

# MORNING WORSHIP

May 4, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Third Sunday of Easter

*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

*Festal Dance*  
Handbell Choir and Ellen Harris, flute

Tim Waugh

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 100

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us and we are God's children;

**People: we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and the courts of the Lord with praise;

**People: Give thanks to God and praise God's name.**

Leader: For the Lord is good and God's love endures forever;

**All: God's faithfulness continues through all generations.**

+\*HYMN 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Exodus 8

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Exodus 34, Luke 27

**All-seeing God, You know the condition of our hearts. You know the words we never should have said and the words that might have helped but remained unspoken. You know the ways we spend our time. You know the things we leave undone and the things we did but wish we hadn't. You know the reasons our lives unravel. You know the ways we hold on too tight to what we don't need and let important connections slip through our fingers. You know we worship other gods, and You know when our worship here, in Your sanctuary is neither authentic nor heartfelt. Have mercy on us. Have mercy on us. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:9-10

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

\*HYMN 240 (verses 1 and 4)

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

ALLELUIA NO.1

### 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 LESSONS

Psalms 63, pew Bible pg. 516  
2 Corinthians 3:12-18, pew Bible pg. 1052

SERMON

"Passionate Worship"

Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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

*Shout to the Lord*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Arnold Sherman

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Loving God, we are called as a holy and royal priesthood, not as individuals, but part of a larger community of all believers, united in worship and service to You. We offer our daily lives, as sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to You as every word and deed can be an act of worship. We strive to reflect Your love and compassion, not just in this sanctuary but in our private lives. Help us to be light and salt to others, as we share Your grace and love with the world. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 625

"O Lord My God"

HOW GREAT THOU ART

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*  
Handbell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

\*POSTLUDE

*Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious*

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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