



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

THE EIGHTH DAY *of* NOVEMBER, 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

November 8, 2020 ~ 11:00 AM

† *Please rise in body or in spirit*

THE SILENT MEDITATIONS

"Abundance isn't God's provision for me to live in luxury. It's his provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with his money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven."

"Too often we assume that God has increased our income to increase our standard of living, when his stated purpose is to increase our standard of giving."

"God comes right out and tells us why he gives us more money than we need. It's not so we can find more ways to spend it. It's not so we can indulge ourselves and spoil our children. It's not so we can insulate ourselves from needing God's provision. It's so we can give and give generously (2 Corinthians 8:14; 9:11)"

~ Randy Alcorn, *Money, Possessions and Eternity*

THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah D. Crockford, *Director of Ministries*

THE INVOCATION

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

"Prelude on 'Londonderry Air'"

Dr. Timothy D. Belflowers, *organ*
arr. by Noel Rawsthorne

† THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: *The God of our ancestors has led us to this place.*

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: *We have sworn to teach God's promises to all generations.*

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: *The time is coming when Christ will come again in glory.*

People: We are witnesses.

Leader: *Let us tell the world of God's faithful love.*

People: We will worship and witness together!

THE OPENING HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

DARWELL's 148th

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

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

† THE ATHASIAN CREED

Reverend David C. Surrett, *Senior Pastor*

Leader: *Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?*

People: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: *Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?*

People: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: *Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?*

People: We believe and trust in him.

Leader: *This is the faith of the Church.*

People: This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

~ Modified from the *Book of Common Prayer*

† THE GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

THE MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

J.D. and Krystal Teague

THE MOMENT FOR CHILDREN

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

THE MOMENT FOR CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Reverend David C. Surratt

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

II Corinthians 8:1-15

Reverend Ryan L. Powell, *Associate Pastor*

THE SERMON

THE OFFERING

Lauren Pace, *soprano*

"Spirit of Faith Come Down"

arr. by Mary K. Jackson

~ To give electronically, please use the **"St. John's UMC—Rock Hill"** app OR text **stjohnsrhgive** to 77977 ~

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 stage as you exit the Sanctuary.

THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Reverend Ryan L. Powell

THE CLOSING HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

~ 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

Dr. Belflowers, *organ*

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

by Paul Manz

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



The flowers in the Chancel are given to the glory of God, in honor of Lydia Surratt and Aaron Bauer upon their marriage on October 17, 2020 and in celebration of David and Donna's 37th Wedding Anniversary on November 12, 2020, by the Reverend and Mrs. David C. Surratt.

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.

St. John's United Methodist Church

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Serving this Morning

Preacher:	Ryan L. Powell
Liturgists:	David C. Surrett Sarah D. Crockford Emily S. Bell J. D. & Krystal Teague
Music:	Timothy D. Belflowers Lauren Pace
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*

