July 14, 2024 Half past Ten O' Clock

Eighth 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 How Firm a Foundation arr. Michael Burkhardt

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT 475 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

verse 1 Suzanne Newsom and Julie Harris; verse 2 Congregation

*CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 60

Leader: Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

People: Lift up your eyes and look around, they all gather together, they come to you.

You shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

Leader: You shall know that I, the Lord, am your Savior and your Redeemer,

the Mighty One of Jacob.

People: Violence shall no more be heard in your land.

You shall call your walls salvation, and your gates Praise.

Leader: The sun shall no longer be your light by day,

nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night;

but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

All: May it be so, Amen.

+*OPENING HYMN 309

"Come, Great God of All the Ages"

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 130:1-2

God of creation, "Out of the depths we cry to You, Lord; Lord, hear our voice. Let Your ears be attentive to our cry for mercy and deliver us from our sin.

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

Leader: When siblings manipulate and parents ignore, the power of fear and hate grow.

People: In the face of evil forgive our complacency.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (Silent prayers)

Leader: The desire to be loved flickers between us. The presence of God invites us.

People: In the presence of the holy forgive our lack of notice.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (Silent prayers)

Leader: God's abundance is expansive. God's blessing is enough. The threshold of grace is breathtaking.

People: In the company of grace and salvation forgive our reticence to embrace and trust.

Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! (Silent prayers)

Leader: Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:10-12

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE "When We Are Tested" SLANE

When we are tempted to barter our souls, trading the truth for the power to control, teach us to worship and praise only you, seeking your will in the work that we do.

When we have struggled and searched through the night, sorting and sifting the wrong from the right,

Savior, surround us with circles of care, angels of healing, of hope, and of prayer.

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 Genesis 27 selected verses, pew Bible p. 22

SERMON "Siblings" Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORDS PRAYER (Unison)

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS Text to Give 704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "How Beautiful" Twyla Paris

Suzanne Newsom, soprano; Julie Harris, mezzo-soprano

*DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606) OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

adapted from W.E.B. Dubois

Give us grace, O God, to dare to do the deed which cries to be done. Let us not hesitate because of ease, or the words of others, or our own lives. Mighty causes are calling us—the freeing of those who are enslaved or oppressed, the training of children, the putting down of hate and murder and poverty—all these and more. But they call with voices that mean work and sacrifice and even death. As we dedicate these gifts of our time, talent and treasure, mercifully grant us, O God, the spirit of Esau, the courage of Jacob, and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 710 "We Lift Our Voices" OFFERING

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 838, verse 1 "Standing on the Promises"

*POSTLUDE Holv Manna arr. Charles Callahan

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

PROMISES

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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