

MORNING WORSHIP

November 2, 2025

Half past Ten O' Clock

Twenty-first 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

The Gift to be Simple

arr. Dale Wood

CHORAL INTROIT

"Yonder Come Day"
Children's Choir and Chancel Choir

Georgia Islands Spiritual

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Sing to the Lord a new song!

Leader: Let all God's faithful rejoice and give thanks.

People: For the Lord takes pleasure in the people and crowns the humble with victory.

Leader: Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy!

**People: We sing God's praises with the saints of every time and place;
with those who have gone before us and those who surround us now.**

Leader: The praise of God is on our lips, and God's joy is in our hearts.

All: Come, Let us worship God!

+*HYMN 673

"Jesus, Light of Joy"

LAUDA ANIMA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Eternal God, in every age You have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to Your will. You call us to proclaim Your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In Your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in Your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served You with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom You promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 6:2-4 and 14:7-9

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM

"Open the Window, Noah"

African-American Spiritual

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE AND THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right to give our thanks and praise. With Isaiah the prophet, we give You thanks - for the promise of Your heavenly banquet, a feast of rich food and well-aged wine; for the strength of Your steadfast love, destroying the shroud of sin and shame; for the give of Your saving grace, our long-awaited day of deliverance. Therefore, we rejoice in You, singing with the saints of every age.

People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: With Mary and Martha, we remember Jesus- His liberating word and healing touch, His saving death and life-giving resurrection, His promised return and glorious realm.

People: And so in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks and seek to exhibit Your Reign of love and grace on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Leader: In union with Christ’s offering for us, we live out the mystery of the faith we proclaim:

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

(During the prayers after each name is called, please proclaim our communion with the saints by responding,)

“Here with us! Alleluia!”

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE LOAF AND CUP

Please hold the elements until all are served so that we may commune in unison. All bread is gluten free.

COMMUNION HYMN 533 (seated)

“In the Singing”

BREAD OF PEACE

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, be the wine of grace;

Jesus, Christ, Jesus Christ, be the bread of peace.

COMMUNION HYMN 525 (seated)

“Let us Break Bread Together”

LET US BREAK BREAD

**Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

Text to Give

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

All God's Critters
Children's Choir and Chancel Choir

The congregation is invited to join in singing the refrain.

**All God's critters got a place in the choir
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now.**

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*LITANY OF DEDICATION

Leader: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

People: As part of that great multitude, we offer our lives, gifts, and praise to God.

Leader: They were robed in white, with palm branches in their hands, crying out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

People: Salvation belongs to our God! Glory and honor be to Christ forever!

Leader: All the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

People: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen!

Leader: In gratitude and hope we dedicate ourselves and our offerings this day.

People: May our lives reflect Your glory, O Lord, now and forevermore. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 326

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

Let All Creation Dance

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*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.