

# MORNING WORSHIP

April 26, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

*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 *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* arr. Wilbur Held

CHORAL INTROIT "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 85

Leader: Listen for the voice of the Lord, who speaks peace to God's faithful people.

**People: Surely salvation is near; glory dwells among us.**

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss.

**People: Faithfulness springs up from the ground, righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Leader: The Lord will give what is good, the land will yield its increase.

**People: Righteousness goes before the Lord, making a path for God's people.**

Leader: Come, let us walk in that holy way— where love and truth meet, and peace is made known.

**All: Let us worship God, whose glory dwells among us!**

+\*HYMN 307 "God of Grace and God of Glory" CWM RHONDDA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, You call us to love without pretense, yet our love is often cautious and self-serving. You call us to hold fast to what is good, yet we cling to what is easy, familiar, and safe. You call us to show honor for You, but we seek recognition for ourselves. You call us to live in harmony, yet we harbor pride, resentment, and quiet division. You call us to bless those who persecute and live peaceably with all, but we repay hurt with hurt. We nurse our grievances in silence. We draw lines, build walls, and turn away. Forgive us, O God. By Your mercy renew us in love, teach us the way of humility, and lead us again in the path of life. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

Sung Response 240 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" ALLELUIA NO.1

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Immediately following the Message for Young Disciples, children age four through second grade are invited to Children's Chapel.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 12:9-21, pew Bible p. 1034

SERMON "Let Love Be Genuine" Rev. Lisa McLennan

## 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

"Because He Lives"

arr. J. Schrader

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**God of Peace, quiet the chaos within us. Still the voices that clamor for our attention, even in the holiest places. Open in us a deeper stillness where Your Spirit dwells, where peace takes root and grace shimmers, even in the storm. Receive these gifts and receive us, that we may go forth as instruments of Your love and bear Your peace into the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 697

"Take My Life"

HENDON

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Amen"

DANISH AMEN

\*POSTLUDE

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

arr. Bernard Reichel

\*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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