

James Island Presbyterian Church
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2020
Order of Worship

Preservice *Gabriel's Oboe* arr Philip Keveren

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Balm in Gilead* arr Sandra Eithun

Call to Worship

*Majestic God, we tremble in awe before you.
Worthy God, we raise Your name in praise.
Sovereign God, we are determined to live into Your ways of justice.
**Holy God, we bow before You. Forgive us. Cleanse us. Free us in the strong name of Jesus.
Come, let us extol the name of the Lord our God!***

Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ST DENIO

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, thank You for the gift of prayer and the many ways it strengthens our labors of love, hope and steadfastness. Help us to live in full conviction of the power of the Holy Spirit among us. Forgive us, Lord, when our living and our loving fall short. Help us to receive Your Word with joy and become examples and encouragers to each other. As we turn from our idols, to You, living God, grant us patience with ourselves and one another as we wait for Your return from heaven. In Jesus' name we pray.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 99* Andrea Quinn

Children's Time Peg Russell

Anthem *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Sermon Reverend Sam Martin

AN EXAMPLE WORTH NOTING

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offertory

Blessed Assurance

arr Hugh Knight

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in A minor

Gottlieb Muffat

Reverend Sam Martin
Hugh Knight, Organist
Peg Russell, Children's Time

Thank you to the Flower Guild for providing the weekly chancel arrangement.

Special Thanks:
Jan Pesavento, Preservice
Adult Bell Choir, Prelude
Andrea Quinn, Scripture Reader

Hymn Singers

Elisha Clyburn, Pam Terelak, Mark Lazarro, and Bob Russell

Virtual Anthem

Chancel Choir Men
John O'Neill, Audio

Taylor Keathley, Video and Technical Support

2020 STEWARDSHIP

Amount Received to Date \$669,305
Amount Budgeted to Date \$785,654

Psalm 99 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

99 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! **2** The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. **3** Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! **4** Mighty King,^[a] lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. **5** Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! **6** Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. **7** He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. **8** O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. **9** Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

Salutation

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly **3** remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. **4** For we know, brothers and sisters^[a] beloved by God, that he has chosen you, **5** because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. **6** And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, **7** so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. **8** For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. **9** For the people of those regions^[b] report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, **10** and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.