

James Island Presbyterian Church  
Twenty first Sunday after Pentecost  
Bring It Forward Sunday  
October 25, 2020

Order of Worship

Preservice *Hope* Tom Gerou

Words of Welcome

Minute for Stewardship John Pritchett

Prelude *Pastorella* Gottlieb Muffat

Call to Worship

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.*

***In You, we come home—to rest, to wrestle, to love, to be loved.***

***We dwell in You even as we gather this day.***

***Come, let us worship the Lord!***

Hymn *Sometimes a Light Surprises* SALLY GARDENS

Prayer of Confession

***Lord, we confess: we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted with good news of Your grace; we relate to others callously as though we do not trust that gospel ourselves; we seek to please and manipulate, using flattery to gain praise and distinction; we use condescension as a mask to cover insecurity or a need for power. Our motives are mixed, impure. Lord, forgive us. Reassure us; cleanse us and forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray.***

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson *Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17* Andrea Quinn

Children's Time Heather Spann

Anthem *What Shall I Bring to the Lord* Robert C Lau

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Sermon Reverend Sam Martin

BUILDING COMMUNITY

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

*Take My Life*

arr Hugh Knight

Doxology

Benediction

Postlude

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

arr Hal Hopson

Reverend Sam Martin  
Hugh Knight, Organist  
Heather Spann, Children's Time

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

Special Thanks:  
Barbara Manaker, Preservice  
Andrea Quinn, Scripture Reader

**Hymn Singers**

Jessica Zieche, Pam Terelak, John Quinn, Bob Russell

**Virtual Anthem**

Chancel Choir from 8/27/2017  
Billy McCord, Soloist

Taylor Keathley, Technical Support

**2020 STEWARDSHIP**

Amount Received to Date \$694,075  
Amount Budgeted to Date \$804,618

## **Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

### **God's Eternity and Human Frailty**

#### **A Prayer of Moses, the man of God.**

**90** Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>3</sup> You turn us<sup>[b]</sup> back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup> You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

<sup>13</sup> Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants! <sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup> Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil. <sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children. <sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!

## **1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

### **Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica**

**2** You yourselves know, brothers and sisters,<sup>[a]</sup> that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle<sup>[b]</sup> among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.