

MORNING WORSHIP

October 19, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Nineteenth 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

This is My Father's World

arr. Anna Page

CHORAL INTROIT

"Come, Bring Your Burdens to God"

WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed are those who walk in the way of the Lord,
who set their feet upon the path of wisdom and grace.

People: Your word, O God, is a lamp to our feet, a light for our journey.

Leader: In the shifting shadows of the world, Your promises do not fade.
When hearts grow weary, Your truth still sings through the night.

**People: Open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things from Your law.
Open our hearts, that we may live as people shaped by Your love.**

Leader: Come, seekers and pilgrims, come with longing and praise –
for God's steadfast Word endures forever.

All: We come to worship the Living Word, the Light that never fails.

+*HYMN 363

"Rejoice, the Lord is King!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Patient God, we confess with dismay how quickly we lose heart and confidence in You. We cease our prayers and withdraw concern when results are neither obvious or immediate. Forgive us our impatience. Reassure us with the presence of Your Spirit that You are indeed with us and for us. Remind us that You are acting on our behalf in the ways that will finally prove most healing not only for us, but for all of creation. Your will, in Your own way, be done. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Isaiah 43:18-19

Leader: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 175

"Seek Ye First"

LAFFERTY

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, the congregation will sing the first verse of "Jesus Loves Me" as children age five through second grade are invited to Children's Worship.

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 18:1-18, pew Bible pg. 955

SERMON

"Wearing God Out"

Lori Archer Raible

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Adapted from the PCUSA Study Catechism Q 46 and 123

Leader: Why do we pray to God?

**People: We pray because we were created to live with God, who desires the prayers of our hearts.
Our hearts long for God, for we need God's help and guidance every day.**

Leader: Why do we pray to God?

People: Why do we pray to God?

Leader: The God who has adopted us as children is the God who encourages and commands us to pray.
When we pray, we respond with love to that greater love which meets us from above.
Before we enter into prayer, God is ready to grant all that we need.

**People: We may turn to God with confidence each day, not because we are worthy, but simply because
of God's grace. By praying, we acknowledge that we depend on grace for all that is good,
beautiful, life-giving, and true.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

Ted Zimmer

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

704-734-9818

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"He's Got the Whole World"

arr. Mary McDonald

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Gracious and steadfast God, You teach us to pray without ceasing and to come before You with
humble hearts. Receive these gifts and our lives, not offered in pride or perfection, but in trust and
persistence. May our giving be like the widow's prayer, honest and bold and may Your mercy shape
us into people who seek justice and walk humbly with You. In Christ's name we dedicate all that
we are and all that we have. Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 838

"Standing on the Promises"

PROMISES

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Charles Callaha

*Those who are able please stand.

+Ushers may seat late worshippers.

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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