

# MORNING WORSHIP

April 6, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Fifth 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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. Neil Harmon

CHORAL INTROIT "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 126

Leader: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

**People: Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Leader: Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed!  
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering  
their sheaves.**

+\*HYMN 774 "There is Now a New Creation" STUTTGART

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Lord, we wander far from You each week. You come to us as a good shepherd, a persistent widow, and a loving father to rescue us from the ways we choose to lose ourselves. We take the inheritance You offer and seek to fulfill our own purposes, rather than the ones to which You call us. As our savior, seek us, find us, embrace us, and send us to where we are needed most. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is that Christ came not to condemn us, but to seek us, find us, rescue us, and return us to life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*HYMN 22 (verses 1 and 2) "God of the Sparrow" ROEDER

### 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 15:11-32, pew Bible pg. 953

SERMON "Rewilding" Brian Daoust

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OWEN JOHN SAUDA AND AMELIA KATHERINE SAUDA

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Prayer of Baptism

Questions to the Candidate and to the Congregation

Andy Burgin, Assisting Elder

Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

**Leader:** Owen John Sauda is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Owen to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of him to be a faithful disciple.

**People:** **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Owen 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.**

Questions to the Candidate and to the Congregation

Ginny Burgin, Assisting Elder

Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

**Leader:** Amelia Katherine Sauda is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Amelia to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of her to be a faithful disciple.

**People:** **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Amelia 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 22 (verses 3 and 6)

"God of the Sparrow"

ROEDER

## RECEPTION AND BLESSING OF 2025 CONFIRMATION CLASS MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION OF CONFIRMANDS

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and do you proclaim Him as your Lord and Savior?  
Trusting in the Gracious Mercy of God, do you turn away from the ways of sin, and renounce evil and its power in the world, thus affirming your reliance upon God's grace?  
By the power of the Holy Spirit, do you promise to participate actively and responsibly in the church's teaching, fellowship, worship, and mission?

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, members of this church and the broader church of Jesus Christ, promise to continue to pray for, mentor, and guide these confirmands to Jesus Christ, and participate in the raising of all of the community's children and youth for the glory of God?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Wondrous Love"

arr. Paul Christiansen

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 69	"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"	HERE I AM
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CHORAL RESPONSE	"I Come with Joy"	DOVE OF PEACE
POSTLUDE	<i>Jesus, I Will Ponder Now</i>	arr. Wilbur Held

\*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshipers

## Confirmand

Norah Bolewitz  
Camille Cumbus  
Tate DePhillips  
Patrick Finein  
Lucas Halstead  
Alan Kincade  
Jack Mills  
Charlie Pfeifer  
Amelia Sauda  
Owen Sauda  
Isabella Vera  
Cassidy Wolf  
Stella Wolf

## Mentor

Caroline Thompson  
Courtney McClellan  
Caroline Thompson  
Jeff Muth  
Shannon Brown  
Britta McCorduck  
Matt Baskerville  
Kevin Cumbus  
Ginny Burgin  
Andy Burgin  
Michelle Bentley  
Catherine Miller  
Christy Parbst

## **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.

<b>SAPC SESSION</b>		
<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Class of 2026</b>	<b>Class of 2027</b>
Grant Armistead, Jodie Bolewitz, Libby Guinan, Christy Horne, Hannah King, Susan Lemmon, Tracie Northan, Ed Thomas, Bobby Yurkutat; Youth Elder-Maisie Macholz	Lori Burbank, Tate Hackman, Todd Muldrew, Adam Piacentino, Denise Pineno, Evan Sauda, Elizabeth Stearns, Caroline Thompson, Tina Weinberg	Michelle Bentley, Lee Bobbitt, Jeremy Caskey, Mike DeAmicis, Zach Houston, Catherine Miller, Sally Moore, Becky Muth, Karey Tom