

**St. John UMC Augusta**  
**October 17, 2021**  
**Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost**  
*Reverend Matthew Nelson*  
*Senior Pastor*

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**

ENTRANCE

GATHERING AND WELCOME

*Welcome to St. John. **Hearing assistance aids are available.** Ushers are available to assist you and direct you to restrooms. Masks are required. A bell will ring to prepare for worship.*

PRELUDE

I Got Shoes

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

\* GREETING

God created the heavens and the earth.

**And gave them to us to use and enjoy.**

And God breathed life into each of us, and set us on the earth.

**And God sent Jesus Christ to save us from the pull of death.**

Everything that fills our souls with gladness and light is a gift from the loving Creator.

**We have been entrusted with unfathomable riches.**

**For all this our God is to be praised.**

**Let us worship God together!**

\* HYMN OF PRAISE

103 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

1. **Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
2. **Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.**
3. **To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.**
4. **Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.**

\* OPENING PRAYER

**Creator God,**

**you are wrapped in light as a garment,  
clothed with honor and majesty.**

**Enlighten us with true faith and humble obedience  
that seeks to serve others in your name. Amen.**

\* ACT OF PRAISE

70 Glory Be to the Father

Meineke

**Glory be to the Father**

**and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, divine Interpreter,  
Bring me eyes thy book to read,  
Ears the mystic words to hear,  
Words which did from thee proceed,  
Words that endless bliss impart,  
Kept in an obedient heart.

**Amen.**

- Charles Wesley

FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1-7

*Old Testament* p. 595

ANTHEM

I Believe

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining...

Mark Miller

PSALM

Psalms 104:1-9

*UMH* p. 826

(1) Bless the Lord, O my soul!

**O Lord my God, you are very great!**

You are clothed with honor and majesty,

(2) and cover yourself with light as with a garment;

**you have stretched out the heavens like a tent,**

(3) **and have laid the beams of your chambers on the waters;**

you make the clouds your chariot,

and ride on the wings of the wind;

(4) **you make the winds your messengers,**

**fire and flame your ministers.**

(5) You set the earth on its foundations,

so that it should never be shaken.

(6) **You covered it with the deep as with a garment;**

**the waters stood above the mountains.**

(7) At your rebuke they fled;

**at the sound of your thunder they took to flight.**

(8) They rose up to the mountains, ran down to the valleys,

to the place which you appointed for them.

(9) **You set a bound which they should not pass,**

**so that they might not again cover the earth.**

ANTHEM

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all...

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 5:1-10

*New Testament* p. 267

\* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:35-45

*New Testament* p. 57

SERMON

Can You Drink the Cup?

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*UMH* p. 881

**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.**

\* THE PEACE

OFFERING

As forgiven and reconciled people,  
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

*Offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary as you leave today  
or you may give online at [stjobnaugusta.org/donate](http://stjobnaugusta.org/donate)*

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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.**

\* HYMN

436 The Voice of God is Calling

Meirionydd

- 1. The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;  
Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:  
“Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?  
Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?**
- 2. “I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;  
no field or mart is silent, no city street is still.  
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.  
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?”**
- 3. We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer:  
Here are we! Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.  
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;  
but you can use our weakness to magnify your power.**
- 4. From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;  
purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;  
take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.  
Speak, and behold! we answer; command, and we obey!**

\* INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

Go forth in peace.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all. **Amen.**

\* POSTLUDE

*\*All who are able, standing*

## Ministry of Worship

Senior Pastor	The Rev. Matthew Nelson
Liturgist	Vic Johnson
Lay Reader	Sandy Hobbs
Organist and Director of Music	Jamie Council Garvey
Choir	The St. John Choir
Greeters	Betty Aldridge, Gerry Aldridge, Becky Rogers
Sound Technician	Allen Smith
Worship Technician	Austin Jackson
Offering Counter	Georgia Vesely

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The flowers in the sanctuary are given in honor of her sister, Ann Levine's, birthday  
by Mary Ottinger.