

MORNING WORSHIP

August 17, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Tenth 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

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

arr. Anna Page

CHORAL INTROIT

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Psalm 50 and Jeremiah 33

Leader: From the silence, God speaks - a voice like thunder, a flame of fire,
summoning the earth from dawn to dusk.

People: Out of holy beauty, God shines - radiant with justice, robed in glory.

Leader: "Call to me," says the Lord, "and I will answer with wonders yet unseen,
with hope rising from the ruins."

**People: The days are surely coming, when promise breaks forth like morning light,
and righteousness springs from the ground.**

Leader: Come, people of God - let us lift our eyes to the One who restores, let us open
our hearts to the God who redeems.

All: Let us worship with awe and joy!

+*HYMN 32

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

2 Corinthians 3:3

Leader: Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God,

People: For God already knows what lies in our hearts.

Leader: Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

People: For peace, for reconciliation, for grace. (silent prayers)

Leader: Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

People: Our greed, our apathy, our meanness. (silent prayers)

Leader: Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

People: Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion. (silent prayers)

Leader: We hope to live our lives as if they are letters of Christ.

**People: Written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God,
not on tablets of stone, but upon our hearts.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jeremiah 31:33-34

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 five through second grade are invited to Children's Worship.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR MARTHA JANE STEIN

Todd Muldrew, Assisting Elder

+Invitation to Baptism

The Meaning of Baptism

Questions to the Parents and Congregation

*Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

Prayer and the Act of Baptism

The Apostles' Creed

Greeting a Child of God

Leader: Martha Jane Stein is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Molly to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Max and Caroline as they nurture Molly and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Molly 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 475

"Come Thou Font of Every Blessing"

NETTLETON

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-35, pew Bible pg. 721

SERMON

"Written on Our Hearts"

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

"I Dream a World"

Rollo Dilworth

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Gracious God, You have promised restoration and planted hope. Write Your law of love not on stone, but on our hearts. We dedicate these offerings to Your service - that justice might flourish, joy may rise from the ruins, and Your covenant of steadfast love may be fulfilled in our midst. Use our lives and our many gifts to bear witness to power and grace in Jesus Christ through every act of mercy and every work of peace. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 833

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

ST. MARGARET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

DETROIT

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare on "O, For a Thousand Tongues"

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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