

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 3, 2024

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Twenty-Fourth 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 *The Gift to be Simple* arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" LAND OF REST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Revelation 21:1-6

Leader: We are the church that lives into God's future today.

**People: A church united across space and time.**

Leader: A church of many races, languages and ethnicities.

A church that lives by the work of God in Christ.

**People: A church that was, is now, and is still to come.**

Leader: We are among the communion of saints.

The one who is seated on the throne says to us:

**People: "See, I am making all things new!"**

Leader: A new heaven and a new earth,

where the home of God is among God's people.

**All: God's future is good news. Let us worship God with joy!**

\*HYMN 620 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Lord of every tribe and nation, on this day when we remember and give thanks for all the saints, we are mindful of the countless ways we fail to follow their example of loyalty and faithfulness. We capitulate to idolatry. We choose fear and violence. We worship the false gods of our time instead of bowing down before the Lamb on the throne. We imagine all people gathered in praise of You and yet we lament how often we make our witness through our divisions and strife. Forgive us for acting as if earthly powers are ultimate. Forgive us for losing faith in times of turmoil. Hear our plea to find our hope, our life, our salvation in You alone. Accept our repentance and reshape us in ways that glorify You. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Roman's 14:7-9, 6:2-4

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

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

\*HYMN 833 (vs. 1 and 4) "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ST. MARGARET

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Therefore, we praise You joining our voices with all the people of faith of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Leader: Blessed are You, most gracious God, for the gift of Jesus Christ, who lived in accord with Your will to the point of laying down His life for the good news He preached and passed on to us. On the night of His arrest, He taught us how to serve one another in love with a ritual of table fellowship enjoyed by Christians of all times and places. And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves with thanksgiving as a living sacrifice.

In union with Christ's offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

**All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(During the prayers after each name is called, please proclaim our communion with the saints by responding,)*

***"Here with us! Alleluia!"***

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

*Please hold the elements until all are served so that we may commune in unison. All bread is gluten free.*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Revelation 7:9-17

Leader: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice:

**All: "Salvation belongs to our "God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

### INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"

arr. Alice Parker

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Leader: Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End,

**People: There is nowhere we can flee from Your Spirit,**

Leader: No place is God-forsaken or unable to be transformed by Your redemptive power.

As we remember the saints who ran the race and were called good and faithful servants,  
we are humbled and inspired to follow You more closely, imitating those who imitated Christ.

**All: We offer these gifts as a sign of our loyalty to You and loving kindness to our neighbors. Take them, bless them, and multiply them in ways that reveal Your goodness to Your creation. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 326

“For All the Saints”

SINE NOMINE

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

“Siyahamba”

SIYAHAMBA

POSTLUDE

*Let All Creation Dance*

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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