

# MORNING WORSHIP

March 10, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Fourth 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 *Take up your Cross, the Saviour said* arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

**People: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those who God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**People: Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love and wondrous works.**

Leader: Let us gather with praise and thanksgiving.

**People: We will tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

+\*HYMN 401 "Here in This Place" GATHER US IN

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Lord, You are the light of the world, yet still we turn to darkness. You came to this world in love, yet we do not love Your world as we ought. We are bold in paving our own way, yet remain hesitant to follow Your path. We rely on our own strength instead of placing our future in Your hands. We chase the wealth and status of this world when our eyes should be focused on the promises we find in You. And yet You love and redeem us still. Forgive us, Lord, for the ways we turn away from Your light, and help us seek the life that can only be found in You. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ephesians 2:8

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

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

\*HYMN 137 "He Came Down" HE CAME DOWN

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Message for Young disciples, younger children are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:14-21, pew Bible p.968

SERMON "Shining Light in the Darkness" Allyson Anderson

## 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

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

arr. Gilbert Martin

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Lord, we thank You for the ways You claim us and call us to live as Your people.**

**Continue to gather us and lead us in Your ways, that we might serve You in all we do.**

**Shine Your light on the needs of those around us, and give us hearts that seek to serve.**

**We dedicate these gifts of our time, talent, and treasure to be used in service of Your work  
in the world and to Your Glory. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

\*POSTLUDE

*How Firm a Foundation*

arr. David Cherwein

\*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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