

MORNING WORSHIP

June 1, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Seventh 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

The Gift to be Simple

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

RATISBON

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46

Leader: Come, people of God - Lift up your hands,

People: We lift our hearts!

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

People: We sing with joy, for God is on the move.

Leader: The Lord ascends with a shout, with the trumpet's call echoing through heaven and earth.

Christ, our risen King, is lifted high - not far from us,

People: But reigning in love over all creation.

Leader: Sing praises to our God - not with timid voices,

People: But with full hearts.

Leader: Sing praises to our Sovereign - who reigns not from a distant throne,

People: But from the very heart of grace.

Leader: Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad, for Christ has ascended -

People: And still draws us near.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord.

All: We worship with awe and joy.

+*HYMN 268

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

All Knowing God, we have fallen short, chasing false promises and wish-dreams instead of setting our hearts on the hope to which You have called us.

Forgive us, Lord, for our small imaginations, for our pride and self-reliance, for our forgetfulness of Your presence and promise. Open our eyes and hearts. Help us to see Your glory and goodness again. By Your grace, renew us, Your church, called to be Christ's body in the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Baptism, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR JONES ROBINSON HOUSTON

Hannah King, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

The Apostles' Creed

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Jones Robinson Houston is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Jones to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Zach and Maggie as they nurture Jones and assist him to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Jones 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 482

"Baptized in Water"

BUNESSAN

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11, pew Bible pg.991

SERMON

"What Now?"

Lori Archer Raible

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

"Amazing Grace - My Chains Are Gone"
Janay Armbrister, mezzo-soprano; Gay Pappin, piano

arr. Joel Raney

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Acts 1:1-11

Risen and ascended Christ, You call us to be Your witnesses here and now. Take these gifts and our lives - and by Your Spirit, use them to bring hope, healing, and good news to the ends of the earth. In Your name we pray, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 260

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

HYFRYDOL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Soon and Very Soon"

SOON AND VERY SOON

*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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