

MORNING WORSHIP

April 21, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fourth 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

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

VOX DILECTI

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 133, John 20:29

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed.

Leader: Now what?

People: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Leader: But the disciples clung to each other. They huddled in the upper room, waiting.

People: Jesus himself appeared, despite the locked door.

Leader: Next came doubts and questions, assurances, and instructions.

People: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Leader: The Lord has commanded a great blessing:

All: Life forever more.

+*HYMN 246

"Christ Is Alive!"

TRURO

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God, the bare truth is this:

People: We don't know if it's harder to believe You can, or to confess we cannot. You made the hearts of the disciples glad with the knowledge of Jesus' resurrection. Like them, we find the truth of Easter so hard to believe. Forgive us that we are so easily downcast and given to despair. Although we claim resurrection faith, too often we believe suffering is simply a tragedy and death is the end. Forgive our need to be convinced this mysterious truth we already know; You are the hope of the world. (Silence).

Leader: Come to us, Lord God, in the power of the risen Christ.

People: Take away our crippling doubts and fears, and through Your Holy Spirit bring us to life in Your service; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 254

"That Easter Day With Joy was Bright"

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

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 20:19-29, pew Bible p. 989

SERMON

"The Benefit of the Doubt"

Frank Spencer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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

"Beati Quorum Via"

Charles V. Stanford

Translation: Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119:1

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Good and Gracious God, help us to say thank You, to live with gratitude, to look for the best in each other, and to live charitably with all. May Your resurrection never stop surprising us, disrupting us and transforming us, until Christ's kingdom comes. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

HANOVER

*POSTLUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing

arr. Bernard Reichel

*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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