

MORNING WORSHIP

July 7, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

*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

America, the Beautiful

arr. Anna Page

INTROIT

"When God Restored Our Common Life"

RESIGNATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Freedom is coming!

People: Can we hear it in the voices of the oppressed?

Leader: Hope is coming!

People: Can we see it in the eyes of those who despair?

Leader: God is here!

People: Alleluia! Let us worship God!

+*OPENING HYMN 359

"Freedom Is Coming"

FREEDOM IS COMING

*CALL TO CONFESSION 341 verse 1

"O God, Show Mercy to Us"

THAXTED

**O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with Your grace;
and cause to shine upon us the brightness of Your face,
so that Your way most holy on earth may soon be known,
and unto every people Your saving grace be shown.
Let all the peoples praise You; let all the nations sing;
in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring.**

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: Lord God, because Jesus has taught us to trust You in all things,
we hold to His word and share His plea:

People: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader: Where nations budget for war while Christ says, "Put [away] your sword":

People: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader: Where countries waste food and covet fashion while Christ says,
"I was hungry . . . I was thirsty . . . I was naked...":

People: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader: Where powerful governments claim their policies are blessed by God
while Scripture states, God helps the powerless:

People: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader: Where Christians shape our faith according to our politics and not the other way around,
as if Christ did not come to break barriers, welcome the stranger, and liberate the oppressed.

People: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader: Where our prayers falter, faith weakens, our light grows dim:

People: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

Leader: Where Jesus Christ calls us: God's kingdom is among us.

Open our ears to hear it, our hands to serve it, our hearts to hold it.

People: Your kingdom come, Your will be done. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 341 verse 2 "O God, Show Mercy to Us"

THAXTED

**For You, will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness,
and on the earth all nations will Your just rule confess.
Let all the peoples praise You; let all the nations sing.
Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring.
The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send,
and all the earth will worship to its remotest end.**

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Galatians 5:1-13, pew Bible p.1062

HOMILY

"Truth, Trust and Freedom"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE COMMISSIONING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN 340

"This is My Song"

FINLANDIA

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

arr. Peter J. Wihousky

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THE LORDS PRAYER (Unison)

quote by Frederick Douglass

Leader: Holy God, "without struggle there is no progress. In Your Son we have somebody who promised never to leave us or forsake us." In Christ alone, we find truth, unity, and freedom not for our own sake but for Yours.

People: Stir up in us a desire to serve You, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all Your creation, and to devote each day to Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 338

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Siyahamba"

*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.

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