

MORNING WORSHIP

April 14, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

Third Sunday of Easter

*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

The Strife is O'er

arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT

"Here, O Lord Your Servants Gather"

TOKYO

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 4, Mark 10, Job 23

Leader: The kingdom of God is at hand.

People: We want to enter this kingdom.

Leader: The mercy of God is made known.

People: We want to receive this mercy.

Leader: The grace of God is abundant for all.

People: We praise You, O God, for Your compassion and Your love.

Accept our grateful praise as we come to worship You today.

Leader: Almighty God, we long to rest in Your gentle arms.

We need Your compassion as we face the challenges and disappointments of life.

When our hearts are hard, and our concern is only for ourselves, turn us back to You.

Remind us of Your saving love and keep us close to You, Lord.

Love us as only You can love, in Jesus' name. Amen.

+*HYMN 625

"O Lord My God"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we become so enamored of the glitz of the world. It is as though our lives are lived in images snapped and edited. We have so much and want much more. We yearn for the best of everything. Rather than serving You more faithfully, we worry about money while pursuing more and more. Forgive our crass materialism, and break the chains of our enslavement to greed. Open our hearts to know the true riches of life are found in service to You alone. We offer this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Psalm 22, Hebrews 4

There is no wrong that God cannot make right. There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.

The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good. God will not forsake you or leave you. Turn to the Lord with confidence and put your faith in God's great mercy. By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole. Amen.

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 693

"Though I May Speak"

GIFT OF LOVE

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

Mark 10:17-27, pew Bible p.921

SERMON

"The Cost of Having it All"

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

"My Good Lord's Done Been Here"

arr. André J. Thomas

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

With open hands and thankful hearts, we offer to You all that is already Yours, O Lord.

Everything we possess is a gift from You. Take what we offer and use it for the goodness of Your kingdom.

Help us share generously with others all that You so graciously give to us. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 741

"Guide My Feet"

GUIDE MY FEET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

GOD BE WITH YOU

*POSTLUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

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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