

MORNING WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Second Sunday in Lent

*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

Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT

"To God Be the Glory"

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 13

Leader: How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?

People: How long will You hide Your face from me?

Leader: How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart?

People: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death.

Leader: Yet I trust in Your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

All: So I will sing to the Lord, who has dealt bountifully with me.

+*HYMN 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION (Unison)

adapted from Amos 8:12

People will stagger from sea to sea wandering from north to east, searching for the word of the Lord. But they will not find it. Forgive us for wandering away, then blaming You for abandoning us. We become overwhelmed and distracted by fear and doubt. We search in all the wrong places, separating ourselves from You and one another. In all of our anxiety, we ignore those who live in poverty, despair, and isolation. Instead of turning back to You, we wait passively for You to fix our problems and feed our wants. Deliver us O God, for life without You is hell on earth. (silent prayers). Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:37-39

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE HYMN 775

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

WALK WITH ME

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

Matthew 18: 1-9, pew Bible pg. 895

SERMON

"... is Paved with Stumbling Blocks"

Rev. Dr. Richard Voelz

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

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

"Take My Yoke Upon You"

Joseph M. Martin

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, with hearts full of gratitude we come before You, acknowledging Your hand in removing every stumbling block that hinders our mission and purpose. You make the crooked paths straight and strengthen us when we grow weary. We dedicate these gifts as tokens of our commitment to serve You with faithfulness and love. Guide our steps, align our hearts, and fill us with wisdom and courage to carry out Your will. May our lives be a testimony of Your abundant grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 727

"Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

THE SERVANT SONG

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

NEED

*POSTLUDE

How Firm a Foundation

arr. David Cherwein

*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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