

# MORNING WORSHIP

May 12, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Seventh 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

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

ABERYSTWYTH

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 42:1

**People:** **As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.**

Leader: We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock,  
who turns the parched earth into springs of water, who sends the rain from heaven  
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.

**People:** **As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.**

Leader: Come, let's worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

+\*HYMN 475

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives:

**All: the brittle words we have thought and spoken, the relationships that are crumbling,  
the arid perspective that centers on self, the cracked and jagged edges of our world,  
Hear our confession, O Christ, and rain down Your mercy upon us.**

Leader: (Silence) Amen.

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

John 4

Jesus says, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.  
The water that I will give will become in them a spring of living water."

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

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

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

RECEPTION AND BLESSING OF CONFIRMAND VIVIAN RANDALL

The Apostles' Creed

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 4 (selected verses), pew Bible p.969

SERMON

"Living Water"

Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### SENIOR RECOGNITION

Leader: We offer you this blanket as a symbol.

**People: May it remind you of the continuing embrace of your parents, the unwavering care and support of this congregation, and the steadfast love of Christ.**

Leader: Let us pray. O God, You are closer to us than a parent.

**People: Your steadfast love never ends and continues to guide and direct us through our years.**

Leader: Wrap Your loving arms around each graduate and each parent.

**People: May their love for one another be flexible enough to allow for growth, yet constant enough to be an anchor against all storms.**

Leader: Fill each graduate with Your Holy Spirit.

**People: May they have courage in the face of challenge, integrity in the face of injustice, and discipline in the face of chaos.**

Leader: Keep their minds open to new learnings.

**People: Help them remember what is just and true.**

Leader: Keep their hearts open to lasting relationships.

**People: Help them love as You have loved us all.**

Leader: Keep their hands open to committed service.

**People: Help them serve as You have served us.**

Leader: Wrap Your love around us now and in all the days of our lives.

In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

### 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

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Richard Blanchard

### \*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*HYMN 182

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

KINGSFOLD

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR FOR MISSION AND YOUTH

### PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE ELECT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

### CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### \*POSTLUDE

*When in our Music God is Glorified*

arr. Anna Page

\*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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