



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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Richmond † Texas

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SEPTEMBER 27, 2020**  
**11:00AM**

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIVE WORSHIP**

You are invited to use this bulletin during our live worship service at 11:00am on Sunday morning. To access our live worship, please [click here](#).

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come to worship today, searching for where God might show up in our life.

**People: And we know that God loves to show up in our lives. Our God feeds us and cares for us. Our God claims us as his Children!**

Leader: Everyday the love of Christ is made available to his people. May we experience that love in our worship.

**People: We come searching for the God who loves to be found! Amen.**

**HYMN** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”*

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name  
Let angels prostrate fall  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race  
Ye ransomed from the fall  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all  
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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;\*

The third day he rose 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 Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

*Philippians 2:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

Georgia Mae Doggett;

*Daughter of Kasey and Deidre Doggett, sister of Ben and Eli, granddaughter of Stephen & Meredith Doggett and Bill & Gayle Schmidt.*

### **Introduction:**

The sacrament of Holy Baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of Jesus Christ. Through Baptism, we are all initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's act of salvation and given new birth through water and spirit. All of this is God's free gift! Today, as Georgia comes to receive this sacrament, we are called to remember that Christ invites all children to come to him, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

### **Pastor to Parents:**

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you, in presenting your child for Holy Baptism, confess your faith in Jesus Christ?

### **We do.**

Do you therefore accept as your duty and privilege to live before your child a life that becomes the gospel; to exercise a life of Godly care that she may be brought up in the Christian faith, be taught the holy scriptures, and learn what it means to live a life of reverence to God?

### **We do.**

Will you endeavor to keep Georgia under the ministry of the church until she is ready to accept the salvation of God for herself?

### **We will.**

### **Pastor to family and brothers:**

Will you support and love; protect and help guide Georgia in the ways of God's grace?

### **We will.**

Will you, by your example, show her how to live a Christian life?

### **We will**

### **Pastor to Church:**

Will you, as the church body accept the responsibility to be living examples of Christ's love for Georgia? Will you show her how to forgive, accept people who are different, and offer hope to this world? Will you show her the art of prayer, fellowship, and Christian life?

**With God's help, we will order our life as living examples of Christ!**

## **PRAYER OVER THE WATER**

### **BAPTISM**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **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.

### **SPECIAL MUSIC** "Amazing Grace"

*Diane Nichols*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SHARING OUR GIFTS**

Your financial gift makes a difference in people's lives! Together we can continue the teachings of Christ!

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Matthew 21:23-32*

<sup>23</sup>When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

<sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup>"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

## SERMON *"God's Invitation"*

Rev. Jeff Gantz

## HYMN *"Trust and Obey"*

When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way  
While we do His good will  
He abides with us still  
And with all who will trust and obey  
Trust and obey. For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey

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## GOING FORTH

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
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anniversary on September 24.*