

# MORNING WORSHIP

March 3, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Third Sunday in Lent

*When the organ begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" TRURO

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 19

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;

**People: The decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the temple.**

Leader: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**People: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever.**

Leader: The ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**People: They are more desirable than gold and sweeter than honey.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

+\*HYMN 39 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**God of righteousness, we have not kept Your commandments. We bow down before idols, declaring our allegiance to other powers and principalities. We take Your name in vain, using it to justify our own prejudices and opinions. We do not make adequate time to rest and remember Your goodness, nor to revel in the delight of family and friends. We look the other way in the face of violence and oppression, misogyny and racism, land grabs and unjust economic practices. Our dishonesty and greed often get the better of us. Yet You gave us commandments not for condemnation, but so we might live in justice, freedom, and joy. Purify us by Your righteousness and enfold us in Your grace. Sanctify our intentions and actions, that our lives may begin to reflect Your Beloved Community. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 Corinthians 1:25-30

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Baptism, younger children are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR WILLIAM GRAHAM PROWSE

Susan Lemmon, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and to the Congregation

\*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: William Graham Prowse is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon William to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Michael and Logan as they nurture William and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

**People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome William into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.**

\*HYMN 482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 2:13-22, pew Bible p. 967

SERMON

"Spring Cleaning"

Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Sanctus"

Carlos Simon

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory; Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Holy God, in Jesus Christ You have built for us an eternal house, a temple of righteousness, a place of gracious plenty for the hungry and abundant life for the poor in spirit. As You continue to overturn the tables of corruption and greed and upset the imbalance of injustice, fill us with zeal for the body of Christ. May these gifts we share with You reflect our praise, in spirit and truth; through Jesus Christ, who is risen indeed. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 710

"We Lift Our Voices"

OFFERING

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Lord of the Dance"

LORD OF THE DANCE

\*POSTLUDE

*Jesus, I will Ponder Now*

arr. Paul Manz

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Selwyn Avenue is glad you are with us this morning. We welcome all visitors, celebrating God's creativity in human diversity. We'd like to stay in touch with you! Please take a moment to fill out a pew card and place it in the offering plate. Please ask an usher if you need help locating the nursery, restrooms, changing tables, or large print hymnals.

Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church). New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

**WORSHIP BAGS FOR 4 YRS. - 5TH GRADE** Age-appropriate activities for readers and non-readers to encourage their participation in following along in worship are available in the narthex. Please return the bag to the basket after worship.

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