

# MORNING WORSHIP

May 3, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

## Fifth 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 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* arr. Paul Manz

CHORAL INTROIT "You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" HANOVER

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: We serve the Lord with gladness; and come into His presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is the Lord who made us, and we belong to God.

**People: We are the Lord's people and the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.  
Give thanks to the Lord and bless His name.

**All: For the Lord is good! The Lord's steadfast love endures forever,  
and faithfulness is to all generations.**

+\*HYMN 246 "Christ is Alive!" TRURO

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison) Ezekiel 34:1-6

**Faithful God, You have spoken Your judgment against those who feed themselves and not the flock. Yet we seek our own gain and neglect the weak. We neither strengthen the injured nor seek the lost. Our lives are ruled by our own will and not Your Word. Have mercy. By Your grace, turn us again toward Your path that we might live in the pasture of Your care and justice. Through Jesus Christ, our Shepherd. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Ezekiel 34:11-16

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

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

\*SUNG RESPONSE 834 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" PRECIOUS LORD

### 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 John 10:1-10, pew Bible p. 977

SERMON "I Am the Gate for the Sheep" Lori Archer Raible

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

Psalm 23 KJV

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restores my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I will fear no evil: For Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:**

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:**

**and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

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

"Somebody's Knocking at the Door"

African-American Spiritual

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**God of expansive life, You are the Gate through which we find a path leading from fear to freedom,**

**anxiety to peace, scarcity to abundance. With gratitude, we offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.**

**We trust You will use them to gather, protect, and restore Your flock. Send us now through that same gate into the world, as we follow You, our Good Shepherd, bearing Your love for all. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 803

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

RESIGNATION

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

BRADBURY

\*POSTLUDE

*Hail Thee, Festival Day*

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.

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