

MORNING WORSHIP

May 5, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

Sixth 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

How Firm A Foundation

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

"Show Us, O Lord, Your Steadfast Love"

MENDON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43

Leader: Do you not perceive it? God is doing a new thing!

People: It springs forth, making a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

Leader: In our work and in our fellowship,

People: God is doing a new thing.

Leader: In our prayer and in our silence,

People: God is doing a new thing.

Leader: In our study and in our learning,

People: God is doing a new thing.

Leader: May we perceive the spirit of God in the newness all around us,

All: And may this new life spring forth in our own hearts and lives.

+*HYMN 250

"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"

PROMISE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 43, Psalm 126, Philippians 3

Leader: Holy Source of New Life,
You promise to set us free
from paths of fear, doubt, and denial.

**People: Yet we resist Your invitation,
seeing only what we must give up
if we are to follow the path of Jesus.**

Leader: You call us to have faith
in Your sustaining presence and power,
but Your call takes us beyond
anything we can see or touch.

**People: We fear placing our trust
in things beyond our control.**

Leader: We doubt that You can bring water
to the dry places of our lives
or replace our suffering with joy.

**People: Forgive us when we turn away
from Your promise of abundant life.**

Leader: Heal us and lead us home, Holy One. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Philippians 3

Whenever we leave behind our old ways and turn to God for help, God forgives our faithlessness and strengthens us for the journey ahead. We are the heirs of God's promises. We are the children of God's compassion and mercy.

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*HYMN 835 (verses 1 and 2)

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

CLOSER WALK

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 8:1-11, pew Bible p.975

SERMON

"Throwing Stones"

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

"It Is Well with My Soul"

arr. Eric Nelson

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Merciful God we praise You for being the peacemaker and giving us the perfect example in Jesus.

Fill us with Your Holy Spirit so we can treat others as gently as You treat us.

Help us to drop our weapons and stones, words, and tones.

Empower us to be vessels of Your love, mercy, and grace as we seek to become instruments of Your peace.

These gifts of our time, talent, and treasures are expressions of our gratitude.

God, we trust that our hope is in You and You alone. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 39

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"O How I Love Jesus"

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*POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. John Leavitt

*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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