

MORNING WORSHIP

July 13, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fifth 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 *Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him* arr. Anna Page

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT 415, verse 1
"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" RESTORATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Into this world we are born,

People: Into the beauty and sorrow of everyday life.

Leader: Into this day we awake,

People: Into possibility and the unknown.

Leader: Into this church we are welcomed,

People: Into God's grace and each other's truth.

Leader: So let us worship our God this day, we who are called and loved.

+*HYMN 792 "There is a Balm in Gilead" BALM IN GILEAD

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, You desire that the world might see Your light shine through us. Yet we confess we are often too blinded by the glittering temptations of this world. We turn from Your way, hurting the very ones we were called to serve, in our action and our inaction. We grow frustrated with each other, seeking to silence anything besides our own desires. We fail to see Your righteousness and champion greed and discord in the name of power and popularity. Forgive us. Melt us and mold us into more faithful disciples, seeking Your light, reflecting Your mercy, and sharing Your grace. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ alone, prays for us. Christ reaches out with endless love and mercy.

Leader: Friends, believe 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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 8:18-9:3, pew Bible pg. 696

SERMON "No Balm in Gilead" 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

"As the Deer"

Martin Nystrom

Eddie Kennedy, tenor and guitar

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Generous God, all that we are and all that we have comes from You. Take these gifts and these people and make them blessings for Your people in this community and beyond. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 379

"We Shall Overcome"

WE SHALL OVERCOME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 288, verse 1

"Spirit of the Living God"

LIVING GOD

*POSTLUDE

How Clear is our Vocation, Lord

arr. Charles Callahan

*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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