

MORNING WORSHIP

February 16, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

*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 "Kum Ba Yah" KUM BA YAH

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jeremiah 17:5-8

Leader: Blessed are those who trust in the Lord.

People: They shall be like a tree planted by water,

Leader: Sending out its roots by the stream.

People: Baptized and freed, grounded in love.

All: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN 852 "When the Lord Redeems the Very Least" I'LL FLY AWAY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, Your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives by the reign You are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones You notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to Your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of Your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 1:1-3

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Baptism, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR BRUCE BENNETT BROWN Libby Guinan, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Bruce Bennett Brown is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Bruce to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Rob and Brittany as they nurture Bruce and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Bruce into Christ's Church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love, encourage and support you, to share the good news of God's love with you, and to celebrate with you God's unfolding blessings.

*HYMN 482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 6:17-31, pew Bible pg.939

SERMON

"Woe is Me"

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

"We Shall Overcome"

arr. Dareion Malone

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Holy One, bless and multiply these gifts of our time, talent, and treasure as tokens of our trust in You.

Use them to bless the poor, feed the hungry, and comfort those who weep. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 172

"Blest Are They"
Choir sings verses 1 and 3

BLEST ARE THEY

*BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"This Little Light of Mine"

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine. Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. Anna Laura 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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