



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

THE FIFTEENTH DAY *of* NOVEMBER, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

November 15, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

† *Please rise in body or in spirit*

THE SILENT MEDITATIONS

"Do you not know that God entrusted you with that money (all above what buys necessities for your families) to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to help the stranger, the widow, the fatherless; and, indeed, as far as it will go, to relieve the wants of all mankind? How can you, how dare you, defraud the Lord, by applying it to any other purpose?"

"When one becomes a Christian, one becomes industrious, trustworthy and prosperous. Now, if that individual when they get all they can and saves all they can, does not give all they can, I have more hope for Judas Iscariot than for that individual!"

~ John Wesley

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah D. Crockford, *Director of Ministries*

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
by Flor Peeters

"Aria"

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:*

**People: where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader: *We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:*

**People: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Leader: *We come, for God reunited us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:*

**People: where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

THE OPENING HYMN

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

GROSSER GOTT

~ The hymn will be sung on behalf of the congregation.

You are invited to worship through song as the Choral Scholar sings ~

† THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Emily S. Bell, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Leader: *Now let us unite our voices and say what we believe through this Modern Affirmation of Faith.*

**ALL: I believe in a God
who created all things
and seeks for all to be in communion as God's people.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ
who showed us how to share love,
and who commissioned us to go out into
the highways and byways, inviting all
to be a part of God's work in the world.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit
who leads and guides us into the world,
then touches the lives of those around us
in ways that make them receptive to love.**

**I believe in the harvest and the call for laborers
to receive and respond,
sharing light and life with the world. Amen.**

† THE GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

THE MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Max Marks, *Chair, Finance Committee*

THE MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

Emily S. Bell, *Director of Children's Ministries*

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Lauren Pace, *soprano*
by Edwin Childs

THE MOMENT FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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 SEQUENCE HYMN

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

tune: BOYLSTON

~ The hymn will be sung on behalf of the congregation.

You are invited to worship through song as the Choral Scholar sings ~

† THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25: 14 – 30

Reverend David C. Surret

THE SERMON

"Little or Much"

THE OFFERING

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Lauren Pace, *soprano*; Kristi Cutler, *mezzo*
arr. by Tom Fettke

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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 best to monitor your giving records and keep them as current as absolutely possible.

Offering plates are available at the Annex as you exit the Sanctuary.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Reverend David C. Surret

THE CLOSING HYMN

"What Gift Can We Bring"

tune: ANNIVERSARY SONG

~ The hymn will be sung on behalf of the congregation.

You are invited to worship through song as the Choral Scholar sings ~

† THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

† THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*
arr. by Diane Bish

*~ The congregation is invited to be seated for the Closing Voluntary
until your pew is dismissed by an Usher.*

*You are then invited to come forward as you exit the Sanctuary
and place your pledge card in the box in front of the Retable ~*



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.

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Serving this Morning

Preacher:	David C. Surrett
Liturgists:	Emily S. Bell Sarah D. Crockford Max Marks
Music:	Timothy D. Belflowers Lauren Pace Kristi Cutler
Production Team:	Hannah Lunny Evan Crockford

Our Ministry Staff

Reverend David C. Surrett, *Senior Minister*
Reverend Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Minister*
Dallas Ball, *Contemporary Worship Coordinator*
Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *Director of Music and Worship & Organist*
Emily S. Bell, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Sarah D. Crockford, *Director of Ministries*
Angela Douglas, *Housekeeper*
Katie Goodwin, *Director of Weekday Ministries*
Lexie Grainger, *Nursery Coordinator*
Linda Greene, *Director of After-School Program*
Hannah Lunny, *Director of Communications*
David Powell, *Facilities Manager*

