

MORNING WORSHIP

July 12, 2026

Half past Ten O' Clock

Seventh 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

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him

arr. Anna Page

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT 458 "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

THY WORD

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:15-11

Leader: All who walk in shadow, come into the light!

People: God's Word lights the way for us.

Leader: God has promised to abide with us.

People: So let us commit to walk in God's ways.

Leader: All who are afflicted, ensnared by the world, come give praise to God.

All: God is the joy of our heart, our sure and certain comfort, come what may!

+*HYMN 714

"God of the Fertile Fields"

ITALIAN HYMN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

God does not promise us a life without struggle or hardship; yet how often do we make what is already difficult even more so? Yet by the grace of God, the sorrows we inflict upon ourselves cannot last forever; so, let us unburden ourselves, confessing the ways we struggle against God that we may receive God's grace anew.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious Creator, You created this world and called it good. Out of Your creation You called a pilgrim people, chosen to abide with You while bearing witness to Your reality. Yet we, who have been called "Beloved," often find ourselves making peace with what does not give peace. Meet us in our weakness; turn our unwilling eyes upon our unruly hearts. Draw us away from our love of power, our tolerance of injustice, and ignorance of suffering. Drive us towards what is fearfully and wonderfully made, so we may offer forgiveness, love our neighbors, and inspire hope according, to the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 8:1-3

For those who are in Christ, there is no condemnation; for by Christ's death and resurrection, God has done what the law and works of human righteousness alone could not: breathed new life through the Holy Spirit into the world, turning it upside down. Believe this scandalous, joyous good news: through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and restored to new life. Alleluia! Amen!

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

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

*SUNG RESPONSE 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

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.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

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

"Precious Lord, Take my Hand"
Ivey Cherry, bass-baritone

Rev. Thomas Dorsey

*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Holy God, You have called us together as Your people, gathered in Your church, to struggle on behalf of
Your promises of grace and life for all the world. So we pledge this portion of what is precious to us
gratefully and hopefully. Bless and multiply these gifts. May their fruit demonstrate the unfathomable,
inestimable glory that is Yours in Christ Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray: Amen.**

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN 630

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

CRUSADERS' HYMN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 306 verse 1

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

DENNIS

*POSTLUDE

How Clear is our Vocation, Lord

arr. Charles Callahan

*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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