

MORNING WORSHIP

April 28, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fifth 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 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* arr. Paul Manz
INTROIT "Let All the World in Every Corner Sing" AUGUSTINE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the wilderness, water brings life.

People: Seek us out, O God, and take us to the water.

Leader: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

People: Seek us out, O God, and fill us with understanding.

Leader: In the bread and the wine, the body of our Savior nourishes everyone.

People: Seek us out, O God, and give us Yourself.

Leader: Here is the water of life, the word that feeds, the food of eternity.

All: Let us join and praise the vine that gives all goodness.

+*HYMN 703 "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" ST. CATHERINE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) John 15:5
God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit. We have not loved others as You have loved us. We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from You. Forgive us, restore us, that we may abide in Your love and live out Your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whose name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 15:3
You have already been cleansed by the word that God has spoken to you. In baptism God claimed you and joined you to Christ, as branches to a vine.
Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 836 "Abide with Me" EVENTIDE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Children will return to sit with their parents in the sanctuary for the remainder of the service today.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 15:1-8, pew Bible p. 983

SERMON "Vine, Branches, and Fruit" Lisa McLennan

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

"I Am the Vine"

John Michael Talbot

Ivey Cherry, bass-baritone; Gay Pappin, piano

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Through our offerings, O God, give Your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world; in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 724

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ANGEL'S STORY

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"In Christ Thee Is No East or West"

MC KEE

*POSTLUDE

Hail Thee, Festival Day

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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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