

MORNING WORSHIP

March 30, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fourth 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 *What Wondrous Love Is This* Traditional

CHORAL INTROIT "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 32

Leader: In times of trouble, in days of fear,

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: When we are lost and lonely, not sure of our place,

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: When we are hard-hearted and cynical,

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: When we struggle to believe God's promise of redemption,

People: Steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

Leader: Together we look to God to teach us the way we should go.

People: Steadfast love surrounds us, as together we place our trust in the Lord.

+*HYMN 726 (verses 1-4) "Will You Come and Follow Me" KELVINGROVE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving God, help us. When we have run away, when we have turned our backs on love, when we have sought immediate satisfaction and not long-term healing, help us.

Merciful God, forgive us. When we have been selfish, when we have been mean, when we have closed our ears to the cries of others, forgive us.

Powerful God, heal us. When we are so broken we cannot move, when we don't know how to stop the bleeding of our wounds, when we are too ashamed to seek community, heal us.

Give us the courage, the strength, and the hope to accept Your grace and hear Your call in Christ.

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32 says, "Happy are those whose faults are forgiven, whose sin is covered." Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are happy people whose sins have been forgiven.

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES AND WORSHIP READINESS 2.0 RECOGNITION

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 5:27-32, pew Bible pg. 938

SERMON

"Repentance, Celebration, and a Seat at the Table"

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

"On Eagle's Wings"

Michael Joncas

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Lord of all, we give You thanks for Your unfailing love. All that we have and all that we are is a gift from You, and we return it to You now with thanks and praise. Take and bless what we offer here today, that it may be used to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, free the oppressed, care for the suffering, and share the good news of Your redeeming love with the world. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 770

"I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

WELCOME TABLE

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

"Lead Me, Guide Me"

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

*POSTLUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

arr. Paul Manz

*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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