

MORNING WORSHIP

March 22, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Fifth Sunday in Lent

*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

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

arr. Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT

"Out of the Depths"

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of our weariness and longing, we turn toward God.

People: For the Lord hears the cries of those who call in hope.

Leader: When we are overwhelmed by the weight of our failures,

People: God meets us with mercy and steadfast love.

Leader: We wait for the Lord with patient hearts,

People: trusting that God's redeeming grace will bring new life.

Leader: Come, people of God, let us worship the One who hears our cries and redeems our lives.

All: Let us worship the Lord.

*HYMN 791 (verses 1,2,4,and 6)

"For You, My God, I Wait"

SPRINGTIME

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, out of the depths we cry to You. We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have trusted in our own strength instead of waiting for Your grace. We have been impatient in hope and slow to trust Your promises. We have turned away from neighbors in need and ignored the cries of those who suffer. Yet You are the God of mercy and steadfast love. Forgive our sin and renew our hearts. Teach us to wait upon You and to live as people redeemed by Your grace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalms 130

Hear these words of forgiveness: "With the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem." God does not abandon us in the depths. In Jesus Christ we are restored and made new.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*HYMN 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR JAMES LAWRENCE ELLIOTT AND HENRY CHARLES ELLIOTT

Tina Weinberg, 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: James Lawrence Elliott and Henry Charles Elliott are now identified as children of God in Christ's Church. Through Baptism, God has put His seal upon James and Henry to share with us all the benefits of Christ's sacrifice. Let us be supportive of Charles and Caroline as they nurture James and Henry and assist them to be faithful disciples.

People: **With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome James and Henry 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

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Immediately following the Baptism, children age five through second grade are invited to Children's Worship.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 130, pew Bible p. 562

SERMON

"Out of the Depths"

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

"De Profundis"

arr. Russell Robinson

Psalm 130: "Out of the Depths I cry to Thee, O Lord"

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Merciful and redeeming God, we bring these gifts to You today as tokens of our gratitude for Your grace. Take what we have collected here and multiply it for Your purposes in the world. May it be used to bring hope to those who despair, comfort to those who suffer, and signs of Your redeeming love wherever brokenness remains. Shape us as a people who trust in Your mercy, who wait patiently for Your promises, and who live each day as witnesses to Your restoring grace. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 305

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!"

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

TRENTHAM

*POSTLUDE

Postlude on "The Lamb"

arr. Neil Harmon

*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). 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 stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation.

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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