

MORNING WORSHIP

September 21, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fifteenth 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

How Firm a Foundation

arr. David Cherwein

CHORAL INTROIT

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been on the move, on the go, on the run.

People: God's whisper beckons us here.

Leader: Now it is time to be still, and know that God is God.

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Leader: Though the earth trembles and the mountains shake -

People: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Leader: Streams of mercy make glad the city of God, the holy place of the Most High.

People: God is in the midst of us; we shall not be moved.

Leader: Come, behold the works of the Lord!

People: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

+*HYMN 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

FAITHFULNESS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*LITANY OF CONFESSION

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Leader: Merciful God, You call us to pray for all people - for neighbors and strangers, for leaders and rulers, for those who govern and those who serve - so that peace and justice may flourish.

People: Yet we confess our prayers are too often self-centered, limited to our own needs and desires. We forget the wide embrace of Your love, and neglect the truth that Your promise of grace and salvation is for all people.

Leader: Forgive us, O Lord,

People: For withholding our prayers, for cynicism that doubts Your power, for pride that resists Your command, and our refusal to seek justice, walk humbly, and love mercy.

Leader: Renew in us the faith to trust the One who ate with sinners, touched lepers, favored the marginalized and gave Himself as a ransom for all.

All: By Your Spirit, teach us to live peaceable lives marked by humility, dignity, and truth. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

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 Trula Victoria Palmer

Katie Cumbus, 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: Trula Victoria Palmer is now identified as a child of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon Trula to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Tim and Sarah as they nurture Trula and assist her to be a faithful disciple.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome Trula 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

Luke 16:1-15, pew Bible pg. 953

SERMON

"God Knows ..."

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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

arr. William Dawson

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace"

by Howard Thurman

Teach me how to order my days that with sure touch I may say the right word at the right time and in the right way - lest I betray the spirit of peace. Let me not be deceived by my own insecurity and weakness which would make me hurt another as I try desperately to help myself. Keep watch with me, O my Father, over the days of my life, that with abiding enthusiasm I may be in such possession of myself that each day I may offer to Thee the full, unhampered use of me in all my parts as "an instrument of Thy Peace." Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 749

"Come! Live in the Light!"

WE ARE CALLED

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

I'M GONNA LIVE

*POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor

J.K.F. Fischer

*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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