

MORNING WORSHIP

February 23, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Seventh 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 *Be Thou My Vision* arr. Wilbur Held

INTROIT *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* arr. Ron Mallory

*CALL TO WORSHIP Casey Koppelman
Psalm 37:39-40

Leader: Our Salvation is from the Lord.

People: God is our refuge in times of trouble.

Leader: The Lord helps us and rescues us;

People: God saves us because we take refuge in the Lord.

+*HYMN 366 (verses 1, 2, and 4) "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO CONFESSION Lena Hart

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, You have commanded us to love You above all and to have no other gods. You have called us to love others as You love them. But we are personally and socially deformed by the love of other "gods" — the false gods of prosperity and materialism, racial and ethnic privileging, gender exclusivity, and nationalistic exclusivity. Forgive us our sins and transform us by Your Spirit so that we might learn to love as You love and live as people baptized as Your own children. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Sarah Pineno

God's radical forgiving, transforming and justice-seeking love will not let us go and is ever bringing resurrection and new life. Let us remember our baptisms and trust in God's mercy to restore our right standing as God's own.

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

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

*HYMN 581 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 6:27-38, pew Bible pg. 939

SERMON "Things I Wish Jesus Never Said" Margo Fraga

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

Fantasy on Kingsfold

arr. H. Dean Wagner

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to You all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise You not with our words only, but with our whole lives. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 372

"O for a World"

AZMON

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

arr. Martha Thompson

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on Fredericktown

Robert J. Powell

*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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