

MORNING WORSHIP

July 6, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*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 *America the Beautiful* arr. Anna Page

CHORAL INTROIT "I Need Thee Every Hour" NEED

*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 86:1-13

Leader: Come, beloved of God - lift up your hearts and voices!

People: For the Lord is gracious and good, abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: In our need, God hears us; in our joy, God delights with us.

People: There is none like our God, whose works are wondrous and love is without end.

Leader: Let us walk in God's truth, with undivided hearts and grateful praise.

All: Come - let us worship the Lord with joy, and glorify God's name forever!

+*HYMN 625 "O Lord My God" HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Leader: God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we confess we are often more faithful to our memories than Your promises.

People: We cling to the comfort of what has been - familiar traditions, former glories, the way things used to be.

Leader: We resist Your call to step into the unknown future You are shaping among us.

People: Forgive us for mistaking nostalgia for faithfulness, honoring habit more than Your Spirit's movement, and seeking safety in the past rather than courage in Christ.

Leader: Disrupt our complacency, O God. Renew our minds and rekindle our hope.

People: Teach us to follow Your Son with open hearts, and labor for a world that reflects Your justice, mercy, and love.

All: In Christ, make us new - not only in word, but in purpose, that we may be Your people, alive to Your future. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Jeremiah 29:11

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen!

+*HYMN 340 "This Is My Song" FINLANDIA

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one true God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

"O How Amiable"

R. Vaughn Williams

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious and Guiding God, we dedicate this offering, this moment, and ourselves to Your purpose and promise. You are the One who charts new paths through change, opens doors we had not imagined, and plants seeds of possibility in the heart of Your Church. May our gifts be used to build a future shaped by Your wisdom, rooted in Your love and bold in hope. Bless this church with two campuses that we may become the community You are calling us to be. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 338

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

MATERNA

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Lord Jesus, Think on Me"

SOUTHWELL

*POSTLUDE

God of our Fathers

George Warren

*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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