the sacrament.
 Today at St. John's, we will receive communion by way of pre-packaged elements for safety purposes.
 The ministerial staff will serve you at your seat.
 Please dispose of your used containers when leaving worship. ~*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

REFRAIN: *One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

1. **Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more.
(REFRAIN)**
2. **Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all.
(REFRAIN)**
3. **Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
Gathered to one, for all.
(REFRAIN)**

†THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

†THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*"Improvisation on 'RESTORATION'"*Dr. Belflowers, *organ*

Serving this Morning

Preacher:	David C. Surrent
Liturgist:	Ryan L. Powell Sarah D. Crockford
Music:	Timothy D. Belflowers Lauren Pace
Production Team:	Val Kenney Hannah Lunny Evan Crockford

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!**

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